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Re: Baseline Mansionization Ordinance / [Council File 14-0656](#)

Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

At its regular meeting on April 8, 2015, the Board of the P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council passed the following motion:

MOTION 2015.04.08.7H: The Board of P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council supports Councilmember Paul Koretz's May 16, 2014 motion proposing amendments to the citywide Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO) and urges you to adopt the amendments expeditiously and with an urgency clause. The PICO NC Board also supports the continuation of the two Interim Control Ordinances (ICOs) for the full two year term.

Regarding some public comments and council members' remarks (made at recent PLUM and City Council meetings) related to regulating mansionization, we write to express our stakeholders views that:

- **Mansionization does NOT add affordable housing, but rather destroys it.**
- **Mansionization is NOT a viable mechanism to address the needs of the modern American family.**
- **Mansionization erodes the fabric of communities.**
- **Mansionization is destructive to the environment and taxing on our resources and infrastructure.**
- **Los Angeles' official, legally adopted planning policies are opposed to mansionization.**

One of the objectives outlined in the City Planning Department's [Do Real Planning](#) policy document is to "NEUTRALIZE MANSIONIZATION: Neighborhoods zoned single family deserve our protection. The most pervasive threat they face is the replacement of existing homes with residences whose bulk and mass is significantly larger than the street's current character— sacrificing greenery, breathing room, light, and air."

- **Councilmember Koretz's original motion to amend the BMO is smart and sensible, and deserves the Council's full support and prompt adoption.**

Years of protests, petitions, HPOZ and RFA requests, and thousands of calls and emails to council offices make it eminently clear that residents citywide want mansionization to stop. A reasonably framed ordinance can stop out-of-scale development; allow spacious, affordable homes that easily accommodate modern families; and nurture the residential communities that are critical to the vitality and future of this great city.

The P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council urges you to:

- **Renew both ICOs for the full two-year term allowable by code, and**
- **Amend the BMO as quickly as possible.**

Vision and leadership on this issue could positively define the legacy of this City Council, and we stand ready to support you in any way we can. This letter should be submitted as a Community Impact Statement to Council File 14-0656.

Sincerely,

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