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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,

The (organization) is deeply concern with the City of Los Angeles' ability 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. 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.

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,

Christina Carroll