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## CF 14-0656 BMO/BHO Amendments

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**Kim Skavaril** <kimskavaril@yahoo.com>

Tue, Jul 19, 2016 at 8:08 AM

Reply-To: Kim Skavaril <kimskavaril@yahoo.com>

To: "councilmember.busciano@lacity.org" <councilmember.busciano@lacity.org>

Cc: "neighborhoodconservation@lacity.org" <neighborhoodconservation@lacity.org>, "sharon.gin@lacity.org" <sharon.gin@lacity.org>, "afine@laconservancy.org" <afine@laconservancy.org>

Dear Mr Busciano,

As a property owner and resident of San Pedro, and concerned citizen of Los Angeles City, I am writing to express support for the baseline mansionization and hillside ordinances (BMO/BHO) amendments.

I reside in Los Angeles for over 30 years, beginning in Palms area, then Playa Del Rey, and more recently San Pedro. I work in Hollywood for over 17 years.

I am greatly dismayed by the trend toward mansionization which negatively affects community character and overall aesthetics of what were previously charming neighborhoods. The trend was particularly detrimental in Hollywood and Palms area.

I hope we can work to preserve the charm of San Pedro and other areas by approving the amendments which is a step in the right direction to make Los Angeles beautiful and enjoyable to live in for all.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kim Skavaril  
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San Pedro, CA 90731



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**Brian** <bgroskam@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jul 17, 2016 at 6:51 PM

To: david.ryu@lacity.org

Cc: NeighborhoodConservation@lacity.org, Sharon.Gin@lacity.org, afine@laconservancy.org, Brian <bgroskam@yahoo.com>

Dear Council Member Ryu: I am a resident of Los Angeles, and you are my representative on the City Council. I am writing to ask that you support the strongest anti-manzionization rules that are possible, so as to help protect the integrity of our existing residential neighborhoods.

Thank you for your support in reigning-in these monstrous new homes that are ruining the quality of life for so many existing residents.

Sincerely,

Brian Roskam  
9270 Sierra Mar Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90069



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**Dan Silver** <dsilverla@me.com>

Fri, Jul 15, 2016 at 4:09 PM

To: Sharon.Gin@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I ask you to stop the mansionization and tear downs that are destroying historic neighborhoods. Current City regulations are ineffective and full of loopholes. I speak from personal experience in this regard. Neighborhoods with distinct and historic architectural character promote strong communities.

Sincerely,

Dan Silver  
222 S Figueroa St 1611  
LA CA 90012

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**Joe Bob Smith** <jb@joebobsmith.com>

Fri, Jul 15, 2016 at 3:42 PM

To: paul.koretz@lacity.org

Cc: NeighborhoodConservation@lacity.org, Sharon.Gin@lacity.org, afine@laconservancy.org

Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I appreciate you and the other council members tackling the mansionization of Los Angeles.

I live in Encino Village, a quaint neighborhood built in 1955 on the site of the old RKO Ranch where they filmed "It's a Wonderful Life." The neighborhood and homes were designed by architect Martin Stern who went on to become famous for modernizing Las Vegas. It's an adorable neighborhood plagued with, luckily, only a few homes that are not original to Mr. Stern's vision (something that apparently has kept the neighborhood from getting an historic designation).

I'm a relatively new homeowner. My wife and I just purchased this, our first home, in September. It was a flip. A contractor had purchased what was apparently a somewhat dilapidated house from the original owner's estate. Neighbors say it was once beautiful but had fallen into disrepair as the owner aged and became sickly. Luckily, the contractors updated the house with all modern conveniences, codes, etc, while keeping the look and charm of the exterior. It was exactly what we wanted - modern, move-in ready, but with the sort of charm and character that makes a house a home.

Certainly homeowners should have rights to alter and build on their own property. I lived with HOA's and don't want or expect that sort of cookie cutter mentality to invade private home ownership. Diversity and uniqueness bring our neighborhoods to life. That said, a single homeowner shouldn't be able to infringe on the rights of neighboring homeowners by deteriorating the neighborhood's current quality of life - the look, the feel, views, reasonable expectations of privacy, etc.

Every time I see a neighborhood house sell and remodeling begin, part of me is glad to see improvement to the neighborhood and yet another part is scared that they may do something to lessen the charm (and property values) of where I live. Driving nearby in Encino, I see streets ruined by a giant house dwarfing cottage and ranch-style homes. Growing up in Texas, I'm used to big houses. But at least there they had a proportional size of land to put them on.

There's a time and place for every look and size of home. That's not the issue. The issue is that dozens of homeowners shouldn't suffer the blight and property value depreciation caused by one homeowner's folly. If someone wants a giant house, then they should go buy a giant lot near other giant houses. And if someone wants to get a little too creative with their house, let's keep it to a proper size because a little funky is much more tolerable than a giant eyesore.

Sincerely,  
Joe Bob Smith



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**Sheri A Saperstein** <sherisaperstein@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 15, 2016 at 3:30 PM

To: Mike Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, neighborhoodconservation@lacity.org, Sharon.Gin@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

Dear Councilman Bonin, Nial Huffman, and Sharon Gin,

I wholeheartedly support this amendment to the city planning document designed to prevent mansionization. For decades now, we have watched beautiful neighborhoods across this city - many of them historic in character, if not by law - become dehumanized as ugly out-of-scale monstrosities replace carefully styled originals that were designed not just to house an individual owner, but to bring delight to a neighborhood, and its passers-by, and to *contribute to a community's appeal*.

Whenever I pass a house that is built up to the curb and nearly to the property lines, is too high, has minimal landscaping, our beautiful City is devalued, and my heart saddened. Ugliness cheapens the soul.

The character of our neighborhoods is intrinsic to our happiness and well-being. It contributes to good citizenry and allegiance to society.

Please take every opportunity to support - and even strengthen - this amendment, and every opportunity available to support historic preservation initiatives. Once history is lost, it cannot be regained.

Thank you,

Sheri A Saperstein

500 So Barrington Ave #6

Los Angeles, CA 90049



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**Sara Schulte** <saraschulte@sbcglobal.net>  
Reply-To: Sara Schulte <saraschulte@sbcglobal.net>  
To: "Sharon.Gin@lacity.org" <Sharon.Gin@lacity.org>  
Cc: "afine@laconservancy.org" <afine@laconservancy.org>

Thu, Jul 14, 2016 at 7:03 AM

Dear Ms. Gin,

I am writing this e-mail in hope that you will support stopping the mansionization of Los Angeles.

I have been a resident of the Fairfax district for over 16 years and I hardly recognize my neighborhood as I walk through it now.

All the charm and history is evaporating in exchange for these horrendous monstrosities that have absolutely no business on these small lots.

Please help STOP MANSIONIZATION!!

Thank you  
Sara Schulte  
Curson Avenue, 90036



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**Jason Figliozzi** <j.figliozzi@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 13, 2016 at 12:20 PM

To: NeighborhoodConservation@lacity.org, Sharon.Gin@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

Hi,

My name is Jason Figliozzi and I've been a Los Angeles resident since 2008. I'm contacting you all concerning teardowns and mansionization within our city. My wife and I live in the Greater Wilshire/Hancock Park area and are witnessing first hand how this affects our neighborhood.

We currently rent and are want to become first time homeowners in LA. We'd be devastated, as many current homeowners are experiencing, that soon after buying a home, adjacent homes are leveled and monstrous mini-mansions are erected in their place. There are many issues which arise from of this. The majority of these new homes become architectural eye soars that loom over neighboring homes, blocking sunlight and enabling others to peer into back yards by looking out a window that soars high above. More importantly, our neighborhoods are losing their historic charm and identities.

It's actually making us very nervous to purchase a home with fear that anyone is able to do this right next door, simply because there is not enough being done to prevent it. Why should we all be suffering from this? Please consider helping people like us not be afraid to buy a home.

As Angelonos who are passionate about what this city is and where it came from, we must all fight to preserve the charm and historic character of our neighborhoods. I urge you all to please fight to make these amendments solid to prevent mansionization.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,  
Jason Figliozzi