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Los Angeles City Council  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Subject: SOHA Supports Comprehensive Zoning Code Revision Proposal [Council File 12-0460]**

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

The Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA) supports the Planning Department's proposal to comprehensively revise the Zoning Code and recommends that the City Council approve funding for the proposal. The current code is antiquated, convoluted, and difficult to use. The department's proposal envisions a streamlined code that will be far more accessible to the general public, with zoning options that better address local community concerns. This is important for Sherman Oaks because we are a large community with more than 65,000 homeowners and residents, both flatland and hillside areas, and diverse residential and commercial zoning. SOHA is hoping that the revised code will help communities more effectively enforce local plans, such as the Ventura Boulevard Specific Plan.

SOHA understands that we are supporting a Planning Department proposal to conduct a project that will revise the zoning code, and are not supporting any specific zoning code changes. The actual changes will be developed and implemented during the five-year project with public involvement, and the proposal provides only glimpses into a preliminary zoning code concept that will be studied as part of the project.

We are pleased that the project includes significant public outreach and encourage the City Council to ensure that broad outreach remains a key aspect of the project. SOHA supported the department and worked with Erick Lopez for more than two years on the Baseline Hillside Ordinance, where we saw the positive outcomes of significant public involvement. SOHA wants to work closely and positively with the Planning Department on the Code Revision project, and would like to become part of the project's Policy Advisory Committee where could provide important input from our diverse Sherman Oaks community.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 213-364-7470 or [BobHillsideOrdinance@roadrunner.com](mailto:BobHillsideOrdinance@roadrunner.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Anderson", written in a cursive style.

Bob Anderson  
Member, SOHA Board of Directors

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