

**A Resident's Response to the Proposed Update of the Hollywood Community Plan
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**by
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My name is Michael Woodworth Fuller. I am a member of the Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association and a forty-nine year-resident of Glen Green, a cul-de-sac nestled in the Hollywood Hills. I came to Glen Green in 1963 and have resided on this street since that date.

In my seventy-four years, I have seen many changes in geography and thus demographics of the places I have resided. So-called developers wrought many of these changes. I refer to developers as so-called because they do not develop but ruin; worse, they rape.

The term rape is not used frivolously. Just as rape is forced intrusion upon the defenseless and by its force, unethical, so is the force developers employ, via their money and influence, to change the geography and demographics of the areas they wish to change for their own profit at the expense of the People.

In a democracy, governments are designed for the common good, not the good of special interests. In this design, governments are mandated by the trust of the People to exercise wisdom in the face of change and the adversaries such change involves.

Wisdom requires planning. Planning demands time, for wise decisions cannot be made in haste.

My experience as a teacher for, and resident of, Los Angeles is that the City does not make decision but choices – the difference being that choices are hasty, momentary selection of one set of alternatives over another, whereas decisions require thoughtful consideration of long-term consequences.

It is in the thoughtful consideration of long-term consequences wherein lies the very essence of neutrality that is the Trust of the People.

The Proposed Update of the Hollywood Community Plan violates that Trust.

It violates the People's trust because of the PLUM Committee's egregious failure to exercise prudent judgment: the Proposed Update has failed to follow its own plan mandated by the State of California General Plan requirements; it has failed to comply with the Los Angeles City Charter Sections 556 and 558; it has failed to properly calculate build-out based upon pertinent census data (2010); it has failed to consistently check the most basic level of its organization i.e., construction, maintenance, public services and their collective impact upon the increase or decrease in population.

These failures demonstrate a deplorable lack of good judgment and therefore responsibility to the People.

The real estate speculators who have initiated this Proposal based upon inadequate data so that they can gentrify the area at the expense of those who now reside here do are not concerned about the long-term consequences of this Propose Update. PLUM should be concerned because that is its job and that is its Public Trust.

Sincerely,

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