



Support the Motion to Amend the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance

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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. Carthay Square is one of them.

Neighborhoods all over the city – including ours – are clamoring for relief, requesting RFA overlays to protect us from reckless development. Even with recently-announced staff increases, keeping up with that demand will be a challenge. Enforcing city code across a patchwork of overlays could be a real headache, too. Councilmember Koretz has offered a smart and sensible solution with his motion to amend the BMO. While his motion would not preclude ordinances tailored to specific neighborhoods, the amendments will almost certainly eliminate a big part of the problem – and fast.

As you know, PLUM will consider Councilmember Koretz's Motion this coming Tuesday. I urge you to give it your full support.

- The base floor area ratio for R-1 lots is excessive. Ratchet it down.
- Eliminate the pointless 'green' building bonus. Building sensibly sized homes does much more to shrink our carbon footprint than bamboo flooring and other so-called 'green' building practices, which are required by code anyway.
- Attached garages add 400 square feet of bloat and eliminate the driveways that provide an essential buffer between lots. Eliminate the exemption and count this square footage.
- Eliminate the other self-defeating design bonuses for items like double-height entryways and balconies, which add hundreds of square feet of uncounted bulk and still leave us with McMansions that loom over our neighbors' homes.
- Make the project approval process transparent to the public.

Thoughtful development puts a premium on environmental and economic sustainability, neighborhood integrity, and a sense of community. These simple amendments could be prepared and adopted quickly, to protect neighborhoods being ravaged by unchecked, short-term real estate speculation and reckless development. They will allow renovations, expansions, and new construction that can

accommodate modern family life while respecting the scale and character of established neighborhoods.

Every day brings more damage to more treasured L.A. neighborhoods, and we need your help desperately, and soon.

Sincerely,

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Please help before it is too late. Our city is being destroyed! Endearing streets such as La Brea are being demolished and rebuilt in an Arizona large scale mini mall decor. Our historic neighborhoods are being destroyed and replaced with HUGE concrete bunker style homes. The homes to each side are being dwarfed. Lots are being split into 2 or 3 and building single family dealings with no yards. Just on top of each other. In my neighborhood 2 homes were torn down and 9 were built. How does that make sense?? And now on an empty lot 60 homes are being built. How about a park?? We don't need any more live work HUGE buildings that house thousands of people. Causing more traffic and eyes sores on every corner. Every time I see a new empty lot on a main street my stomach sinks because I know what is to follow. We are not NY. We are Los Angeles. We need to have our own identity. We are losing our character. We are losing our soul. I am 3rd generation Los Angeles. Please let my children able to see the Los Angeles that has been so special for generations.

Thank you!!

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Neighborhood after lovely neighborhood has ugly huge houses being built out to the property lines and straight up with no wonderful architectural details like the houses they 'destroy once had.

Please give us some relief. It takes only one of these to ruin a block.

On my street, a couple of blocks from me, south Crescent Heights, a really unfortunate one with lions(!) in front went up and was so poorly built that it has been falling down ever since. The chimney lasted only weeks.

One of the most egregious buildings went up across the street from me, poorly built and 4 stories in a 2-story neighborhood. And the density- five or six drivers and their cars in one piece of property.

Please help,

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