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Brief Summary: New requirements for streets to be 28 feet wide and the expansion of the number of parcels of land covered by this Ordinance from 1998 to 13,754, with no honest reason for inclusion, make these new Q conditions arbitrary and unreasonable. The original ICO map boundaries were adequate. Finally, failure to allow the certified neighborhood councils a real role in this process is bad public policy under Charter reform.

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**MOTION/RESOLUTION FOR A
COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

At its regular meeting of Tuesday, October 21, 2008, the Board considered a recommendation to submit a Community Impact Statement regarding the proposed Northeast Los Angeles Zone Change Ordinance (CPC-2008-1182-ZC). The matter was listed as Item 8 as follows:

“1.Report & Recommendations of the Land Use Committee:

a) Update and recommendation for Community Impact Statement on the proposed Hillside Work Program Ordinance (successor to the Northeast LA Interim Control Ordinance)”

After discussion, primarily centering around the fact that the Neighborhood Council had received no reply from CD 14 to its letter of inquiry previously authorized by the Council (see attached), the Neighborhood Council must assume that the issues raised in the letter may be true, and therefore the Council opposes the Zone Change Ordinance and directs the Chair to submit a Community Impact Statement based on the unreasonable width of streets proposed in the affected hillsides (28 ft.), the huge increase in expanded number of parcels covered without any real justification, and the lack of involvement regarding the Neighborhood Councils in the process of adopting this Ordinance.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sincerely,

Tony Butka

Chair

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September 17, 2008

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Re: Proposed Northeast Los Angeles Zone Change Ordinance (successor to the
Northeast Los Angeles ICO) CPC-2008-1182-ZC

Sir:

I am writing you on behalf of the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council with two questions regarding the above captioned item. These questions come from representations made by Planning Department staff at various forums, workshops and hearings over the Northeast Los Angeles (NELA) Hillside Work Program, which morphed into the current Zone Change Ordinance.

First, after being told initially that the ICO and its successor Ordinance would have nothing to do with Glassell Park, we were told that your plan is to wait until the proposed Ordinance is passed by the Council, and then to expand the Ordinance to include Glassell Park and perhaps more area as well on the west side of the 110 freeway.

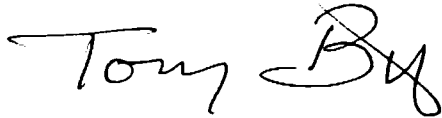
Second, we were told that you, not Councilmember Ed Reyes, are the architect behind the currently proposed Zone Change Ordinance, and have no interest in reducing the area covered to the same original area that was covered by the expiring Interim Control Ordinance.

Our neighborhood council is too responsible to act on third party representations and innuendo, so upon direction from our Land Use Committee and after a vote by the entire Neighborhood Council Board of Directors, I have been directed to write you this letter in the hopes of clarifying your position on these issues, particularly as they may impact the community of Glassell Park in the future.

I would appreciate a written response from your office to clear the air and hopefully set the record straight. We will then have another Land Use Committee meeting to determine whether or not the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council needs to be concerned regarding the impact of the currently proposed Zone Change Ordinance.

Thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Butka". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tony Butka
Chair, GPNC

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August 7, 2008

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**Re: California Public Records Act Request – Draft Ordinance Rezoning
Northeast Los Angeles**

Dear Mr. Butka:

This letter is in response to your request dated July 26, which we received on July 28, seeking from the Los Angeles Department of City Planning pursuant to the California Public Records Act (“CPRA”) records regarding the Draft Ordinance Rezoning Northeast Los Angeles.

The following are your requests and our responses:

#1 - “Number of individual Parcels of land covered by the original ICO as adopted by the council, and number of parcels of land covered by the expanded boundaries of the proposed draft ordinance;”

Response - There are 1998 individual Parcels of land covered by the original ICO. There are 13754 parcels of land covered by the expanded boundaries of the proposed draft ordinance.

#2 - “Number of individual parcels of land considered ‘substandard’ under the original ICO, and the number of parcels of land considered ‘substandard’ under amended boundaries of the expanded draft ordinance;”

Response – There are 534 individual parcels of land considered ‘substandard’ under the original ICO. There are 7238 parcels of land considered ‘substandard’ under the amended boundaries of the expanded draft ordinance.

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#4 - “Any other Zoning Ordinances or other planning department regulations which require that “Landscape plans must be submitted to Bureau of Street Services, Urban Forestry Division prior to DCP clearance”, and that “Upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth under LAMC Ordinance No. 177,404 (Protected Trees) deemed necessary by the Urban Forestry Division, an approval letter will be issued by the Urban Forestry Division and submitted with new development filings as part of submission packages.”

#5 - “Similarly any other codes or ordinances which require that “Landscaping plans must be submitted to Bureau of Street Services, Urban Forestry Division and Department of City Planning for review and approval consistent with LAMC Ordinance No. 177,404 (Protected Trees);”

Response – See the enclosed list. The Los Angeles Municipal Code/Zone Code and the Specific Plan information is accessible on the Planning Department Website. <http://cityplanning.lacity.org>

Zone Code: Navigate to Zoning Information/Planning and Zoning Code)

Specific Plans: Navigate to General Plan/Community Plans)

Items 3 & 6

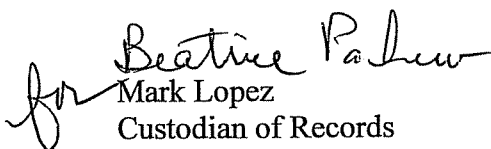
#3 - “The number of streets covered by the original ICO which are a minimum of 28 feet wide continuous paved roadway, and the number of streets covered by the expanded draft ordinance which are a minimum of 28 feet wide continuous paved roadway;”

#6 - “How many parcels under the proposed boundaries of the draft ordinance would be restricted to building home with a maximum of 1100 square feet, and how many parcels under the proposed boundaries would be allowed to build in excess of 1100 square feet”

Response – Preliminary research has shown that the Department of City Planning has not kept records in this manner. We may be able to construct a record for you. However, pursuant to Govt. Code 6253.9 (b), the cost of creating such a record may be chargeable to you. Please let me know if you are still interested in these portions of your request.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the above at 213-978-1260.

Very truly yours,


for Mark Lopez
Custodian of Records

ML:bp