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May 10, 2012

Councilmember Paul Krekorian  
Budget and Finance Committee, City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 445  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Proposed 2012-2013 Budget for City Planning Department

Dear Chairman Krekorian and Budget Committee Members,

As a resident of Laurel Canyon, I am deeply concerned with the City of Los Angeles' ability to enforce its planning and zoning regulations to protect not only my neighborhood's quality of life but in many cases the safety of its residents. It is an incredible disappointment that the Mayor's proposed 2012-2013 Budget does not contain a request from the Department of City Planning for a Condition Compliance Unit.

Here in our community, we have organized neighbors to fund raise and hire attorneys to get the city and/or planning departments to enforce their own codes. This is unconscionable and the burden to oversee greedy developers should not be that of the neighbors. I am writing to ask that the Condition Compliance Unit be added back into the final budget by the City Council. This unit will generate fee revenue and is paid for out of a special fund, most critically this unit is absolutely necessary to protect quality of life within neighborhoods. Under the present system, conditions imposed by the Planning Department are oftentimes disregarded, no entity actively enforces those conditions, and it is not only neighborhoods that suffer but also businesses that do follow all the rules at considerable expense only to have their economic competitors operate in violation with impunity.

After being the victim of a landslide from above where a developer constructed an illegal concrete swale pointing water down a hill, in full view of every city inspector who would come to inspect his multiple houses under construction, it took me two year and legal fees to simply get the developer cited. It should be this way.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chair Krekorian and Budget Committee Members,

Why, when conditions are written into building permits, are they not enforced? I am deeply concerned with the City of Los Angeles' ability to enforce its planning and zoning regulations! Conditions are approved and included to protect and improve a neighborhood's quality of life. It is an incredible disappointment that the Mayor's proposed 2012-2013 Budget does not contain a request from the Department of City Planning for a Condition Compliance Unit.

Common sense dictates a developer will take the path of least resistance, UNLESS CODES AND CONDITIONS ARE ENFORCED. I am writing to ask that the Condition Compliance Unit be added back into the final budget by the City Council. This unit will generate fee revenue and is paid for out of a special fund. Most critically this unit is absolutely necessary to protect quality of life of older developed neighborhoods. Under the present self-policed system, conditions imposed by the Planning Department are oftentimes disregarded. No city entity actively enforces the conditions, and it is not only neighborhoods that suffer, but also good businesses that do follow all the rules! Their code and condition compliant bids lose to competitors that operate in violation . . . AND do so with impunity.

The result is disregard of zoning and planning's time & effort to achieve harmony in the developer affected neighborhoods. A Condition Compliance Unit must exist for every permitted building site. Please fight for this city service to be included in the new budget.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Krekorian and Budget Committee Members,

As the owner of 2320 Stanley Hills Drive I am asking why is the City of Los Angeles unable to enforce its planning and zoning regulations to protect my neighborhood's quality of life? It is an incredible disappointment that the Mayor's proposed 2012-2013 Budget does not contain a request from the Department of City Planning for a Condition Compliance Unit.

I purchased my property on Stanley Hills Drive in Laurel Canyon less than a year ago and I cannot believe what is happening on my street by unscrupulous builders that have figured out the loopholes in the system. Help us enforce the conditions imposed by the Planning Department by adding the Condition Compliance Unit back into the final budget by the City Council.

Sincerely,

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