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**Mansionization**

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Mon, Nov 7, 2016 at 9:08 PM

Ms. Dickinson,

I am vehemently opposed to the pending legislation that would impose restrictions on the home I hope to build for my family. We have three young children, and pets, and since most of our relatives are still back in the Boston area, need a house with decent sized guest accommodations. I work from home and therefore require a home office. Essentially we need a home that is at least 4200 square feet. This is not a mansion. It is merely a proper home for a large family.

We are currently renting in Cheviot Hills, a neighborhood where prices have skyrocketed. If these new regulations pass, I would need to find a lot that is at least 9000 square feet. And even if I could find a lot like this I would not be able to afford it. These absurd regulations would force families like ours to leave the LA area and would deprive architects, builders, contractors and all the affiliated tradesmen of the work they need to support their families.

In my opinion there is no mansionization problem in LA. It is simply a buzzword proposed by a small number of homeowners that some disgruntled anti-progress folks have latched on to. There is absolutely no real reason for these changes.

Respectfully,

– DW

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I am a resident of Cheviot Hills and hope we do not pass the ordinance to reduce the size of approved new homes. While it sounds nice what it really means is several things:

1. Now that I have my big house I don't want anyone else to have one.
2. A measure that will deflate home values in our neighborhood. By limiting the ability to build we reduce the value of all property in the area. Why would we do this.
3. Its' government intervention at its worst. If you can't control the valuable development of your own home what's left.

This is a terrible plan and I hope we have a counsel that thinks of what's best for homeowners and our community.

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**Mansionization ordinance**

1 message

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The short answer .. I'm for limiting the size of homes in R-1 residential areas, and especially the height and the sun shadows cast by tall structures.

When I bought my home, I thought I was buying into a area that would be occupied by people interested in building a community. There are many of those, but with increased frequency, housing is being built on R-1 lots that looks far more like a residential hotel or resort than a single or even extended family residence.

I'm aware that anti-discrimination ordinances preclude controlling who lives in a house. There is no law that says eight unrelated people can't share the rent or mortgage. So that way is blocked.

What I'd like to see is that structures that look like hotels or boarding houses be forced to comply with regulations appropriate for hotels and boarding houses. I would like to see houses with more than five bedrooms and five bathrooms has to have sprinklers in the bedrooms and meet emergency exit requirements. I'd like to see regulations where the taxes are higher if the owner doesn't call the house his / her home.

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