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## Council File 13-0804-S1 -- 360 N. Stone Canyon Road (Case No. ZA-2012-1395-ZV-ZAA-1A)

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Dear Council Members and City Officials . . . I appeal to you with hopefully some credibility as a former Zoning Commission Chairman and City Councilman in a major suburb of Kansas City and as a retired Chief Legal Officer for 20 years of a Fortune 150 company, Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), headquartered here in the Los Angeles Area until a few years ago, and more recently as a senior partner in the Century City office of DLA Piper, the largest law firm in the world. My wife and I live at StoneBridge approximately one mile from the subject property and drive by it nearly daily. The subject property is an entry marquee to the heart of Bel Air. We only recently learned of the proposed variance and the efforts to overturn 3 prior plenary decisions in the public interest and related ordinances, particularly Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (LA City Planning Case no. 2007-106-CA) and LA City Charter Section 245. We urge the Council to consider what an adverse precedent would be set in overriding carefully considered prior decisions, the Ordinance and Charter to allow a special privileged variance for a 50 foot high building with the cascading deleterious effect on our especially beautiful Bel Air community and its uniquely charming residential architecture . . . a 50 foot high office tower like construction would not nestle well amongst beautiful residential homes of the character of Bel Air. If the architecture of the proposed building were such that most of the 5 prerequisite Findings of Fact under the applicable Zoning Code and the Los Angeles City Charter could be met, then consideration of a variance grant might be in order. The fact that 3 de novo hearings and findings have been made in which none of the 5 prerequisite Findings were satisfied, belies the appeal and compels your denial of the variance request and your upholding the earlier decisions. Respectfully submitted, Dan and Diane Fisk

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