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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Garcetti,

This Thursday, the Council is scheduled to vote on the budget, including the CLA's recommendations regarding two Planning Dept. neighborhood conservation positions initially omitted from the mayor's budget.

Let's look at a little timeline:

- Los Angeles is suffering from an epidemic of mansionization (*has been, for years*).
- In 2008 the Council adopts the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO) (*it fails miserably*).
- In May 2014 Councilmember Koretz makes a sensible motion to amend the BMO (*Council refers the item to PLUM for follow up - and a year later, the BMO still hasn't been amended*).
- In July 2014 the Budget and Finance Committee authorizes four Planning positions to work on mansionization and related issues.
- Ten more months pass before Planning is ready to fill those positions.
- Then the Mayor's budget cuts the funding in half.
- Then the Budget and Finance Committee insists on full funding.
- Then the Chief Legislative Analyst counter-offers funding – but for just nine months,

and starting in October 2015.

Seriously? Do any of you really think this is acceptable?

The damage from reckless development is permanent. We cannot wait until October, and give greedy speculators yet another six months to ruin our city.

All four NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION POSITIONS must be FUNDED and FILLED IMMEDIATELY, and SUSTAINED as long as is necessary to AMEND THE CITY-WIDE BMO.

Please: fund and fill these positions immediately, and amend the BMO asap.

With thanks for your leadership,

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Dear City Members

As a member of the Miracle Mile Residential Association and chairman of new proposed HPOZ for the Miracle Mile I urge you without further restraint to fund fully the positions needed in the preservation department. As a local realtor in the area resident are furious as they see their historic and charming neighborhoods get torn apart. It is essential that the dept. is well funded to see through the backlog of preservation efforts made by concerned neighborhoods. Like all world cities it our responsibility to preserve our history for future generations. Please don't disappoint the citizens of Los Angeles with this red hot issue.

My best,

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Dear Councilmembers and Mayor Garcetti,

As Vice President of the Miracle Mile Residential Association I would like to echo Mr. Zecca's plea to you.

Please fully fund the Planning Department staff necessary to reform the BMO and move through the RFA and HPOZ applications for the communities covered by the ICO.

Like other communities in the ICO, the residents of the Miracle Mile have been working diligently to protect our area. We have an application for RFA pending and are currently performing the prerequisite historic resources survey for pursuing the Miracle Mile HPOZ.

We are very grateful to Councilmember LaBonge for sponsoring our HPOZ nomination and to the entire council for adopting it. We have raised over \$60,000 to pay for the HPOZ survey. Obviously, the residents of the Miracle Mile are willing to do everything we can – at no small expense – to save the history, charm, and scale of our neighborhood. Do not leave us high and dry by understaffing the Planning Department. To give us an ICO and then let it expire without timely action on BMO reform and processing pending RFA and HPOZ applications would be an utter betrayal to the citizens of L.A.

Please, do the right thing. Fund these positions.

Thank you,

Ken

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