

Re: Council File 14-0057-S8
Case: CPC-2016-1245-CA
Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance

Sept 15, 2016

Members of the City Council,

My family and I are in small group of residents who have made real building plans and a real financial investment, based on the the ZA120 memo using the state standards for ADU construction. We made these plans in the passed year based on guidance from LADBS, but our application was not accepted in April due to the permitting moratorium in place since March. As you know, these state standards, upon which we based our plans, appear to be on their way out, so to speak. As I'm sure you are also aware, **Councilman O'Farrell introduced motion 12B on Tuesday**. Under this motion, the newly amended ordinance would afford people like us a short window of about 1 week to submit building plans under the guidelines of the AZ120 memorandum/state standards. **We strongly urge you to stand firm on this vote next Tuesday.**

While I still believe the more open state standards are good for housing policy moving forward (as the city planner contends as well), we will have to continue that discussion in the future as the City Planning Commission and RecodeLA continue that evaluation. In the short term, **the compromise of 12B seems to satisfy all parties involved:**

- 1) those against the state standards get AZ120 revoked indefinitely
- 2) those caught in the middle with permits and/or construction already in place get "grandfathered" into compliance.
- 3) those people (like my family) who were given guidance from LADBS and memo ZA120, and who changed their lives around based on that guidance, and who spent real money on architectural plans will be given a small opportunity to complete their plans.
- 4) All parties get most of what they need, and the city protects itself on all fronts.

I urge you to vote for passage of Motion 12-B next Tuesday.

Please contact me if you have any additional comments or questions.

Regards,

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