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Comment for the council File Related to the Second Dwelling Unit Repeal Ordinance (CF:14-0057-S8)

1 message

Minda Gowen <mgowen@nsapr.com>

Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 4:36 PM

To: councilmember.wesson@lacity.org

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed repeal of the second dwelling ordinance.

Repealing this ordinance will have lasting negative impacts on the character and infrastructure of our neighborhoods. Abandoning the city's local control of second dwelling units will leave us at the mercy of incredibly weak state standards, and throw open the gates to developers to further fuel real estate speculation in our neighborhoods. **There are many neighborhoods that are single family homes and SHOULD stay that way. How can you penalize those who have worked hard and bought homes in neighborhoods they thought they would be safe in, safe from crime, overcrowding and safe from over development? It makes no sense. And for property owners to now be able to go and build anything on their land to the detriment of the their neighbors and neighborhood is frankly appalling.**

You have several options at your disposal to bring the City into compliance with state law on second units. There is simply no reason to discard our protective local standards. If revisions to the Second Dwelling Unit ordinance are necessary, at the very least they must be considered with adequate public outreach, not on the current "fast track" basis, so that all stakeholders have the opportunity to consider proposed changes and express their opinion. You are opening yourselves up for a mess of trouble and law suits...

Sincerely,
Minda Gowen
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Van Nuys, CA 91406



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Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 4:57 PM

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Please don't let them destroy our lovely single home neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
Ariel

Sent from my iPhone

Ariel Brock
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Van Nuys, CA 91405



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1 message

David Shorter <davidshorter@me.com>

Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 5:11 PM

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed repeal of the second dwelling ordinance. My mom and I just pooled our life savings to afford a house in Van Nuys. As a professor at UCLA, while I wanted to live on the Westside, I simply never would have been able to afford a house on the Westside. I got as close as we could afford.

As you may know about the housing market in LA, it's tough. You essentially have to put an offer on a house that you've seen for about twenty minutes and three thousand things can go wrong before you actually close. But I love my house and my yard. What I don't love is that four of the houses surrounding me have second units, all with renters. We have a series of midcentury ranch homes characteristic of the Valley; and now two story square bland boxes around us. They exist to simply make someone richer who doesn't live here. Literally not one of the owners of those properties lives in this neighborhood. And the rents are not cheap enough to be helping out with low income housing availability. No one is taking care of the lawns. We have no street parking because each house has seven to nine cars surrounding it. Frankly, few people renting these chopped up homes have the care to invest in community betterment programs whether they be directed from our city council office, neighborhood associations, or even just us neighbors wanting to create neighborhood watch programs.

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Sincerely,

Dr. David Shorter

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David Delgado Shorter

Professor and Vice Chair

8/30/2016

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University of California Los Angeles



Sharon Dickinson &lt;sharon.dickinson@lacity.org&gt;

**URGENCY: Support for Second Dwelling Repeal Ordinance (CF: 14-0057-S8)**

1 message

Rick Frazier &lt;frazier.rick@gmail.com&gt;

Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 11:19 PM

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, councilmember.englander@lacity.org, David Ryu <councilmember.ryu@lacity.org>, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org, councilmember.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.fuentes@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, connie.llanos@lacity.org, Matthew Glesne <matthew.glesne@lacity.org>  
Cc: Sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, Steven Blau <steve.blau@lacity.org>

Sharon, Please add my comment to the council File Related to the Second Dwelling Unit Repeal Ordinance (CF: 14-0057-S8).

Dear City Council Members:

We are writing again to urge you to vote for the repeal of the SDU Ordinance that is currently blocking almost 400 home owners from moving forward with our projects that we have been in limbo with for over 5 months.

We continue to see opposition emails from various neighborhood councils and other property owners who keep stating: "You have several options at your disposal to bring the City into compliance with state law on second units....If revisions to the Second Dwelling Unit ordinance are necessary, at the very least they must be considered with adequate public outreach, not on the current "fast track" basis..." But what we haven't seen is any specifics being outlined on any of these supposed "options" outlined by the opposition voices. And we can assure you that those of us who have had our lives put on hold for the past five plus months, can attest that is certainly doesn't seem to us that the has been on a "fast track" as we have spent considerable amounts of money and time seeking a way forward.

My understanding is that the Planning Department Proposed Ordinance Repeal will have several amendments added which will allow those of us who are "grandfathered" as already being in process to move forward and complete our projects while also mandating that the City Planning Department evaluate the current ordinance and recommend additional changes to address the "one size" fits all concerns and other potential restrictions that are allowed by AB 1866 and the new SB and AB bills that are currently moving through the state legislature.

We support this approach and feel that it is an equitable, balanced way to resolve this situation for now and allow the almost 400 families who have been financially and physically impacted by this limbo situation to move on with our lives.

Thank you very much for your action on and support of this SDU Ordinance Repeal.

Sincerely,

Rick Frazier & Paul Sessa  
North Hollywood, CA



Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

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## Granny Flats Second Dwelling Unit Repeal Ordinance (CF:14-0057-S8)

1 message

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**Roadblock** <don@wolfpackhustle.com>

Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 3:56 PM

To: Matthew.Glesne@lacity.org, Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org, Steve.Blau@lacity.org, David.Michaelson@lacity.org, Mitch O'farrell <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, Mitch Englander <Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org>, Councilmember.Huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org

Dear Los Angeles City Leaders

I encourage you to vote to repeal the 1985 LAMC section 12.24 W.43 and W.44. It is unfair to prevent homeowners who counted on the city's ADU rules from finishing their projects. While I am not currently building an ADU, I believe that the City of Los Angeles badly needs additional housing. ADUs are a great way to add units that are more affordable than most new housing. These backyard homes fit into their surroundings, help families stay together, and make more Angelenos into their own developers.

After repealing the old 1985 ADU rules, the city should pass a new ADU ordinance making it easier for more residents to legally build second units. We recommend that you look to the Bloom and Wieckowski bills in the state legislature for ideas on improving our local rules.

Thank you for supporting more housing to help make LA a more affordable place for all to live

Thank You  
-Don Ward



Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

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## File 14-0057-S8

1 message

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**Sean Meredith** <seanm@track16.com>

Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 10:52 AM

To: Matthew.Glesne@lacity.org, Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org, Steve.Blau@lacity.org, David.Michaelson@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org

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Sean Meredith  
Los Feliz



Sharon Dickinson &lt;sharon.dickinson@lacity.org&gt;

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**Philip Burns** <philipburns77@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 12:12 PM

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Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to voice my support for the proposed repeal of the second dwelling unit ordinance.

I consider the lack of affordable housing the #1 most critical issue in the City of Los Angeles today. Making second dwelling units available is one of the easiest ways to create affordable housing without altering the physical character of neighborhoods. Like many others, I also would like to invite my grandmother to live in our home, but I recognize that she (and we) need privacy. A second dwelling unit is the ideal solution - much better than sending her to a nursing home.

I urge you strongly to support this repeal and help the thousands or millions of Angelenos who are "doubled up" in inadequate housing.

Sincerely,

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Philip Burns  
philipburns77@gmail.com  
(323)382-2402



Sharon Dickinson &lt;sharon.dickinson@lacity.org&gt;

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**OPPOSITION: {CF: 14-0057-S8 } - Repeal of 2nd Dwelling Unit Ord.**

1 message

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**Lusblues126@aol.com** <Lusblues126@aol.com>

Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 3:28 PM

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Dear Council President, Wesson  
and all  
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Very truly yours,  
Lu Watson, Stakeholder  
Harbor Gateway North



Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

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## CF 14-0057-S8; SDU Repeal

1 message

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Milan Smith <Milan@rodriguezstrategies.com>

Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 10:27 AM

To: "Sharon.dickinson@lacity.org" <Sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

**From:**

"Sarah Davidson" <sdsdavidson@msn.com>

**Subject: CF 14-0057-S8; SDU Repeal**

**Date:** August 20, 2016 at 10:56:00 AM PDT

**To:** <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, <tricia.keane@lacity.org>

**Cc:** <sharon.gin@lacity.org>, <councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org>, <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, <councilmember.blumenfeld@lacity.org>, <david.ryu@lacity.org>, <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, <councilmember.fuentes@lacity.org>, <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, <councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, <councilmember.englander@lacity.org>, <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, <councilmember.huizar@lacity.org>, <councildistrict15@lacity.org>, <mayor@lacity.org>, <vince.bertoni@lacity.org>, <matthew.glesne@lacity.org>, <webmaster@brentwood-hills.org>

RE: CF 14-0057-S8; SDU Repeal

Dear Councilmember Bonin:

We oppose repeal of the City's Second Dwelling Unit ordinance through an emergency, fast-track action. The City can "grandfather" permits issued under its previous administrative procedure to provide relief to homeowners who reasonably relied on it, but must not change long-standing City policy and rules protecting hillside and other areas. The City should change the ordinance only through an open and customary deliberative process that allows for the views of all impacted stakeholders to be thoughtfully considered.

Sincerely,

Sarah Shaw and Leslie Davidson



Sharon Dickinson &lt;sharon.dickinson@lacity.org&gt;

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**Council considering SDU repeal Tues 8/23**

1 message

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**Milan Smith** <Milan@rodriguezstrategies.com>  
To: "Sharon.dickinson@lacity.org" <Sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 10:27 AM

**From:** Jack Humphreville  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 20, 2016 7:04 AM  
**To:** David Ryu (david.ryu@lacity.org) <david.ryu@lacity.org>  
**Cc:** Sarah Dusseault - CD 04 (sarah.dusseault@lacity.org) <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>; Cindy Chvatal-Keane (Snorekel@aol.com) <Snorekel@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Council considering SDU repeal Tues 8/23

David,

I oppose the repeal of the City's Second Dwelling Ordinance.

It is my understanding you are also opposed to the repeal. Please confirm.

And who is against repeal? And who is for repeal?

And where does Garcetti stand on this issue?

Jack Humphreville

BTW, this is not a standalone issue. It is just part of a larger picture involving City Planning, Small Lot Subdivisions, Mansionization, the Hillside, Short Term Rentals, the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative, etc.

And most importantly, it is just another issue that impacts whether we, the voters, trust the City Council and the Mayor.

If this ordinance is repealed, it will be great ammo to oppose the Metro sales tax increase and the \$1.2 billion homeless bond that Mayor and the City Council are supporting. It will also impact the County's park tax and the money related issues on the State ballot.