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Honorable Bernard C. Parks, Councilmember, 8th District Honorable Herb J. Wesson Jr. Councilmember, 10th District Los Angeles City

RE: City Council Item No. 11-0262

Dear Councilmember's,

Park Mesa Heights Community Council, does support, and urge you to support the proposed ordinance regulating Community Care Facilities and Boarding Houses. The Park Mesa Heights Community, is having its character and quality of life threatened by what we feel is a significant increase of boarding homes in our community. The Park Mesa Heights Neighborhood is primarily zoned for low-density, single-family homes. Our community was designed for R1 zoning in our neighborhoods. As such, our neighbors are more likely to be long-term residents with homeowner interest. The residents of boarding homes and community care facilities are not homeowners, but renters who are transients with no long-term interest in the community. This is a violation of R1 zoning requirements, turning homes into Commercial Properties. If we had known these businesses were moving in, we could have made our case for why it shouldn't be allowed. We found that there was no City agency to which we could make our case. We need this ordinance to put some type control on businesses that are taking advantage of the law through loopholes.

Thank you,

Theodore Thomas President

Velma Stevens Land-Use Committee