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SaveValleyVillage would like to extend our full support to the LOS FELIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL in their 'RESOLUTION' impact statement pertaining to **Motion 15-0728**.

Existing residential development <u>already in place</u> should be well preserved and protected. There is no justifiable reason to continue the displacement of residents who are then left with nowhere to go. This has already created irreversible damage including but not limited to: loss of older buildings and houses whose historical value had not yet had opportunity to be evaluated, native buildings in general, numerous demolitions, evictions and an overall negative impact to existing communities that are not designed to tolerate the anticipated levels of environmental stress to be infringed upon them in the near future.

Unnecessary demolitions continue to displace tenants while uprooting the foundation of well established communities, leaving them void of any identity.

There needs to be attention focused <u>on the communities we have</u> and their individual needs before taking on new endeavors that are attached to so much permanent damage being done to our neighborhoods.

History and current circumstance show us that even after tenant displacement occurs buildings stand vacant for sometimes years or are prematurely demolished resulting in vacant lots that serve none of the citizens or are beneficial to a community.

New development does not usually result in "affordable housing" equal to the value of current RSO restrictions. There has been a number of landlords abusing the Ellis Act as proven in the **300% increase** in Ellis Act evictions. This is an incredibly alarming wake up call in desperate need of attention. Some share the opinion that the so called "housing crisis" is simply a self-inflicted issue created by the constant displacement of tenants caused by Ellis!

Valley Village consists of more than twenty five thousand stakeholders experiencing identical problems as Los Feliz....As Sherman Oaks, Silverlake, Van Nuys, North Hollywood, Studio City, and more.

We hope this motion can be the example to the other council districts who currently place no concern on their existing residents... the districts that place no importance on preserving the character of what makes our neighborhood ours.

On behalf of saveValleyVillage, we respectfully request Council and Committees to adopt the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council's reasonable requests as stated in the Neighborhood Impact Statement dated 09/15/2015 and Impact Information dated: 09/22/2015.

Respectfully,