

West Mar Vista Residents Association



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The City Clerk
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: CF #14-0656 (Koretz) – REQUEST TO EXPEDITE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The West Mar Vista Residents Association (“WMVRA”) at its meeting on October 15, 2015 SUPPORTED Motion CF 14-0656, sponsored by Council Member Paul Koretz, and requested that the Ordinance proposed by the Motion be developed and adopted.

The development of over-sized homes (“Boxes”) in R zones utilizing the various exemptions and incentives provided by the City has become a burden in R zone neighborhoods like ours. We welcome the development of homes that serve the needs of our neighbors but the City has permitted boxes to go up that are out of character, a burden on the immediate neighbors by reducing light, air flow and privacy, and destabilizing for the neighborhood as each box induces neighbors to move away.

Over eighteen months have passed since the City Council adopted Councilmember Koretz’s Motion to amend the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance.

City planners claimed to need eighteen months to do the amendments, and according to our information work has not even begun.

The Interim Control Ordinance for mansionization is well-intentioned and has had some positive impact but the construction of large “boxes” in our R zones continues.

However, after eighteen month of waiting for action on CF 14-0656, we believe that enough is enough! We respectfully request that the council and the Mayor direct staff to get the proposed amendments done soon and done right.

WMVRA is committed to improving the City’s quality of life and to working with you. Thank you for your consideration,

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