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## COUNCIL FILE 14-0656 FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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November 4, 2014

### **Council File 14-0656: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF PAUL KORETZ'S MOTION TO ELIMINATE THE BASELINE MANSIONIZATION ORDINANCE'S LOOPHOLES**

- 1) The communities most impacted by mansionization welcome short-term protection through 9 Interim Control Ordinances (ICOs) for proposed RFA areas and 5 ICOs for proposed HPOZ areas.
  
- 2) These ICO's should be prepared and adopted immediately. and they should be modeled after the successful formula of the Beverly Grove Interim Control Ordinance. adopted and implemented in October 2013. This ICO is based on the concept that houses should be proportionate to lot size and adjacent homes. with a maximum FAR of .5. including any bonuses and exemptions. More precisely. this RFA permits houses of 3000 square feet in R-1 zones with 6000 square foot lots. as long as proposed projects locate garages at the rear of the lot instead of being attached at the front of the house.
  
- 3) The cleanup of the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance should also take

place immediately and not be postponed for 18 months. The loopholes that have gutted the BMO are well known and were precisely identified in Paul Koretz's BMO amendment motion. Furthermore, supporters of the Councilmember's motion have submitted a draft strikeout version of the amended BMO to City Planning, along with a cover memo assessing all of the associated planning issues.

4) This means that the preparation and adoption of the amendments to eliminate the BMO loopholes is a straightforward process that should take several months, not a year and a half, to prepare and adopt. This expedited schedule is necessary to protect the many Los Angeles neighborhoods that will not be protected from mansionization by an HPOZ, RFA, or ICO.

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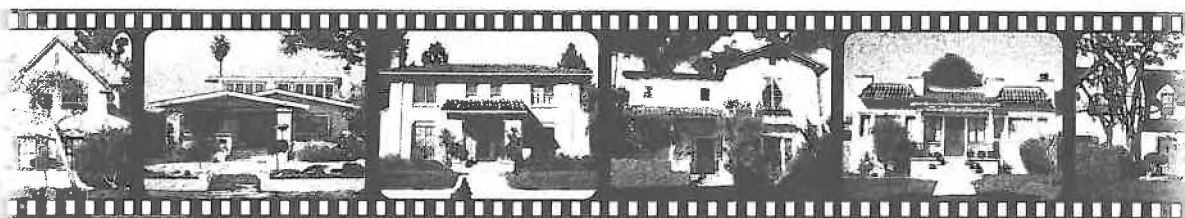


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# Sunset Square Neighborhood Organization

Hollywood, California

Established 2005



## History through Preservation

November 4, 2014

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

RE: 14-0656 Sunset Square Interim Control Ordinance and Amendment of the BMO

We are residents of Sunset Square and we support the PLUM Committee and City of Los Angeles in granting an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) for the proposed and pending Sunset Square HPOZ - Council District 4. We represent over 250 homes.

Issuance of an immediate ICO is desperately needed to protect the Sunset Square neighborhood and prevent further demolition of more historic single family homes. Sunset Square is one of the last remaining intact historic single family neighborhoods in Hollywood. Please protect our irreplaceable neighborhood as we move forward through the HPOZ process. We request that this be implemented immediately rather than waiting 60 days while more historic homes are destroyed. Our neighborhood previously submitted over 100 letters supporting this proposed legislation.

Can you give us any immediate remedy...we have vulnerable historic homes about to be torn down right now....

We also support the amendments needed to make the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO) actually work like is is supposed to and prevent over-sized houses which overshadow and ruin the character of so many beleaguered neighborhoods across the city of Los Angeles. We recommend that the city adopt the following changes to the BMO immediately:

1. Strike the green bonus.
2. Strike the exemption for the square footage of attached garages.

These changes are urgent and the Planning dept should make this a priority. We as a city need these changes implemented within 90 days rather than the 18 months they have proposed to study the matter.

On behalf of the the Sunset Square Neighborhood we thank you for your time and swift action in granting this Interim Control Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Holland, President,

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Sunset Square Neighborhood Organization

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The Sunset Square Neighborhood Association encompasses the neighborhoods which extend from Fairfax Avenue to Vista Street, between Sunset and Hollywood Boulevards. We are a collection of neighbors dedicated to protecting our community's well-being.



November 3, 2014

Los Angeles City Council  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 340  
Los Angeles, Ca 90012

Re: Council File No. 14-0656, 10/30/14 Report from  
Planning and Land Use Management Committee

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

Even though you will be reviewing and deciding upon the various recommendations within the October 30, 2014, Planning and Land Use Management Committee Report, the Board of Directors of the Old Granada Hills Residents' Group, by a unanimous vote on November 3, 2014, strongly urges you to:

**Expedite the enactment of an amended Baseline Mansionization Ordinance.**

In response to a motion introduced by Councilmember Paul Koretz on May 16, 2014, to amend the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance, the Department of City Planning suggested an estimated time frame of eighteen month to complete this process. There is no justification for further delays. While we are grateful for interim measures that may provide short-term relief to mansionization, the preparation and adoption of straightforward amendments to the BMO should only require several months to complete. City resources must be dedicated to the timely passage of this priority legislation that will offer all Los Angeles communities the needed protections that will preserve and conserve neighborhood standards and character.

Thank You for Your Consideration

Dave Beauvais, President  
Old Granada Hills Residents' Group

Maria Fisk, Board Member  
Old Granada Hills Residents' Group