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Fwd: Support the Hollywood Community Plan

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To PLUM Committee Members & City Council Members Garcetti & Labonge:

The Hollywood Community Plan Update needs to be approved now. The Los Angeles City Planning Dept has worked tirelessly on this Community Plan Update for the past 4 years while meeting with every community group that requested to be heard on numerous occasions to listen to their concerns & in many cases implementing changes as a result of these concerns. Several of the neighborhood councils & many other community organizations are now supporting the Community Plan Update.

A decision was made 10 years ago when the Metro Subway Line stations were installed in specified areas (there are 4 stops in Hollywood) that these areas would be designated for higher density development & it makes sense. If we want to reduce traffic & congestion, we need to create the wherewithal for people to live & work near public transportation so they will use it. We haven't updated the Community Plan in Hollywood for 25 years & it will take time for the people of Los Angeles to learn that public transit is the only solution as it has been the solution in almost every other major city in the world.

People further need to understand that height restrictions will be detrimental to creating pedestrian friendly cities. If we have concluded that density makes sense at the public transportation hubs, then we must allow developers to build up in order to create wider sidewalks, pedestrian plazas, public green spaces, etc. If developers are forced to build out instead of up, all of the view corridors will be lost & there will be no public spaces for people to congregate.

I strongly believe the majority of people living & working & owning property in the urban part of the city are in favor of implementing the Community plan as it has been proposed. Let's not let a few with special interests hold up what will be the right way to allow our city to grow up.

Brian Folb

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