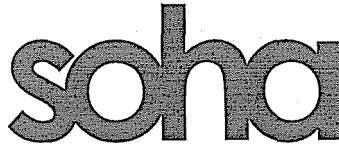


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March 3, 2014

Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

**Subject: Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association Opposition to Charter Section 245 Action
Overruling WLAAPC Denial of Height Variance at 10550 West Bellagio Road
Case Number ZA-2012-1402-ZV-ZAA-ZAD-1A
Council File 14-0171
PLUM March 4th, 2014 Agenda Item (6)**

The Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA) is strongly opposed to Councilmember Koretz's Charter Section 245 action to overrule the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission denial of a height variance of 50 feet versus the 36-foot height permitted under the Baseline Hillside Ordinance for a property located at 10550 West Bellagio Road. SOHA and many other organizations throughout the City of Los Angeles worked diligently with the Planning Department over many years to develop and secure passage of the Baseline Hillside Ordinance. We are appalled at this City Council Charter Section 245 action and other similar actions to seemingly dismantle the City's zoning scheme in a piecemeal fashion. We request PLUM to take whatever steps are necessary to terminate this Section 245 action.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any question, please contact SOHA's Bob Anderson at BobHillsideOrdinance@roadrunner.com or 213-364-7470.

Sincerely,

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Bob Anderson
SOHA Board of Directors
Chairman, Hillside Committee

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Marshall Long
SOHA Board of Directors
Chairman, Land Use Committee

cc: Councilman Jose Huizar (CD14), Councilman Gilbert Cedillo (CD1), Councilman Mitchell Englander (CD12), Councilman Tom LaBonge (CD4), Sharon Gin (PLUM Legislative Assistant)



Sharon Gin <sharon.gin@lacity.org>

Do NOT grant variance for 10550 W. Bellagio Rd

kathiart@earthlink.net <kathiart@earthlink.net>

Fri, Feb 28, 2014 at 8:46 PM

To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

Cc: president@hillsidefederation.org

Hello:

Regarding Case No. ZA-2012-1402-ZV-ZAA-ZAB-1A, we have just heard of a request for a height variance for 10550 W. Bellagio Road, and we are writing to scream against granting this variance. It is an inappropriate use of Charter Section 245. We would be extremely disappointed at any Councilmember who would ignore the standing law and grant permission. We must keep the Baseline Hillside Ordinance in force!

Thank you--

K.M. and Tom Flood
3968 Camino de la Cumbre
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
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CF#14-0171, Item #6, Cse No. ZA 2012-1402-ZV-ZAA-ZAD-A1

Arnold Newman <rain.forest@earthlink.net>
To: sharon.gin@lacity.org
Cc: Marian Dodge <president@hillsidefederation.org>

Mon, Mar 3, 2014 at 10:01 AM

TO: PLUM (Huizar,Englander,Cedillo)

The allowable height of 36 ft. permitted under the Baseline Hillside Ordinance is epicentral in the prevention of disfiguring hillside construction that mars our city.
Please do not allow a variance on this keystone ordinance and prevent the inappropriate use of Charter Section 245.
Thank you,

Arnold Newman, Ph.D.

President, Oak Forest Canyon Homeowners Association

3931 Camino de la Cumbre

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Note: Please make sure that the email you have for me is the one listed above and DOES NOT have two "L"s in the word "earthlink" (...earthllink.net). Thanks!



Sharon Gin <sharon.gin@lacity.org>

CF #14-0171 Item #6

1 message

Doug Suisman <suisman@suisman.com>

Mon, Mar 3, 2014 at 10:26 AM

To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

Cc: president@hillsidefederation.org, George Wolfberg <wolfbergg@gmail.com>, Marilyn Wexler <mcwexler@cs.com>, Wes Hough <weshough@gmail.com>



SUBJECT:

CF #14-0171 Item #6
10550 West Bellagio Road

TO:

The Planning and Land Use Management Committee
City Council Members Huizar, Englander, and Cedillo

March 3, 2014

Dear Members of the P.L.U.M. Committee:

BOCA Neighborhood Association, in the Santa Monica Canyon area of Pacific Palisades, strongly supports the Baseline Hillside Ordinance, and opposed any attempts to use Charter Section 245 to undermine its provisions on a piecemeal, case-by-case basis. Such attempts have been overturned by the Court.

The Council should not abuse its power by overruling the West Area Planning Commission, which carefully reviewed the case and approved the appeal for denial.

Overturning this ruling leaves the Council open to charges that individual Council members are providing special or favored treatment to individual constituents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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Doug Suisman, President
BOCA Neighborhood Association
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BRIAN T. SULLIVAN
CGCS

March 1, 2014

City of Los Angeles
Attn: Holly L. Wolcott, City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Council File No. 14-0171

Dear Honorable Planning and Land Use Management Committee,

In reference to case number ZA-2012-1402-ZV-ZAA-ZAD- 1A, M and A Gabae, 10550 West Bellagio Road, we agree with the Determination and denial Findings of the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission dated 2-4-14.

We believe the requested additional fourteen (14) foot building height is excessive and inconsistent with homes in the area and may further impact Stone Canyon Creek both from a drainage and environmental standpoint. Therefore, we urge you to deny the Applicant's appeal and uphold the Determination of the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG
Director of Golf Course and Grounds

BS/mr

cc: Shawn Bayliss, Planning Deputy for Councilman Koretz
Mark Armbruster

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