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

1 message

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Tue, Aug 23, 2016 at 10:10 AM

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Dear City Council Members,

Unfortunately, I am not able to attend today's meeting in person. Please consider: 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.

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.

Thank you,
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Re: Second Dwelling Unit ordinance scheduled for City Council tomorrow 8/23

Rick Frazier <frazier.rick@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 23, 2016 at 9:40 AM

To: Mike.n.feuer@lacity.org

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Dear Mr. Feuer,

I'll be blunt. What the heck is going on?! It has now been TWO MONTHS since your office drafted the PLUM and City Planning Dept recommended SDU Ordinance changes with an Urgency Clause and the City Council can't vote on this?

This is unconscionable!

Several of the letters submitted to the Council state the Council "have several options at your disposal to bring the City into compliance with the state law on second units", and "there is simply no reason to discard our protective local standards and allow developers to bypass the prudent ordinances and restrictions now in place."

1. As a home owner who as been directly, negativity impacted (not potentially affected, but actual financial and physical harm) by the halt of all SDU projects, I would very much like to know exactly what these other options are. Can someone from the city outline these for me? All the details that I know about this situation have been gleaned from research and legwork that I have had to take time away from work to discover on my own. I have never been contacted by anyone from the City to explain what is going on and what my options might be. Or even to offer to refund the hundreds of dollars in fees I have already paid. So again, specifically what are these options for immediate remediation of this situation?

2. The statement about there being no reason to discard prudent ordinances now in place is laughable given that we are in this situation because Carlyle Hall (a wealthy lawyer from Cheviot Hills) filed a lawsuit which resulted in a judge issuing the order that the City's ordinances were not acceptable and suspending all work. So that argument from the opposition does hold water.

There are nearly 400 home owners/property owners who have been in limbo since March, who are being punished for following the rules as they were laid out to us by City officials. Are some of those 400 developers? Yes, I am sure they are, but the vast majority are people like my family who are just trying to build a small Second Dwelling Unit on the property that we occupy, and who have incurred thousands and in some cases hundreds of thousands of dollars in expenses.

As my elected legal representative at the City level, I am pleading with you and your office for some relief. Please help.

Sincerely,

Rick Frazier
North Hollywood, CA

P.S. Sharon, please add this to the City Clerk file 14-0057-S8.

On Tuesday, August 23, 2016, Matthew Glesne <matthew.glesne@lacity.org> wrote:

Interested Parties:

The City Council discussion on the Second Dwelling Unit repeal ordinance previously scheduled for this morning has been **cancelled**. The item has tentatively been rescheduled for next Wednesday, August 31. I will be in contact again once I receive confirmation.

Again, I apologize for the late notice.

On Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 12:14 PM, Matthew Glesne <matthew.glesne@lacity.org> wrote:

Interested parties,

As some of you may know, the Second Dwelling Unit repeal ordinance has been placed on the agenda for City Council **tomorrow, August 23, 2016**. We will update you on the result of the meeting. More information can be

obtained by going to the Council File Number link (14-0057-S8). The meeting agenda is posted here, see item #13. Council meetings start at 10. We do not know what time the item will be called.

As a re-fresh - the item has been approved by the Council Committees and has gone through "form and legality" with the City Attorney's office. A vote by full Council would be the final necessary action to adopt the ordinance.

Again, we will let you all know the result after the meeting. I apologize for the late notice.

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