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Subject: Please fund Condition Compliance Unit for LA City Planning Department

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Councilmember Paul Krekorian

Budget and Finance Committee

200 N Spring Street, Room 445

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Proposed 2012-2013 Budget for City Planning Department

I am deeply concerned with the City of Los Angeles' ability (or inability) to enforce its planning and zoning regulations to protect neighborhood quality of life. For years we have advocated for improved enforcement but sadly resources in this area have been cut by the City - year after year. I am puzzled and incredibly disappointed 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 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.

Within the last year, our neighborhood (Stanley Hills Drive in Laurel Canyon) has had to organize neighbors to hire and fund private attorneys to ensure the City and Planning departments to enforce existing codes regarding development. It should not be the job of the neighborhood to have to enforce existing codes to reign in unscrupulous developers.

Under the present system, conditions imposed by the Planning Department are often blatantly 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.

Thank you,

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RE: PROPOSED 2012-2013 Budget for City Planning Department-CF12-0600

Dear Chair Krekorian & Budget Committee Members:

The Beverly Wilshire Homes Association is deeply concerned with the City of Los Angeles' ability to enforce its planning and zoning regulations to protect neighborhood quality of life. For many, many years we have advocated for improved enforcement but sadly resources in this area have been cut by the City year after year. We are therefore incredibly disappointed that the Mayor's proposed 2012-2013 Budget does not contain a request from the Department of City Planning for a Condition Compliance Unit, which would pay for itself.

We are 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 almost always 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 a considerable expense only to have their economic competitors operate in violation with impunity.

This should be the highest priority for the Planning Department if the City of Los Angeles is to have any credibility with the people.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

BEVERLY WILSHIRE HOMES ASSOCIATION

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