

From: **MARILYN NOYES** <marnoyes@msn.com>

Date: Mon, May 14, 2012 at 9:33 AM

Subject: Condition Compliance Unit is ESSENTIAL!

To: councilmember.cardenas@lacity.org, Paul Koretz <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, Bill Rosendahl <bill.rosendahl@lacity.org>, Paul Krekorian <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, Mitch Englander <councilmember.english@lacity.org>

Cc: erika.pulst@lacity.org, chris.koontz@lacity.org

May 14, 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 Chair Krekorian and Budget Committee Members:

For those of us who spend much of our time trying to protect and enhance the Quality of Life in our neighborhoods, a crucial element is the ability to have Code Enforcement of conditions which are put in place and ratified by the City. It is imperative that the Condition Compliance Unit be added back into the City Council's final budget. Regulations without consequences for non-compliance are not regulations at all.

Without such a vehicle for enforcement, the Planning Department officials are just going through the motions, and the ones who end up suffering are the law-abiding residents and businesses. It's YOUR staff members who hear about these violations and spend so much of their time trying to help us force compliance. Your staff has better ways to spend their time, and we will all be better served by having the enforcement coming from the appropriate department and employees. This Unit is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. It's not diminishing the general fund, so there's no financial incentive to keep from adding this into the Budget.

Thank you.

Marilyn Noyes

WLANC PLUM committee member

From: **Leslie Monsour** <metermade@hotmail.com>

Date: Mon, May 14, 2012 at 10:03 AM

Subject: Proposed 2012-2013 Budget for City Planning Department

To: councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

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Re: Proposed 2012-2013 Budget for City Planning Department

Dear Chairman Krekorian and Budget Committee Members:

As residents of Laurel Canyon, we are deeply concerned with the City of Los Angeles' ability to enforce its planning and zoning regulations to protect our 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.

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. 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 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.

Sincerely,

Leslie Monsour on behalf of the Stanley Hills Drive Community of Neighbors
2062 Stanley Hills Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90046

From: <nlbminer@aol.com>

Date: Mon, May 14, 2012 at 1:25 PM

Subject: Please Instate Planning Department "Condition Compliance Unit"

To: Paul.Koretz@lacity.org, bill.rosendahl@lacity.org, tony.cardenas@lacity.org, Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, chris.koontz@lacity.org

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In Reference to: "Condition Compliance Unit" (CF 12-0600 Ericka Pulst)

Dear Councilmembers:

The Benedict Canyon Association, representing 3,000 families in Benedict Canyon, is in complete support of your Condition Compliance Unit proposal. It is an excellent, well thought out benefit to the community. The fact that the unit will be funded by the violators is perfect. This entire plan is brilliant. Thank you so much for proposing this legislation.

Appreciatively,

Nickie Miner
President, Benedict Canyon Association

From: **Lenore Sachs** <lenoresachs@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Mon, May 14, 2012 at 2:17 PM

Subject: Fw: I heartily endorse-----

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Cc: erika.pulst@lacity.org

-----your efforts to create a Condition Compliance Unit within the Department of City Planning. If conditions already on the books are being ignored and/or not enforced, then all of the effort made to impose those conditions has been rendered pointless, an exercise in futility. And since no extra cost would be involved in adding this new Unit, I see no reason to delay its implementation. Sincerely, Lenore Sachs, 6628 West 6th Street, Los Angeles 90048

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Dear Chairman Krekorian and Budget Committee Members:

As longtime residents of Laurel Canyon, we are deeply concerned with the City of Los Angeles' ability to enforce its planning and zoning regulation to protect our neighborhood's quality of life. It is for this reason that we state our 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.

Due to greedy developers in this area, we as a community of neighbors have had to organize in order to raise funds and hire attorneys to get the city and/or planning departments to enforce their own codes. This is because under the present system, conditions imposed by the Planning Department are often times disregarded, due to no entity actively enforcing those conditions.

As a result of the above, neighborhoods suffer, private individuals carry this financial burden and businesses that do follow all the rules (at considerable expense) watch their economic competitors operate in violation with impunity.

Therefore we are appealing to you and ask that the Condition Compliance Unit be added back in the final budget by the City Council. This unit will generate fee revenue and is paid for out of a special fund and is critically important to protect the quality of life within neighborhoods and the City of Los Angeles in general.

Thank you.



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From: **Maggi Fajnor** <maggi4f@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, May 14, 2012 at 10:19 PM

Subject: Proposed 2012-2013 Budget for City Planning Department -- reference to CF 12-0600

To: Councilmember Paul Krekorian <Councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>

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Dear Chair Krekorian and Budget Committee Members,

Our community is deeply concerned with the City of Los Angeles' ability to enforce its planning and zoning regulations to protect neighborhood quality of life. In addition I have continually heard from stakeholders across the City of their frustration at working for agreement on conditions for quality projects for their communities only to have the required conditions ignored. For 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.

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Sincerely yours,

Maggi Fajnor

Copy to Members of the Budget and Finance Committee:

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Vice-Chairman Mitch Englander
Councilmember Tony Cardenas
Councilmember Paul Koretz
Councilmember Bill Rosendahl

City Clerk Ericka Pulst in reference to CF 12-0600