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Wed. Jul 30. 2014 at 8:02 AM

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From: **Jeremy Matz** <jeremydmatz@gmail.com>
 Date: Tue. Jul 29. 2014 at 4:30 PM
 Subject: PLUM: Support the Motion to Amend the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance
 To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org. councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org. councilmember.englander@lacity.org.
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 Cc: councilmember.wesson@lacity.org. elizabeth.carlin@lacity.org. andrew.westall@lacity.org.
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Eric Garcetti – Mayor. City of Los Angeles (mayor.garcetti@lacity.org)

Dear Members of the Planning & Land Use Management Committee.

As you know, the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO) has failed. Egregiously oversized houses continue to spoil the scale and character of single-family neighborhoods. My neighborhood is one of them. Indeed, at this very moment, a gigantic, over-sized, and boxy mansion that is totally inappropriate for the street and neighborhood is rising on my block. The new owner tore down the original historic home and is constructing a monstrosity that dwarfs his neighbors, eliminates sunlight, and destroys the character of the neighborhood. Supposedly, this project conforms with the BMO and all applicable city ordinances. If true, that just shows that the BMO in its current form is totally ineffective at achieving its stated goals, and must be amended.

As an example, a [change.org](https://www.change.org/petition) petition shows one of the McMansions that has blighted Faircrest Heights, and provides comments from residents of Council Districts 5 and 10 who are gravely concerned about mansionization.

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Sincerely.

Jeremy D. Matz
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From: **Kenneth Star** <ken3star@gmail.com>
Date: Tue. Jul 29. 2014 at 6:53 PM
Subject: Baseline Mansionization Ordinance
To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

Dear Committee Member:

You have already received a letter advocating for changes such as proposed by Council Member Koretz. I support that position and just want to add that bigger houses also means more stuff inside. Learning to limit our "stuff" is important to the larger community as well as to the neighbors.

Thank you.

Ken Star

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Sincerely,

Andi Elmore

Faircrest Heights Resident



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From: **Ethlie Ann Vare** <ethlie@gmail.com>
Date: Tue. Jul 29. 2014 at 7:31 PM
Subject: In Support of Limiting "Mansionization"
To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

Add my name to the list of Los Angeles homeowners who support Councilmember Koretz' motion to limit building size in residential areas. I have seen too many tree-lined streets of single-story cottages replaced with these lot line-to-lot line massive stucco boxes. They harm us all: They gobble power with constant air-conditioning, while removing the trees that provided natural cooling. They suck up water for their manicured lawns, while ripping out the roots that preserve the water table. This kind of building is the opposite of sustainable, no matter what label you put on the lumber. Any attempt to restrain it has my endorsement.

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From: **Steve Factor** <factor.steve@gmail.com>

Date: Tue. Jul 29. 2014 at 10:48 PM

Subject: PLUM meeting 2014-7-29. mansionization

To: "sharon.gin@lacity.org" <sharon.gin@lacity.org>, "tom.rothman@lacity.org" <tom.rothman@lacity.org>.

"erick.lopez@lacity.org" <erick.lopez@lacity.org>

When developers demolished a classic 1920's house on my street I was upset someone would want to ruin the historical character of my neighborhood. I was upset about the constant noise, the blocked street, the cloud of toxic dust, the trash blowing across my front lawn and the increase in neighborhood burglaries. As they continued building I became upset at the lengthening shadow across my garden, my daily view of the sunrise replaced by a stucco wall. Now I am upset that picture windows and balcony seats overlook what was a peaceful and private garden. My garden is dying from lack of sunlight. My roof had been collecting solar energy all day to offset my electric bill. The new stucco wall took that away. Gone are amenities I have enjoyed for many years and which a potential buyer would value. The character of my neighborhood and the quiet enjoyment of my home has been stolen by behavior identified by the city planning commission as a threat to our city. Mansionization continues to ruin neighborhoods like mine. A few get rich but residents and the city subsidize the profit through reduced property value, diminished quality of life and increased stress on local infrastructure like electrical, water and sewer connections. Larger houses use more resources, which will become more expensive and subject to more outages. My friends used to comment on how nice my neighborhood looked. Now they ask about the new apartment buildings.

I have found something positive. A theater-sized movie screen for backyard family movie night, as long as they close their curtains.

As the planning commission had predicted, greedy developers have already destroyed parts of the city with a disease called mansionization. It feeds on dysfunctional planning policy and a lack of enforcement for existing codes. Some neighborhoods have worked to develop an immunity. It is time for the planning commission to give us the vaccine and protect the rest of the city.

Steve Factor
Beverly Grove resident

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From: **Reed, Doran** <doran.reed@bet.net>

Date: Wed, Jul 30, 2014 at 5:28 PM

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- A. Doran Reed

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Dear Members of the Planning & Land Use Management Committee.

New homes should be visual harmonious within in a community; the scale and design should match the already existing neighborhood. I feel great sadness when I walk around my neighborhood and see homes that are right up to the edge of property line and twice the height of everything around them. It is a selfish and ugly way to build a home. It gives no thought to the community or the architectural history in our neighborhood. Beverly Hills has learned from the their mistakes of letting people destroy important architectural homes, and building over scaled poorly designed homes. Let us fallow their lead and create stricture architectural standards for our communities. Please do this before it is too late.

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