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Fwd: Amend the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (Council File 14-0656)

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Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council.

McMansions damage our residential neighborhoods. These super-sized homes violate the scale, character and cohesion of established neighborhoods, and they price more and more families out of the market while degrading neighbors' quality of life and damaging property values of adjacent homes. In addition, their construction damages the environment and strains city resources and infrastructure.

You acknowledged that the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance has failed, and you adopted ICOs for select neighborhoods. We appreciate your leadership, but the ICOs are only temporary and protection for a select few neighborhoods only places others at greater risk. Councilmember Koretz's motion to amend the BMO would bring much-needed relief to constituents citywide, and would also relieve city agencies from burdens associated with implementing a patchwork of overlays and ICOs. We urge you to:

1) Amend the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance, with an urgency clause.

Decrease the base floor area ratio and eliminate the counterproductive bonuses and exemptions.

2) Accelerate the 18-month timeline initially proposed for the adoption of amendments. Such a lengthy timeline is unnecessary and unacceptable. Thousands of single family homes could be demolished and countless neighborhoods destroyed during this timeframe. Councilmember Koretz's proposed changes are simple and straightforward, and could be adopted quickly.

A stronger BMO will encourage responsible development compatible with the scale and character of existing neighborhoods; allow spacious, affordable homes that easily accommodate modern families;

and nurture the residential communities that are critical to the vitality and sustainability of this great city. Leadership on this issue could positively define the legacy of this City Council. We stand ready to support you in any way we can.

Sincerely yours.

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