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Hillside Baseline Mansionization Ordinance

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Dear Councilpersons:

Please pass the Hillside Baseline Mansionization Ordinance without further ado.

Homeowners and hillside residents of The Santa Monica Mountains, devoted to the preservation of our irreplaceable hillsides, have invested their time and efforts to work with the Los Angeles Planning Department to conserve and preserve the natural beauty of our environment. Erik Lopez of the LA Planning Department has taken the inputs, concerns and contributions of these informed and dedicated constituents of yours and produced an excellent document that promises to protect what cannot be replaced if proposed development without these documented controls will destroy.

Our efforts, representing thousands of homeowners, over the past three years to produce the basis for a much needed hillside mansionization ordinance is in danger of being weakened and made ineffective by the pecuniary desires of a handful of developers. Our homes and our lives are our lifetime concerns while the developers interests are for today, tomorrow and the immediate future.

Development of our hillsides to date has already resulted in hazards to public safety and the destruction of the natural habitat of wildlife that has forced coyotes to the streets of residential neighborhoods in West Los Angeles. The property owners and residents of our beautiful hillsides who helped put you in office beseech you to serve the thousands who have made a lifetime commitment in money and community involvement for their futures here and not just the few developers whose sole interests are inconsistent with community wishes.

Thank you,

Respectfully,

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