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**PLUM HEARING 2/24/15 2:30 PM ICO COUNCIL FILE 14-0656**

1 message

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Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 1:46 PM

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Councilmembers and Planning Staff:

Pervasive mansionization has taken place across our City. The bonuses in the original Baseline Mansionization Ordinance that were meant to promote better design while helping the environment resulted in nothing more than massive structures that tower over their neighbors to the detriment of established communities.

On September 10, 2014, the Westwood Neighborhood Council passed the following motion: The Board of the Westwood Neighborhood Council supports the motion from Councilmember Paul Koretz dated May 16, 2014 with respect to amending the City's Baseline Mansionization Ordinance number 179883. This motion should be submitted as a Community Impact Statement to Council File 14-0656. The WWNC Board also recommends that WRAC take this issue up and circulate a motion in favor of the Koretz amendments.

Councilmember Koretz's efforts to achieve a simple, effective, and permanent citywide fix to this problem should be applauded. I urge you to move forward on his sensible proposed amendments to the BMO with all possible speed and a fully transparent process.

Very truly yours.

Constance Boukidis  
Chair, Land Use and Planning Committee  
Westwood Neighborhood Council





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## !!! STOP MANSIONIZATION: Adopt the Faircrest Heights ICO and Amend the BMO (Council File 14-0656)

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### Adopt the Faircrest Heights ICO, and Amend the BMO

Dear members of the Planning & Land Use Management Committee,

As you know, the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO) has failed miserably. Last May, Councilmember Koretz made a smart and sensible motion to amend the BMO, which would bring much-needed relief to constituents citywide, and would also relieve city agencies from the burdens associated with implementing and enforcing a patchwork of overlays.

We appreciate that City Planning has proposed Interim Control Ordinances (ICOs) for a handful of neighborhoods, but realize that a) ICOs are only temporary, and b) protection for a select few neighborhoods will only place bigger targets on unprotected areas.

I urge you to:

- 1) Adopt the Faircrest Heights ICO (CD10) with an urgency clause.**
- 2) Amend the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance ASAP.**
  - Decrease the base floor area ratio for R-1 lots.
  - Eliminate the pointless 'green' building bonus.
  - Eliminate the attached garage exemption and count this square footage. Attached garages add 400 square feet of bloat and eliminate driveways that provide an essential buffer between lots.
  - 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 neighbors' homes.

These changes could be discussed and adopted quickly, to protect our treasured neighborhoods from 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.

There is absolutely no legitimate reason that it should take 18 months to amend the BMO. Thousands of single family homes could be demolished - and hundreds of neighborhoods destroyed - during this timeframe.

I thank you in advance for expediting the adoption of the ICOs and the BMO amendments, to provide our great city with desperately-needed relief from the destructive impacts of mansionization.

\*\*\*Please do what you can to stop this Mansionization from happening in my neighborhood. Being a young adult (23) who was born/raised in this area and plans to stay, it breaks my heart to see the charming, quaint and *cohesive* character of my neighborhood interrupted by grand modern homes. Its safe to assume that the people doing this are taking advantage of the current real estate climate with no regard for the rich history and character of these neighborhoods. With the development of the subway on Wilshire/Fairfax and Leimert Park, new businesses moving in, which isn't a bad thing entirely but if the development in these areas is not regulated (to the fullest extent) we could turn around one day *soon* only to see that we've lost some beautifully historic and diverse places in Los Angeles to modern architecture/Mansionization. District 10 is the epicenter, when visitors come here they should be seeing the true roots of this city, not a modernized version that can be built anywhere.

Sincerely,

Tyler Morney  
Mid City - PicFair Village  
Council District 10





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**14-0656**

1 message

**Sharon Gin** <sharon.gin@lacity.org>

Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 2:58 PM

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From: &lt;mail@changemail.org&gt;

Date: Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 12:44 PM

Subject: 5 more people signed "Petitioning Councilman Paul Koretz. District 5 and Councilman Mike Bonin. District 11: Remove Lower Council District 5. Kentwood. and Mar Vista/East Venice (which includes 90064. 90024. 90025. 90066. 90045. 90291) from the Proposed Interim Control Ordinance which will further restrict construction on residential lots within our community."

To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

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Oppose these new restrictions

**Terri Lubaroff**

Los Angeles, CA · Feb 23, 2015

I do not agree with any zoning ordinance that restricts the size of a house to a percentage of lot size. I also vehemently disagree that mandatory covered parking, breezeways and patios should be counted in square footage. Please REPEAL the anti-mansionization ordinance and definitely do not support any further restrictions. Our property value has already been negatively affected due to the EXPO line across the street. Don't do anything else that will make it hard for us to sell or expand as we meet the needs of our growing family. Thank you.

**Matthew Liszt**

Los Angeles, CA · Feb 23, 2015

**Bryan Nadley**

Los Angeles, CA · Feb 23, 2015

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**Remove Lower Council District 5, Kentwood, and Mar Vista/East Venice (which includes 90064, 90024, 90025, 90066, 90045, 90291) from the Proposed Interim Control Ordinance which will further restrict construction on residential lots within our community.**

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Los Angeles, CA

**55**

Supporters

Councilmen Paul Koretz and Mike Bonin are under the impression that most people want stricter limits on the size of new or remodeled homes because that is what is reported in newspapers and what a few vocal residents are pushing. Lower Council District 5, Kentwood, and Mar Vista/East Venice are family friendly neighborhoods comprised mostly of single-story, 1920's and 1930's homes. Residents wish to have the ability to expand these homes to suit their needs, while maintaining the charm of the neighborhood.

Over the past several months, the City of Los Angeles has been working to further restrict buildable area on residential lots, including removal of the density bonus. The City's Planning Department expects to have these new restrictions prepared within 18 months. However, now Councilmen Paul Koretz and Mike Bonin have introduced an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) that if adopted would immediately restrict construction on residential lots. Of particular concern is that the ICO would apply to most of the Westside including zip codes 90064, 90024, 90025, 90066, 90045, and 90291. This proposed ICO would not only remove the 20% bonus density so that homeowners would only be able to build up to 50% of the size of their lot but now mandatory covered parking, detached accessory buildings, porches, patios, and breezeways would count towards the livable residential floor area. By way of example, construction of a house on a typical lot size of 6,250 square feet would be limited to a maximum of 2,475 square feet of livable interior floor space since required covered parking, detached accessory buildings, porches, patios, and breezeways will count towards habitable living space. It should be further noted that this change in classification of covered parking, detached accessory buildings, porches, patios, and breezeways does not apply in many other areas and this ordinance is therefore creating much stricter restrictions in these zip codes than in many other neighborhoods to which it applies. In

short, this ordinance will deflate our property values compared to our neighboring communities and lower property values means less financial resources for our public school and for other City services.

If you oppose this ICO that would restrict your buildable area to what is really approximately 30% of your lot size and places stricter limits on your neighborhood than others, thereby deflating your property values, then I strongly urge you to sign this petition to voice your opposition to including zip codes 90064, 90024, 90025, 90066, 90045, and 90291 to this Interim Control Ordinance. Time is of the essence as the City plans to pass this ordinance in the next few days.

Thank you!

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Letter to

Petitioning Councilman Paul Koretz, District 5 and Councilman Mike Bonin, District 11

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**Fwd: Item 14-0656 Planning and Land Use Management**

1 message

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Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 2:58 PM

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Subject: Item 14-0656 Planning and Land Use Management

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Sirs

i am writing in the hopes that the city council will regain control on land use before it's too late. Current "mansionization" regulations have proven to be woefully inadequate in stemming the tide of oversized houses. I live on Loring Ave where new homes dwarf the homes on either side. fill up the lot on 3 sides. as well as protruding forward of the prevailing set backs.. Somehow. these monstrosities are being approved by the dept of building and safety and it is also a well known secret. that there are payoffs being made to approve plans that should not be approved.

Lastly. there are many examples of people with cash businesses that are building their homes with that cash to avoid paying tax on it. yet no one looks into the source of funding for these projects.

Right now there are about two homes on every block in this neighborhood that are being torn down with more in the planning stage. We your help to stop this demolition today as restore sensible growth to our community!

Thank you for your support

best

Dennis Rosenblatt  
252 Loring Ave. LA 90024

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City of Los Angeles Mail - Fwd: Item 14-0656 Planning and Land Use Management





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14-0656

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Sharon Gin <sharon.gin@lacity.org>

Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 2:59 PM

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From: **jeff wolman** <jeff@wolmanwm.com>

Date: Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 1:36 PM

Subject: HPOZ

To: "sharon.gin@lacity.org" &lt;sharon.gin@lacity.org&gt;

Dear Planning and Land Use Management Committee Members. Los Angeles City Councilmembers.  
and Planning Department Officials;

The residents of Holmby Westwood have worked tirelessly for the past 7 years to establish a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone in our community. thereby preserving our historic identity and our property values. In the meantime. we have seen the loss of many gracious homes replaced by huge boxlike structures which tower over their 2 story neighbors and which stick out like "sore thumbs". The motion (Item 14-0656) to be heard by PLUM (allowing a moratorium on demolition and new construction in 5 proposed HPOZs including Holmby Westwood) on Tuesday. February 25th is the first ray of hope that we will be able to reach our goal - design review of all new construction. exterior additions and remodels as seen from the street. Our concerns are massing. scale and compatibility within a community meticulously planned and established in 1926. Our community has been and is now home to some of the most prominent residents of Los Angeles who care deeply about maintaining the charm and dignity of their neighborhoods.

Please help us preserve the character that drew our residents to want to spend their lives in Holmby Westwood. Please support the motion 14-0656 on Tuesday at the Planning and Land Use Management hearing and also when the motion goes to City Council for its approval. Our community is counting on you to help us establish our HPOZ.

Thank you all.

Jeffrey Wolman. HWHOA Board Member



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**Fwd: Anti-Mansionization interim Control Ordinance (No.14-0656)**

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Subject: Anti-Mansionization interim Control Ordinance (No.14-0656)  
To: "Sharon.Gin@lacity.org" <Sharon.Gin@lacity.org>  
Cc: "Paul.Koretz@lacity.org" <Paul.Koretz@lacity.org>

Dear Ms. Gin: I am a homeowner in Lower 5 District and have been for the past 37 years. Both my husband and I are against the passage of the above bill that is on your agenda for tomorrow's City Council meeting at 2:30pm. In the first place, our neighborhood never requested to be included in this ordinance, and while the intent may be worthwhile, there has been no opportunity for the people who live here to voice their opinions, nor has there been any financial or environmental studies done to figure out the long term effects of instituting such a restrictive ordinance such as this one. It is like killing a fly with a sledge hammer and we object totally to its passage in its present form.

Sincerely,  
Ginny & Mel Bresee  
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Pervasive mansionization has taken place across our City. The bonuses in the original Baseline Mansionization Ordinance that were meant to promote better design while helping the environment resulted in nothing more than massive structures that tower over their neighbors to the detriment of established communities. For this reason, the Board of Directors of Comstock Hills Homeowners Association embraces the Koretz ICO **Model D** designed for Lower Council District 5. It is a reasonable fit for our neighborhood just north of Century City and will close the loopholes that have allowed these oversized structures to be built. I urge you to pass the proposed Interim Control Ordinance that will be in place for 24 months.

I also support Councilmember Koretz's efforts to achieve a simple, effective, and permanent citywide fix to this problem. I urge you to move forward on his sensible proposed amendments to the BMO with all possible speed and a fully transparent process.

Very truly yours,  
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 Second Vice President  
 Chair, Land Use and Planning Committee  
 Comstock Hills Homeowners Association

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## Fwd: Holmby Westwood's Board of Directors and residents urge you to support Item 14-0656

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Sharon Gin &lt;sharon.gin@lacity.org&gt;

Mon, Feb 23, 2015 at 3:00 PM

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Subject: Holmby Westwood's Board of Directors and residents urge you to support Item 14-0656

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Thank you.  
Valerie Cohen

Sharon Gin  
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Etta Armstrong <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>

## Fwd: Anti-Mansionization Interim Control Ordinance (No. 14-0656)-URGENT

1 message

**Sharon Gin** <sharon.gin@lacity.org>  
To: Etta Armstrong <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>

Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 3:01 PM

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From: **Joanne Martin** <Joanne.Martin@fox.com>

Date: Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 2:49 PM

Subject: Anti-Mansionization Interim Control Ordinance (No. 14-0656)-URGENT

To: "Sharon.Gin@lacity.org" <Sharon.Gin@lacity.org>

Cc: "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>. "shawn.bayliss@lacity.org" <shawn.bayliss@lacity.org>. "mayor.garcetti@lacity.org" <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>

Sharon Gin.

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Interim Control Ordinance which is on the February 24. 2015 agenda for the Planning and Land Use Meeting. I can tell you with 100% confidence that the vast majority of home owners in **LOWER CD 5** know nothing about this proposal. Those that are just finding out about it are furious.

**If this is passed, my husband will NO LONGER HAVE A JOB. He is 56 years old and I have no idea what he will do for work. We will not have money for my 2 kids to continue in college, we will lose our house because we will not be able to afford our mortgage.**

The financial impact this will have on our community will be devastating. Anyone working in or associated with the residential construction industry will find themselves unemployed or severely impacted. This will include Architects. Builders. Relators. Framing Crews. Plumbers. Electricians. Painters. Masons. Landscapers. Air Conditioning Companies. Roofers. Home Security. Not to mention the impact on all the product suppliers. Lumber Yards. Lighting Companies. Tile Stores. Cabinet stores. the list goes on and on. Anyone and everyone associated with construction will be hurt.

As a home owner I have invested a large amount of money to live in my neighborhood. No government has the right to tell me what size home is adequate for the needs of my family. If families cannot do what they want to their property they will be forced to move out of the area. Then we will be left with homes that are 80 to 100 years old. in failing condition. that nobody wants to purchase.

You must recognize a myriad of benefits which come from increasing the quality and value of residential housing as it affects the schools. roads. and other city services which directly benefit my quality of life.

**I have attended the local home owners meetings, the representatives are a joke. All but 2 where well over 70 years old, the did not want to hear anyone else's opinion on this issue. They definitely do not represent the cross section of young and middle aged families that are the abundant in this community.**



**I am hearing talk about a class action lawsuit, if this is passed.**

I would appreciate acknowledgement of this email from all of you. It is important that my voice is put on record.

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Sharon Gin  
City of Los Angeles  
Office of the City Clerk  
213.978.1074  
Sharon.Gin@lacity.org





Etta Armstrong &lt;etta.armstrong@lacity.org&gt;

**STOP MANSIONIZATION: Adopt Faircrest Heights ICO Amend BMO-council file 14-0656**

1 message

GPete10589@aol.com &lt;GPete10589@aol.com&gt;

Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 3:41 PM

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org. councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org. councilmember.englander@lacity.org. sharon.gin@lacity.org. Etta.Armstrong@lacity.org

Cc: councilmember.wesson@lacity.org. jordan.beroukhim@lacity.org. elizabeth.carlin@lacity.org. andrew.westall@lacity.org. john.darnell@lacity.org. paul.koretz@lacity.org. joan.pelico@lacity.org. shawn.bayliss@lacity.org. mayor.garcetti@lacity.org. yvonne.farrow@lacity.org. stopmansionization@yahoo.com

Re: Council File 14-0656

**Adopt the Faircrest Heights ICO, and Amend the BMO**

Dear members of the Planning &amp; Land Use Management Committee.

As you know, the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO) has failed miserably. Last May, Councilmember Koretz made a smart and sensible motion to amend the BMO, which would bring much-needed relief to constituents citywide, and would also relieve city agencies from the burdens associated with implementing and enforcing a patchwork of overlays.

We appreciate that City Planning has proposed Interim Control Ordinances (ICOs) for a handful of neighborhoods, but realize that a) ICOs are only temporary, and b) protection for a select few neighborhoods will only place bigger targets on unprotected areas.

I urge you to:

**1) Adopt the Faircrest Heights ICO (CD10) with an urgency clause.****2) Amend the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance ASAP.**

- Decrease the base floor area ratio for R-1 lots.
- Eliminate the pointless 'green' building bonus.
- Eliminate the attached garage exemption and count this square footage. Attached garages add 400 square feet of bloat and eliminate driveways that provide an essential buffer between lots.
- 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 neighbors' homes.

These changes could be discussed and adopted quickly, to protect our treasured neighborhoods from 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.

There is absolutely no legitimate reason that it should take 18 months to amend the BMO. Thousands of single family homes could be demolished - and hundreds of neighborhoods destroyed - during this timeframe.

I thank you in advance for expediting the adoption of the ICOs and the BMO amendments, to provide our great city with desperately-needed relief from the destructive impacts of mansionization.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Petersen

Faircrest Heights

Council District 10



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**PRESS PAUSE on Mansionization:  
Faircrest Heights Interim Control Ordinance (ICO)  
modeled on the Beverly Grove RFA**



**What the citywide Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO) currently allows**

*Figures below are based on a 6,000 square foot lot.*

- Base floor area ratio (FAR): 50% of lot size 3,000 sq ft
- 20% bonus for "green" building, articulated exterior walls, etc. 600 sq ft
- Attached garage not included in floor area calculation 400 sq ft
- Porches, patios, balconies, etc. not included in floor area calculation 250 sq ft
- Double-height entryways not included in floor area calculation 100 sq ft
- **Maximum total floor area (this example): more than 72% of lot size 4,350 sq ft**

**What an ICO based on the Beverly Grove RFA Formula would allow**

*Figures below are based on a 6,000 square foot lot.*

- Base floor area ratio (FAR): 42% of lot size 2,520 sq ft
- Bonus for detached garage: 6% of lot size 360 sq ft
- Additional 2% bonus for construction that incorporates a detached garage and meets one of the following conditions: 120 sq ft
  - Articulate exterior walls or
  - Make second floor 25% smaller than ground floor or
  - Reduce height to 20% below maximum allowed or
  - Make both side yard setbacks at least 2 feet wider than minimum required
- **Maximum total floor area (this example): 50% of lot size 3,000 sq ft**

**The Beverly Grove Model is sensible, smart, and successful.** As a temporary solution, an ICO modeled on the Beverly Grove RFA will allow reasonable development and stop mansionization. Without it, developers will build houses *almost 50% bigger*.

To sign our online petition, click [here](#).

To order a No More McMansions lawn sign (\$5): email [stopmansionization@yahoo.com](mailto:stopmansionization@yahoo.com)

For general info: see [www.NoMoreMcMansionsInLosAngeles.org](http://www.NoMoreMcMansionsInLosAngeles.org)



Etta Armstrong &lt;etta.armstrong@lacity.org&gt;

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**14-0656**

1 message

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**Sharon Gin** <sharon.gin@lacity.org>  
To: Etta Armstrong <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>

Tue. Feb 24. 2015 at 7:48 AM

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From: **Paula** <pshtum@sbcglobal.net>  
Date: Tue. Feb 24. 2015 at 12:12 AM  
Subject: Mansionization  
To: "Sharon.Gin@lacity.org" <Sharon.Gin@lacity.org>

Surely you can understand why we support Koretz's attempt fix the rules. For my husband and myself it's too late with a new home behind us that ruins our life in so many ways. We need mindfulness. Paula & Haim Shtrum  
1434 Comstock Ave. LA 90024  
Sent from my iPhone

Sharon Gin  
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Sharon.Gin@lacity.org





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**14-0656**

1 message

**Sharon Gin** <sharon.gin@lacity.org>  
To: Etta Armstrong <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>

Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 3:42 PM

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From: **Celine Bundy-Kahn** <cbundykahn@gmail.com>  
Date: Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 3:11 PM  
Subject: Opposed to Proposed Interim Control Ordinance  
To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

Dear Ms. Gin.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Interim Control Ordinance which is on the February 24. 2015 agenda for the Planning and Land Use Meeting. In particular, I am very troubled by the rapid expansion of the ordinance from 5 to 15 areas across in several parts of the city over a scant 3 month period of time without adequate time for public input or comments. While I realize that there are concerns regarding overbuilding in residential areas in some sections of the city, I also recognize a myriad of benefits which come from increasing the quality and value of residential housing as it affects the schools, roads, and other city services which directly benefit my quality of life. Such an important decision should only be considered after an appropriate period of public deliberation.

Sincerely,  
Celine Bundy-Kahn  
10330 La Grange Ave.  
LA. CA 90025

Celine Bundy-Kahn

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**14-0656**

1 message

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**Sharon Gin** <sharon.gin@lacity.org>

Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 3:43 PM

To: Etta Armstrong &lt;etta.armstrong@lacity.org&gt;

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From: **Eric Feinberg** <ejfeinberg@gmail.com>

Date: Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 3:30 PM

Subject: ICO for Carthay Square

To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

Hello. I sent a copy of this letter to our esteemed councilmembers...

Thank you so very much for considering - and hopefully passing - the ICO for Carthay Square.

I am SO PLEASED are pleased to see some protection for our awesome historic structures (My family lives in one of them at 1219 S. Point View St.). if only for a two year period. That said, an HPOZ designation is the ultimate protection we believe in.

I would humbly request this Committee encourage the Department of Planning to move forward with approving Carthay Square as a Los Angeles HPOZ. We need it!

THANK YOU!!

Eric Feinberg  
Carthay Square Resident  
1219 S. Point View St. 90035

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## Fwd: Holmby Westwood's Board of Directors and residents urge you to support Item 14-0656

1 message

Sharon Gin <sharon.gin@lacity.org>

Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 3:00 PM

To: Etta Armstrong <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>

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From: **Valerie Cohen** <valgcohen@me.com>

Date: Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 2:34 PM

Subject: Holmby Westwood's Board of Directors and residents urge you to support Item 14-0656

To: councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org. councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org. councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org. Councilmember.labonge@lacity.org. councilmember.parks@lacity.org. councilmember.bonin@lacity.org. councilmember.englander@lacity.org. erick.lopez@lacity.org. councilmember.koretz@lacity.org. councilmember.martinez@lacity.org. councilmember.fuentes@lacity.org. councilmember.price@lacity.org. councilmember.wesson@lacity.org. councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org. councilmember.huizar@lacity.org. councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org. michael.logrande@lacity.org. ken.bernstein@lacity.org. tom.rothmann@lacity.org. sharon.gin@lacity.org. "CC: shawn.bayliss"@lacity.org

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Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 3:43 PM

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To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

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Petitioning Councilman Paul Koretz, District 5 and Councilman Mike Bonin, District 11

This petition will be delivered to:

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**Constituent in Lower Council District 5**

Los Angeles, CA

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Supporters

Councilmen Paul Koretz and Mike Bonin are under the impression that most people want stricter limits on the size of new or remodeled homes because that is what is reported in newspapers and what a few vocal residents are pushing. Lower Council District 5, Kentwood, and Mar Vista/East Venice are family friendly neighborhoods comprised mostly of single-story, 1920's and 1930's homes. Residents wish to have the ability to expand these homes to suit their needs, while maintaining the charm of the neighborhood.

Over the past several months, the City of Los Angeles has been working to further restrict buildable area on residential lots, including removal of the density bonus. The City's Planning Department expects to have these new restrictions prepared within 18 months. However, now Councilmen Paul Koretz and Mike Bonin have introduced an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) that if adopted would immediately restrict construction on residential lots. Of particular concern is that the ICO would apply to most of the Westside including zip codes 90064, 90024, 90025, 90066, 90045, and 90291. This proposed ICO would not only remove the 20% bonus density so that homeowners would only be able to build up to 50% of the size of their lot but now mandatory covered parking, detached accessory buildings, porches, patios, and breezeways would count towards the livable residential floor area. By way of example, construction of a house on a typical lot size of 6,250 square feet would be limited to a maximum of 2,475 square feet of livable interior floor space since required covered parking, detached accessory buildings, porches, patios, and breezeways will count towards habitable living space. It should be further noted that this change in classification of covered parking, detached accessory buildings, porches, patios, and breezeways does not apply in many other areas and this ordinance is therefore creating much stricter restrictions in these zip codes than in many other neighborhoods to which it applies. In

short, this ordinance will deflate our property values compared to our neighboring communities and lower property values means less financial resources for our public school and for other City services.

If you oppose this ICO that would restrict your buildable area to what is really approximately 30% of your lot size and places stricter limits on your neighborhood than others, thereby deflating your property values, then I strongly urge you to sign this petition to voice your opposition to including zip codes 90064, 90024, 90025, 90066, 90045, and 90291 to this Interim Control Ordinance. Time is of the essence as the City plans to pass this ordinance in the next few days.

Thank you!

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Letter to

Petitioning Councilman Paul Koretz, District 5 and Councilman Mike Bonin, District 11

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**Beverlywood in ICO -- Help Restrict Mansionization**

1 message

**rmarilynlee@aol.com** <rmarilynlee@aol.com>

Mon, Feb 23, 2015 at 5:00 PM

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, "council member.cedillo"@lacity.org, "council member.english"@lacity.org

Cc: sharon.gin@lacity.org, etta.armstrong@lacity.org, michael.logrande@lacity.org, kevin.keller@lacity.org

Dear Honorable PLUM Council Members Huizar, Cedillo and Englander.

We are residents of CD5 and ask that you treat Beverlywood fairly in the Interim Control Ordinance on Mansionization. The ICO before you tomorrow does not do that for Beverlywood. We implore you to give us the same rights as other neighborhoods experiencing Mansionization.

Beverlywood is a planned Residential Park community of 1355 homes, the largest ungated Homeowners Association in California if not the nation. Begun in 1940, there are CC&Rs for density, curb setback and design review but a majority of the current Board of Directors -- elected by 15% of the homeowners -- is approving large homes not "compatible with the neighborhood" as required in the Bylaws.

We live in fear that the house next door will be sold and a large mass will arise. There are glaring examples of teardowns with oversized houses on undersized lots here and it has accelerated dramatically in the past three years. Beverlywood is the poster child of why a Time-out on Mansionization is needed while the Planning Department and you redraft the zoning laws.

Council File No. 14-0656 before your PLUM committee has a provision for Beverlywood that continues to allow 15% bonus square footage above the Base Mansionization Ordinance of 50%. That still allows 2/3 of a lot to be built on and Beverlywood will be targeted for even more teardowns during the next 2 years as other city areas are more protected.

Our Council Member Paul Koretz and staff have put a lot of time into anti-Mansionization issues citywide but the proposal for Beverlywood is the least restrictive of all in the ICO. Loud voices which represent a minority of residents say they want larger homes for larger families. We totally agree a family should have the home they want but do they need 6000 to 9000 sq ft.? If so, they need to buy bigger lots in a non-HOA area and not reduce their neighbors privacy, light and quality of life here.

We look to our city government to protect all citizens. Please include Beverlywood in a fair formula like ICO Proposal B for So. Hollywood, La Brea Hancock, Miracle Mile, etc. or Proposal G for Faircrest Heights.

Thank you for doing the right thing for all residents of L.A. under the ICO.

Marilyn Lee Schneider  
Harvey A. Schneider  
2124 Bagley Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90034



Etta Armstrong &lt;etta.armstrong@lacity.org&gt;

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**BEL AIR ALLIANCE PETITION**

1 message

**Bel Air Alliance** <info@bahoa.org>

Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 5:16 PM

To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

Dear Etta Armstrong.

Please see message below.

Regards

Bel Air Alliance Board Members

===== Forwarded message =====

From : &lt;info@bahoa.org&gt;

To : &lt;councilmember.huizar@lacity.org&gt;. &lt;tanner.blackman@lacity.org&gt;. &lt;councilmember.englander@lacity.org&gt;. &lt;hannah.lee@lacity.org&gt;. &lt;councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org&gt;. &lt;gerald.gubatan@lacity.org&gt;. &lt;paul.koretz@lacity.org&gt;. &lt;shawn.bayliss@lacity.org&gt;. "Jamie Meyer" &lt;info@bahoa.org&gt;

Cc : &lt;Sharon.Gin@lacity.org&gt;. "Dan Love(Dan)" &lt;dlove@bahoa.org&gt;. "Jamie Meyer" &lt;jmeyer@bahoa.org&gt;

Date : Mon. 23 Feb 2015 16:52:41 -0800

Subject : BEL AIR ALLIANCE PETITION

===== Forwarded message =====

Dear Council-members,

Re: Support Approving Interim Control Ordinances 181480 and 179883 as it applies to Bel Air

Ahead of tomorrows PLUM meeting. please find attached a petition (and petition comments) which was started today (Monday 23rd February) by the Bel Air Homeowners Alliance in support of approving interim control ordinances 181480 and 179883. The petition already has almost 100 resident supporters and is growing. The petition may also be viewed via the online link below:

<https://www.change.org/p/los-angeles-city-planning-and-land-use-management-committee-approve-interim-control-ordinances-181480-and-179883-as-it-applies-to-bel-air>

We looking forward to seeing you tomorrow at the PLUM meeting.

The Bel Air Homeowners Alliance Board of Directors

Dan Fisk. Chairman

Fred Rosen. President &amp; CEO

Marcia Hobbs. Board Member

Jamie Meyer. Secretary

Dan Love. Treasurer

info@bahoa.org

<http://www.bahoa.org/>

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City of Los Angeles Mail - BEL AIR ALLIANCE PETITION



**Bel Air Alliance Petition.pdf**

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Recipient: Los Angeles City Planning and Land Use Management Committee

Letter: Greetings,

Approve Interim Control Ordinances 181480 and 179883 as it applies to Bel Air.

# Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
daniel love	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	Too many trucks on street
Fredric Rosen	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I'm signing because we need to make the community safer. There are too many trucks in the hills. There has been too much dirt removed from the community already.
David Tausik	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	The wholesale gutting of hillsides is destroying our neighborhood and also poses huge dangers to safety.
Larry Kopald	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I am terrified about the danger these trucks pose for my child and others in Bel Air, as well as the noise and dirt pollution.
Claude Rush	LOS ANGELES, CA	2015-02-23	Bel-air has been taking over by developers who, so far, have had free reins and full approval from the city to turn a once peaceful neighborhood into an unsafe war zone by allowing construction of 20,000 square ft homes on postage stamps. It is detrimental to the environment, it is detrimental to my husband COPD, it is detrimental to our safety when trying to get home we nearly collide with hauling trucks zooming up and down those hills in blind curves. ENOUGH ALREADY! I beg you, pass this law
Callum James	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I'm signing because every time I walk my dog on Stone Canyon Road I'm fearful that I will get hit by a truck carrying 20 tons of dirt from the narrow Bel Air hills. I know where I'd like to dump it... 100 Bel Air Road.
Susan Rich	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	Our neighborhood has become unsafe because of the huge numbers of hauling trucks; at times convoys of 8 to 10 trucks. It is unsafe for us and our two teenagers to drive, and it is unsafe for us to walk out two dogs. The truck noise and dirt is also a big problem.
Stef Hershman	Antwerpen, Belgium	2015-02-23	We need to put an end to the destruction and disregard for safety in our neighborhood.
Helen Erickson	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	The destruction of all this land & neighborhoods must be stopped. Thank you.
Jamie Meyer	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	Our community is in serious imminent danger and this ordinance is needed immediately
Katherine Arnold	Seattle, WA	2015-02-23	I am overwhelmed every time I come to visit by the dangerous conditions created by the big trucks going up and down the hills.
Steven Ganzberg	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I'm signing because i fully support adoption of the interim hauling measures
Chantal Burnison	Beverly Hills, CA	2015-02-23	Urgent thatvthusbgets resolved per petition asap!
Hayward D. Fisk	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	Excessive trucking and lack of consideration of cumulative impacts without EIR's jeopardizes the safety and peaceful property enjoyment of taxpaying residents in our Bel Air community
Cheryce Fischer	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I'm signing because of all the detrimental effects this is causing on our community.
Mindy Applebaum	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	the excavation is destroying the natural geography of my neighborhood, making it unsafe to drive due to oversized vehicles on tiny narrow roads and foreseeable risk of injury to individuals living in the area.
Diane Fisk	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	Bel Air is being destroyed by speculation developers cutting off mountain tops, excavating and exporting too much dirt. Please pass the ICO to put a limit on the amount of dirt being removed from the Bel Air hillsides.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Maureen Levinson	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I am signing in support of this ICO measure as it is a small step in the right direction to protect our community from the thousands and thousands of hauling trucks on our narrow, windy, steep and multiple blind-curved Bel Air roads.
Sharon Dunas	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	The proposed plan by speculation developer Dean Hallo to take out a mountain at the end of Somma Way in Bel Air is unsafe . Somma Way is 132 inches wide and Mr Hallo has proposed to take out 7700 truckloads of dirt before he starts building a 40 sq ft home at the end of the street. He is planning on putting in commercial pilings for such a massive home on this country lane. His proposal is unsafe for our small street. Sharon Dunas resident on Somma Way
Sharon Dunas	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	Correction: The proposed home being built by speculative developer Dean Hallo is 40,000 sq feet (not 40) at the end of Somma Way. Correction to my previous message. Sharon Dunas
Diane Raikin	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	It is fringing on my beautiful neighborhood. Stop the Madness. Over growth with no mind for aesthetics and the natural landscaping .
David Oppenheim	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	The large trucks used to haul away all the dirt and the myriad cement trucks bringing in the cement are a danger to the current traffic. Parking near these large constructions also is a real nuisance.
erika brunson	los angeles, CA	2015-02-23	enough is enough
Jaye Rogovin	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	Our lives do not feel safe; our streets do not feel safe. Someone with authority needs to step in to protect us.
Noa Kopald	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I am nine years old and live here and I am scared I will be hurt.
michael fischer	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	the destruction of our hillsides and subsequent endangerment must end
Richard Rush	LOS ANGELES, CA	2015-02-23	For the sake of peace and beauty some restraints should be put on over building.
Maari Herscu	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I am directly impacted and believe the developers have had no restrictions to abide by.
sheldon sroloff	los angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I'm concerned about the over-development and attendant safety hazards being caused.
Allan Rudnick	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-24	This Ordinance is very important to the well-being of the residents of Bel-Air.
Paige Schechtman	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-24	I am signing because I work on Somma Way and am concerned with the safety of everyone on Somma, Stone Canyon and all of Bel Air. This street is not built to have this many trucks hauling dirt on it. I have measured the width of the street at different points, it is a narrow street and there are others that live and work on it. This must be stopped!

Recipient: Los Angeles City Planning and Land Use Management Committee

Letter: Greetings,

Approve Interim Control Ordinances 181480 and 179883 as it applies to Bel Air.

# Signatures

Name	Location	Date
Daniel Love	, United States	2015-02-23
alexandra dwek	Granada Hills, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Renvy Pittman	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
April Tausik	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Jerome Moss	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Lori Barth	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
David Mossler	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
daniel love	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Fredric Rosen	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
karen goldsmith	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
eric eisner	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Laraine Gerber	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Phill Mills	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
robertson carl	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
David Tausik	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Larry Kopald	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Dennis Kim	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Louella Kanew	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
barry hirsch	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
robertson susan	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Claude Rush	LOS ANGELES, CA, United States	2015-02-23
peter neuwirth	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Callum James	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Julie and Frank Dufour	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Susan Rich	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Darren Star	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Bernadette Schurz	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Stef Hershman	Antwerpen, Belgium	2015-02-23
HELEN ERICKSON	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Jamie Meyer	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23

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Paulette Bartlett	Lizella, GA, United States	2015-02-23
Marvin Smalley	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Katherine Arnold	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-02-23
Jill Chozen	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Steven Ganzberg	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
fred sutherland	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Chantal Burnison	Beverly Hills, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Philip Sternberg	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Hayward D. Fisk	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Simon Lythgoe	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
gail sroloff	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
lisa eisner	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Marcia Morrissey	Santa Monica, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Cheryce Fischer	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
MIndy Applebaum	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Diane Fisk	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
david finkelman	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Samuel Poon	Santa Monica, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Karen Myers	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Maureen Levinson	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Marian Pesaran	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Torsdon Poon	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Sharon Dunas Dunas	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Sharon Ryan	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Thibault Stracke	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Mark Kelson	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Marvin Derezin	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
paula rudnick	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Rosalie Brooks	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Helen Zukin	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
James Zukin	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Diane Raiskin	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23

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jerry sanders	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
David Oppenheim	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
erika brunson	West Hollywood, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Katherine Park	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Jaye Rogovin	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Irina Aptor	Лос-Анджелес, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Noa Kopald	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
michael fischer	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Richard Rush	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Kirk Stambler	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Victor Marmon	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Laurent Degryse	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Monica Kelson	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Howard Ruby	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Yvette Ruby	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Catherine Chambers	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Beatriz Horacek	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Maari Herscu	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
sondra smalley	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Bill Reich	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Julia Hasegawa	Los Angeles, California, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Jennifer Prag	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
sheldon sroloff	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Blaine Lourd	Los Angeles, CA, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Susan Bay Nimoy	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
felicia ferrari	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23





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**Beverlywood in ICO -- Help Restrict Mansionization**

1 message

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**rmarilynlee@aol.com** <rmarilynlee@aol.com>

Mon, Feb 23, 2015 at 5:00 PM

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, "council member.cedillo"@lacity.org, "council member.english"@lacity.org

Cc: sharon.gin@lacity.org, etta.armstrong@lacity.org, michael.logrande@lacity.org, kevin.keller@lacity.org

Dear Honorable PLUM Council Members Huizar, Cedillo and Englander.

We are residents of CD5 and ask that you treat Beverlywood fairly in the Interim Control Ordinance on Mansionization. The ICO before you tomorrow does not do that for Beverlywood. We implore you to give us the same rights as other neighborhoods experiencing Mansionization.

Beverlywood is a planned Residential Park community of 1355 homes, the largest ungated Homeowners Association in California if not the nation. Begun in 1940, there are CC&Rs for density, curb setback and design review but a majority of the current Board of Directors – elected by 15% of the homeowners – is approving large homes not "compatible with the neighborhood" as required in the Bylaws.

We live in fear that the house next door will be sold and a large mass will arise. There are glaring examples of teardowns with oversized houses on undersized lots here and it has accelerated dramatically in the past three years. Beverlywood is the poster child of why a Time-out on Mansionization is needed while the Planning Department and you redraft the zoning laws.

Council File No. 14-0656 before your PLUM committee has a provision for Beverlywood that continues to allow 15% bonus square footage above the Base Mansionization Ordinance of 50%. That still allows 2/3 of a lot to be built on and Beverlywood will be targeted for even more teardowns during the next 2 years as other city areas are more protected.

Our Council Member Paul Koretz and staff have put a lot of time into anti-Mansionization issues citywide but the proposal for Beverlywood is the least restrictive of all in the ICO. Loud voices which represent a minority of residents say they want larger homes for larger families. We totally agree a family should have the home they want but do they need 6000 to 9000 sq ft.? If so, they need to buy bigger lots in a non-HOA area and not reduce their neighbors privacy, light and quality of life here.

We look to our city government to protect all citizens. Please include Beverlywood in a fair formula like ICO Proposal B for So. Hollywood, La Brea Hancock, Miracle Mile, etc. or Proposal G for Faircrest Heights.

Thank you for doing the right thing for all residents of L.A. under the ICO.

Marilyn Lee Schneider  
Harvey A. Schneider  
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## Adopt the Faircrest Heights ICO, and Amend the BMO - Council File 14-0656

1 message

neighborsunited2@aol.com &lt;neighborsunited2@aol.com&gt;

Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 6:09 PM

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org. councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org. councilmember.englander@lacity.org. sharon.gin@lacity.org. Etta.Armstrong@lacity.org

Cc: councilmember.wesson@lacity.org. jordan.beroukhim@lacity.org. elizabeth.carlin@lacity.org. andrew.westall@lacity.org. john.darnell@lacity.org. paul.koretz@lacity.org. joan.pelico@lacity.org. shawn.bayliss@lacity.org. mayor.garcetti@lacity.org. yvonne.farrow@lacity.org. stopmansionization@yahoo.com

Dear members of the Planning & Land Use Management Committee,

As you know, the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO) has failed miserably. Last May, Councilmember Koretz made a smart and sensible motion to amend the BMO, which would bring much-needed relief to constituents citywide, and would also relieve city agencies from the burdens associated with implementing and enforcing a patchwork of overlays.

We appreciate that City Planning has proposed Interim Control Ordinances (ICOs) for a handful of neighborhoods, but realize that a) ICOs are only temporary, and b) protection for a select few neighborhoods will only place bigger targets on unprotected areas.

I urge you to:

- 1) **Adopt the Faircrest Heights ICO (CD10) with an urgency clause.**
- 2) **Amend the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance ASAP.**
  - Decrease the base floor area ratio for R-1 lots.
  - Eliminate the pointless 'green' building bonus.
  - Eliminate the attached garage exemption and count this square footage. Attached garages add 400 square feet of bloat and eliminate driveways that provide an essential buffer between lots.
  - 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 neighbors' homes.

These changes could be discussed and adopted quickly, to protect our treasured neighborhoods from 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.

There is absolutely no legitimate reason that it should take 18 months to amend the BMO. Thousands of single family homes could be demolished - and hundreds of neighborhoods destroyed - during this timeframe.

I thank you in advance for expediting the adoption of the ICOs and the BMO amendments, to provide our great city with desperately-needed relief from the destructive impacts of mansionization.

Sincerely,

*N. Sue Beidleman*  
Faircrest Heights



Etta Armstrong &lt;etta.armstrong@lacity.org&gt;

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## We want answers as confusion reigns in many of the 15 neighborhoods selected to get ICO's

1 message

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Jim <jamesos@aol.com>

Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 10:33 PM

To: sharon.gin@lacity.org. etta.armstrong@lacity.org

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Dear PLUM Members

Do we, the members of the communities slated to get ICOs, have a vote in this process? It seems to some of us that we don't. The Miracle Mile Residential Association, having requested the Beverly Grove RFA for our community, is adamantly opposed to the 120% model that we have been stuck with in the Draft ICO. No one appears able to explain to us why we were put into the "120%" category and not included with Faircrest Height, whose ICO specifically provides Beverly Grove RFA protections we have been fighting for.

All we've been told is that somebody dropped the ball and the City Attorney or the Planning Department say that no changes can be made now — and if we push to have our ICO category changed to Faircrest Height's the entire ICO ordinance will fail. This is beyond arbitrary and capricious. it is completely draconian.

Frankly, since the ICO is exempt from CEQA, we are completely stumped why such a simple change can not be made? We intend to raise this issue at the hearing tomorrow and challenge the ICO category the Miracle Mile was placed in. We are hoping you will ask the City Attorney and the Planning Department to explain how communities were categorized for various levels of ICO protection and what we need to do to receive what we believe will best protect our neighborhood.

Sincerely

James O'Sullivan  
President, Miracle Mile Residential Association  
213-840-0246 - cell



Subject: Council File 14-0656

Dear Los Angeles Planning and Land Use Management Committee,

As a resident in Beverlywood (Council District 5-residential area #8 per Interim Ordinance), I support the passage of the temporary regulations limiting the size of new single-family dwellings in my residential neighborhood. These oversized new single-family homes are destroying the healthy environment of our communities by denuding them of character, privacy and lush landscaping. Recent research points out the need to maintain green space for mental health; stress relief; and encouraging children to play outside & not succumb to obesity.

As a residential architect, I may lose work. Yet as a native Angeleno I welcome this City ordinance to support a greater vision to maintain Los Angeles' unique neighborhoods between downtown and the beach. We live in a region with year round sunshine. Natural sunlight with a seamless connection between the home interior and landscaped exterior creates livable homes. It requires less construction, with more open areas for outside relaxation and places for children to have the freedom to explore within the safety of their home and neighborhood. Providing a more sustainable and healthier life style for all.

The ICO the City has developed to protect neighborhoods from mansionization is a good start for immediate needs. Halting the immediate destruction of existing single-family homes and mature landscaping from quickly evaporating. The City will need better methods to analyze size, mass, landscaping and character of existing neighborhoods to restructure LA Zoning codes. Customizing codes to be more sensitive to the quality of life of Angelenos enjoy and are envied throughout the world. The ICO is a short-term fix for a long-term problem. These blown up mansions developers impose wherever they find the opportunity is destroying Los Angeles's single-family residential neighborhoods and affecting the economic reality of average Angelenos to live near jobs and family.

Nine months ago, Councilmember Koretz proposed a simple, effective, and permanent citywide fix to the problem. The city must move forward on his sensible proposed amendments to the BMO with all possible speed and a fully transparent process. Please vote to implement Council File #14-0656 immediately.

Thank you,  
Ellen Lanet  
2413 Guthrie Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90034



Etta Armstrong &lt;etta.armstrong@lacity.org&gt;

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**14-0656**

1 message

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**Sharon Gin** <sharon.gin@lacity.org>

Tue. Feb 24. 2015 at 7:40 AM

To: Etta Armstrong &lt;etta.armstrong@lacity.org&gt;

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From: **tom martin** <thomas.martin@roadrunner.com>

Date: Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 4:01 PM

Subject: Item #2 PLUM meeting 2/24/15

To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

Sharon enclosed please find my letter in opposition to ICO file #14-0656. I would like this recorded for the public record.

Thomas Martin

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Thomas Martin  
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Los Angeles, CA 90064

February 4, 2015

Dear Councilman

I am writing to you today to voice my opposition, to the upcoming vote before the City Council, regarding the changes to the BMO you are proposing, that will encompass all of cd5.

In 1995, my now wife and I got married, I took out all the money I had in my 401k, \$32,000, and we bought our house on Keswick Ave. It was a two bedroom one bath house of no particular style built in 1927. The following our son was born. Fast forward four years to the birth of our daughter. The little two bedroom one bath house was no longer suitable for our family.

In 2003 we undertook the remodel and expansion of our house. Myself an architect, and my wife an interior designer, designed and built our four bedroom, three bathroom dream in the Spanish/Mediterranean style.

In 2006, after tiring of putting all my knowledge and experience to work for such companies as Westfield, 17 years, Alexander Haagen Company, four years, Macerich, three years, I decided to strike out on my own. I started by designing a house for my tract association board member Mike Eveoloff, on Dunkirk Avenue. From there I designed and built a home on my street Keswick Avenue. My wife and I applied for and received a loan to purchase and build this project. Within seven days the house sold to a couple in the neighborhood, an artist and her husband, who are avid supports of the arts in our community. The house's interior was conceived as a gallery space and was ideal for their rotating art collection.

Shortly after that in 2007, our country went into the worse economic down turn since the great depression. The loan was repaid in full and I guess we were the only one to do so because the bank was forced closed its doors when the economy crashed. For a few years I was unable, as were most people in the country, to find work. So in 2009 I reinvented myself, studied for and got my contractors license. I began to get work from people in my neighborhood helping them to build equity by increasing the value of their property through remodeling and expansion.

In 2005 the median price of a house in my neighborhood, that which surrounds Westwood Charter School, was \$1,162,500. In 2009 the median price dipped to \$960,000 and for the next two years fluctuated when it a low in 2011 at \$949,050. The median home price began to rise and increase to \$1,409,500 in 2014. This was a 20% increase from 2013.

As a small business, and this is no different for other small businesses, it is rough to rely on a steady income stream as my income fluctuates throughout the years. The equity my wife and I have built into our home needs to sustain us into our golden years, as it does I'm sure, for all of the older generation living in our neighborhood.

The changes you are proposing will only serve to drive away business from our neighborhood and thus adversely affect the equity in our property. The city will lose sales tax revenues and property tax revenues.

This is why I strongly urge you to reconsider the consequences for your proposal. As a concerned resident I want to have tract 7260 removed from the ICO. The neighboring tract and home owner association do not speak for tract 7260 and your office is misinformed if it thinks they do.

In closing as a member of tract 7260, I want tract 7260 to be removed from the ICO or at the very least be included in the concessions afford the Beverly Wood area.

Respectfully,

Thomas Martin



Etta Armstrong &lt;etta.armstrong@lacity.org&gt;

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**Sharon Gin** <sharon.gin@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 24, 2015 at 7:42 AM

To: Etta Armstrong &lt;etta.armstrong@lacity.org&gt;

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From: **Jamie Meyer** <info@bahoa.org>

Date: Mon, Feb 23, 2015 at 4:52 PM

Subject: BEL AIR ALLIANCE PETITION

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Cc: Sharon.Gin@lacity.org, "Dan Love(Dan)" &lt;dlove@bahoa.org&gt;, Jamie Meyer &lt;jmeyer@bahoa.org&gt;

Dear Council-members,

Re: Support Approving Interim Control Ordinances 181480 and 179883 as it applies to Bel Air

Ahead of tomorrow's PLUM meeting, please find attached a petition (and petition comments) which was started today (Monday 23rd February) by the Bel Air Homeowners Alliance in support of approving interim control ordinances 181480 and 179883. The petition already has almost 100 resident supporters and is growing. The petition may also be viewed via the online link below:

<https://www.change.org/p/los-angeles-city-planning-and-land-use-management-committee-approve-interim-control-ordinances-181480-and-179883-as-it-applies-to-bel-air>

We looking forward to seeing you tomorrow at the PLUM meeting.

The Bel Air Homeowners Alliance Board of Directors

Dan Fisk, Chairman  
Fred Rosen, President & CEO  
Marcia Hobbs, Board Member  
Jamie Meyer, Secretary  
Dan Love, Treasurer

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**2 attachments**

 **Bel Air Alliance Petition Comments.pdf**  
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 **Bel Air Alliance Petition.pdf**  
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Recipient: Los Angeles City Planning and Land Use Management Committee

Letter: Greetings,

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Claude Rush	LOS ANGELES, CA	2015-02-23	Bel-air has been taking over by developers who, so far, have had free reins and full approval from the city to turn a once peaceful neighborhood into an unsafe war zone by allowing construction of 20,000 square ft homes on postage stamps. It is detrimental to the environment, it is detrimental to my husband COPD, it is detrimental to our safety when trying to get home we nearly collide with hauling trucks zooming up and down those hills in blind curves. ENOUGH ALREADY! I beg you, pass this law
Callum James	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I'm signing because every time I walk my dog on Stone Canyon Road I'm fearful that I will get hit by a truck carrying 20 tons of dirt from the narrow Bel Air hills. I know where I'd like to dump it... 100 Bel Air Road.
Susan Rich	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	Our neighborhood has become unsafe because of the huge numbers of hauling trucks; at times convoys of 8 to 10 trucks. It is unsafe for us and our two teenagers to drive, and it is unsafe for us to walk out two dogs. The truck noise and dirt is also a big problem.
Stef Hershman	Antwerpen, Belgium	2015-02-23	We need to put an end to the destruction and disregard for safety in our neighborhood.
Helen Erickson	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	The destruction of all this land & neighborhoods must be stopped. Thank you.
Jamie Meyer	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	Our community is in serious imminent danger and this ordinance is needed immediately
Katherine Arnold	Seattle, WA	2015-02-23	I am overwhelmed every time I come to visit by the dangerous conditions created by the big trucks going up and down the hills.
Steven Ganzberg	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I'm signing because i fully support adoption of the interim hauling measures
Chantal Burnison	Beverly Hills, CA	2015-02-23	Urgent thatvthusbgets resolved per petition asap!
Hayward D. Fisk	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	Excessive trucking and lack of consideration of cumulative impacts without EIR's jeopardizes the safety and peaceful property enjoyment of taxpaying residents in our Bel Air community
Cheryce Fischer	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I'm signing because of all the detrimental effects this is causing on our community.
Mindy Applebaum	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	the excavation is destroying the natural geography of my neighborhood, making it unsafe to drive due to oversized vehicles on tiny narrow roads and foreseeable risk of injury to individuals living in the area.
Diane Fisk	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	Bel Air is being destroyed by speculation developers cutting off mountain tops, excavating and exporting too much dirt. Please pass the ICO to put a limit on the amount of dirt being removed from the Bel Air hillsides.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Maureen Levinson	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I am signing in support of this ICO measure as it is a small step in the right direction to protect our community from the thousands and thousands of hauling trucks on our narrow, windy, steep and multiple blind-curved Bel Air roads.
Sharon Dunas	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	The proposed plan by speculation developer Dean Hallo to take out a mountain at the end of Somma Way in Bel Air is unsafe . Somma Way is 132 inches wide and Mr Hallo has proposed to take out 7700 truckloads of dirt before he starts building a 40 sq ft home at the end of the street. He is planning on putting in commercial pilings for such a massive home on this country lane. His proposal is unsafe for our small street. Sharon Dunas resident on Somma Way
Sharon Dunas	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	Correction: The proposed home being built by speculative developer Dean Hallo is 40,000 sq feet (not 40) at the end of Somma Way. Correction to my previous message. Sharon Dunas
Diane Raiskin	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	It is fringing on my beautiful neighborhood. Stop the Madness. Over growth with no mind for aesthetics and the natural landscaping .
David Oppenheim	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	The large trucks used to haul away all the dirt and the myriad cement trucks bringing in the cement are a danger to the current traffic. Parking near these large constructions also is a real nuisance.
erika brunson	los angeles, CA	2015-02-23	enough is enough
Jaye Rogovin	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	Our lives do not feel safe; our streets do not feel safe. Someone with authority needs to step in to protect us.
Noa Kopald	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I am nine years old and live here and I am scared I will be hurt.
michael fischer	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	the destruction of our hillsides and subsequent endangerment must end
Richard Rush	LOS ANGELES, CA	2015-02-23	For the sake of peace and beauty some restraints should be put on over building.
Maari Herscu	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I am directly impacted and believe the developers have had no restrictions to abide by.
sheldon sroloff	los angeles, CA	2015-02-23	I'm concerned about the over-development and attendant safety hazards being caused.
Allan Rudnick	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-24	This Ordinance is very important to the well-being of the residents of Bel-Air.
Paige Schechtman	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-24	I am signing because I work on Somma Way and am concerned with the safety of everyone on Somma, Stone Canyon and all of Bel Air. This street is not built to have this many trucks hauling dirt on it. I have measured the width of the street at different points, it is a narrow street and there are others that live and work on it. This must be stopped!



Recipient: Los Angeles City Planning and Land Use Management Committee

Letter: Greetings,

Approve Interim Control Ordinances 181480 and 179883 as it applies to Bel Air.

# Signatures

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Daniel Love	, United States	2015-02-23
alexandra dwek	Granada Hills, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Renvy Pittman	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
April Tausik	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Jerome Moss	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Lori Barth	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
David Mossler	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
daniel love	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Fredric Rosen	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
karen goldsmith	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
eric eisner	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Laraine Gerber	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Phill Mills	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
robertson carl	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
David Tausik	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Larry Kopald	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Dennis Kim	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Louella Kanew	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
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Callum James	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Julie and Frank Dufour	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Susan Rich	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Darren Star	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Bernadette Schurz	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Stef Hershman	Antwerpen, Belgium	2015-02-23
HELEN ERICKSON	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Jamie Meyer	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23

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Katherine Arnold	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-02-23
Jill Chozen	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
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MIndy Applebaum	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
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david finkelman	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Samuel Poon	Santa Monica, CA, United States	2015-02-23
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Sharon Dunas Dunas	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
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paula rudnick	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
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erika brunson	West Hollywood, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Katherine Park	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Jaye Rogovin	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Irina Aptor	Лос-Анджелес, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Noa Kopald	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
michael fischer	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Richard Rush	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Kirk Stambler	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Victor Marmon	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Laurent Degryse	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
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Maari Herscu	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
sondra smalley	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Bill Reich	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Julia Hasegawa	Los Angeles, California, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Jennifer Prag	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
sheldon sroloff	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-02-23
Blaine Lourd	Los Angeles, CA, CA, United States	2015-02-23
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## Fwd: OPPOSITION OF ICO FOR BEL-AIR: PLUM Item Number#2 / Council File#14-0656

1 message

Sharon Gin <sharon.gin@lacity.org>  
To: Etta Armstrong <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 24, 2015 at 7:44 AM

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From: **Christopher Hameetman** <chrish@carealty.net>  
Date: Mon, Feb 23, 2015 at 5:35 PM  
Subject: Fwd: OPPOSITION OF ICO FOR BEL-AIR: PLUM Item Number#2 / Council File#14-0656  
To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

Sharon -

A large number of Bel-Air Residents have emailed in their **opposition to the ICO as it applies to Bel-Air**, but they were given the below high-lit email addresses that do not include your own. I am emailing you as I just saw that all the "communications from the public" posted on the Council File Management System were addressed to you. Please be advised to request / collect all such emails sent to the below PLUM Committee Members to be included in the "communications from the public" file on this matter. Thank you for your assistance and have a wonderful afternoon.

-Christopher Hameetman

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From: **Christopher Hameetman**  
Date: Sat, Feb 21, 2015 at 6:28 PM  
Subject: OPPOSITION OF ICO FOR BEL-AIR: PLUM Item Number#2 / Council File#14-0656  
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, tanner.blackman@lacity.org, councilmember.englander@lacity.org, hannah.lee@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, gerald.gubatan@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, shawn.bayliss@lacity.org

Ref: **OPPOSITION TO Item Number#2 / Council File#14-0656**

**February 24, 2015 PLUM Committee Hearing**  
**Ordinances: 181480; 179883 ("ICO")**  
**City Attorney Report: R15-0033; R15-0041**

Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

As a Bel-Air Resident and active community member for the past fifteen (15) years. I acknowledge the critical need for increased oversight and safety regulations to address our construction traffic problems. however. **I urge the PLUM Committee to REJECT the ICO as it applies to Bel-Air, as not only does the Ordinance completely fail to address the actual problems facing our community, but even worse, it will destroy the very essence of Bel-Air that we have been cultivating for the past 75 years.**

Bel-Air has a special place in Los Angeles. as our community's character is very much defined by large luxurious estates and architecturally significant homes. And our special character is recognized around the world. as Los Angeles is internationally ranked as the 4th most important residential city by global industry leaders (only trailing behind New York. London & Hong Kong.) **In order for Los Angeles to maintain itself as a**

**WORLD CLASS CITY, we can not let our few "estate" neighborhoods such as Bel~Air be turned into *just another suburb.***

Los Angeles benefits directly from all the jobs and property taxes created by these large residential development projects. and without communities like Bel~Air. Los Angeles would no longer be as attractive to the leaders of internationally significant companies and industries.

In addition. the ICO has been described as fixing a "loophole" in the Baseline Hillside Ordinance. yet nothing could be further from the truth. For Bel~Air. the foundation grading exemption the ICO attacks was a key term in the original BHO that made it acceptable to our community. and to now call it a "loophole" is both inappropriate and disingenuous. To name just a few benefits of the foundation exemption. it allows for Bel~Air properties to build subterranean garages. opening up more parking along our narrow streets. and such exemption helps motivate developers to build one large. magnificent estate versus chopping large lots into. for example. ten smaller homes.

Allowing for such aspirational development is what makes Bel~Air. Bel~Air.

There are a few of very vocal and powerful individuals in our community that would like **all** large construction projects STOPPED. *which is exactly what this Trojan Horse / ICO Ordinance will accomplish.* However. you must listen to the representatives for our entire community. the Bel~Air Association, who have since 1942 **maintained Bel~Air as a world class community and advocated for all Bel~Air residents'** in balancing property rights with safety and quality of life concerns.

**Once again, and with a well studied understanding of the issues facing our community, I strongly object to the ICO and ask that the PLUM committee reject the ICO as it applies to Bel~Air.**

But make no mistake. there is a huge problem with the current state of construction in Bel~Air. yet as set forth above. it is not as simple as demonizing estate development. I ask that our City Council's Office work with the Bel~Air Association to rightly focus attention on Bel~Air's real issues of **project and construction vehicle safety, coordination and oversight and infrastructure maintenance.**

Sincerely.

Christopher S. Hameetman, Bel~Air Resident

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**14-0656**

1 message

**Sharon Gin** <sharon.gin@lacity.org>

Tue. Feb 24. 2015 at 7:45 AM

To: Etta Armstrong &lt;etta.armstrong@lacity.org&gt;

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From: **Risaokin** <risaokin@aol.com>

Date: Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 5:43 PM

Subject: Interim Control Ordinance

To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

Dear Ms. Gin.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Interim Control Ordinance which is on the February 24, 2015 agenda for the Planning and Land Use Meeting. In particular, I am very troubled by the rapid expansion of the ordinance from 5 to 15 areas across in many parts of the city over a scant 3 month period of time without adequate time for public input or comments. While I realize that there are concerns regarding overbuilding in residential areas in some sections of the city. I also recognize a myriad of benefits which come from increasing the quality and value of residential housing as it affects the schools, roads, and other city services which directly benefit my quality of life. Such an important decision should only be considered after an appropriate period of public deliberation.

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**Sharon Gin** <sharon.gin@lacity.org>  
To: Etta Armstrong <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>

Tue. Feb 24. 2015 at 7:46 AM

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From: **ilyse bronte** <ilysebronte@gmail.com>  
Date: Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 9:22 PM  
Subject: Interim Control Ordinance  
To: Sharon.Gin@lacity.org

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Sincerely,  
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From: **Darren Swimmer** <darren@motionfiction.com>

Date: Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 10:21 PM

Subject: PLUM COMMITTEE File # 14-0656

To: Sharon.Gin@lacity.org

My Name is Darren Swimmer, of 2340 Glendon Avenue, 90064, in Rancho Park, and I am writing in support of the Interim Control Ordinance being proposed to help combat outsized homes that are taking advantage of loopholes in current ordinances. Reasonable building and expansion of property is no problem, but all of the square footage must be taken into account. Property owners should be accountable for the overall dimensions and size of their home, whether or not a garage is front facing or not. Thank you.

Darren Swimmer

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Tue. Feb 24, 2015 at 7:47 AM

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From: **Douglas Evans** <dougasevans75@hotmail.com>  
Date: Mon. Feb 23, 2015 at 10:26 PM  
Subject: Please support ICO and HPOZ Protection!  
To: "councilmember.huizar@lacity.org" <councilmember.huizar@lacity.org>  
Cc: "sharon.gin@lacity.org" <sharon.gin@lacity.org>

**Dear Mr. Huizar,**

**As a 14-year resident and owner of three restored Spanish Duplexes in Carthay Square, I want you to know about my strong support and request for your support for the ICO Measures and HPOZ protection. We appreciate the short-term measures being taken and need your continued support.**

**I am requesting that you and the City Planning and Land Use Committee encourage the Department of Planning to move forward without delay to process the pending HPOZ applications.**

**Thank you again for your support, and please feel free to contact me anytime.**

**Douglas Evans**  
**310-801-9574**  
**1169 S. Hayworth Ave**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90035**

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From: **Pamela Singer** <ldyhkw3@sbcglobal.net>  
Date: Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 10:40 PM  
Subject: Opposed to the proposed Interim Control Ordinance  
To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

Good Morning Ms Gin.

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Such an important decision should only be considered after an appropriate period of public deliberation.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Pamela Singer

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**Miracle Mile Written testimony for Feb. 24, 2015, PLUM meeting on CF 14-0656 (Mansionization)**

1 message

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**Jim** <jamesos@aol.com>

Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 1:59 PM

To: sharon.gin@lacity.org. etta.armstrong@lacity.org

Cc: tom.rothmann@lacity.org. Ken.Bernstein@lacity.org. erick.lopez@lacity.org. councilmember.huizar@lacity.org. councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org. councilmember.english@lacity.org

Dear PLUM Members

The Board of the Miracle Mile Residential Association voted (September 2014) and requested the same RFA as the Beverly Grove neighborhood received (Ordinance 1827545). We sent a letter (attached) to Councilman LaBonge requesting the same. Somehow our specific request must have gotten lost so we are asking that the change be made tomorrow at the PLUM hearing. where we will be in attendance. We need this as an urgent stopgap measure to protect the Miracle Mile from mansionization while we pursue HPOZ status. We have noticed that Category G. Faircrest Heights seems to mirror our request.

Councilman LaBonge has nominated the Miracle Mile for a HPOZ and we are moving forward with a contract to make that a reality. We are acutely aware of the constraints Planning is operating under and feel strongly that the only protection this historic neighborhood will have in the immediate future will be the ICO we are requesting.

Thank You

James O'Sullivan

President. Miracle Mile Residential Association

213-840-0246

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## Fwd: support Item 14-0656 on PLUM Committee's Feb. 25, 2015 Agenda

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Tue, Feb 24, 2015 at 7:47 AM

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From: <jldfree@aol.com>

Date: Mon, Feb 23, 2015 at 10:50 PM

Subject: support Item 14-0656 on PLUM Committee's Feb. 25, 2015 Agenda

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Dear Planning and Land Use Management Committee Members, Los Angeles City Councilmembers, and Planning Department Officials;

The residents of Holmby Westwood have worked tirelessly for the past 7 years to establish a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone in our community, thereby preserving our historic identity and our property values. In the meantime, we have seen the loss of many gracious homes replaced by huge boxlike structures which tower over their 2 story neighbors and which stick out like "sore thumbs". The motion (Item 14-0656) to be heard by PLUM (allowing a moratorium on demolition and new construction in 5 proposed HPOZs including Holmby Westwood) on Tuesday, February 25th is the first ray of hope that we will be able to reach our goal - design review of all new construction, exterior additions and remodels as seen from the street. Our concerns are massing, scale and compatibility within a community meticulously planned and established in 1926. Our community has been and is now home to some of the most prominent residents of Los Angeles who care deeply about maintaining the charm and dignity of their neighborhoods.

Please help us preserve the character that drew our residents to want to spend their lives in Holmby Westwood. Please support the motion 14-0656 on Tuesday at the Planning and Land Use Management hearing and also when the motion goes to City Council for its approval. Our community is counting on you to help us establish our HPOZ.

Thank you all.

Jackie Freedman

Board Member, Holmby Westwood Homeowners Association

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## Fwd: Holmby Westwood's Board of Directors and residents urge you to support Item 14-0656

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Mon. Feb 23. 2015 at 3:00 PM

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