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## BMO/BHO Amendments, Council File #14-0656

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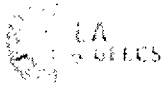
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Dear City Council members and Planning Staff,

Those of us who have been working tirelessly on this for years cannot believe that the people of this city – again – don't seem to matter. Is it possible that the only people who matter in this town are those chasing the almighty dollar and those who are elected to represent us believe that one developer's viewpoint is worth that of 10,000 stakeholders? The first draft of amendments to the BMO/BHO made a good start. By almost 4 to 1, residents' responses supported the meaningful BMO reform outlined in Councilmember Koretz's original motion.

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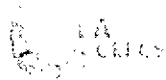
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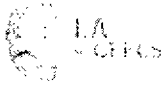
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## City's Current BMO Proposal Lacks Needed Restrictions to Protect Communities!!

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On May 4, Councilmen Ryu and Koretz appropriately requested a .45 FAR and NO bonuses for R1 lots under 7,500 sq. ft. --acceptable parameters.

While I applaud the Councilmen's clear directive to Planning to properly (and without delay) protect our community from mansionization, their request lacks specific parameters for several VITAL restrictions, including height, second-story reduced footprint, and set-back restrictions which are vital to include (see below).

**Additionally, one of the most important items not included in their letter to Planning was *eliminating the Zoning Administrator's ability to grant 10-20% additional square footage!* Not eliminating this in large part defeats the benefits of the City's BMO efforts!**

**A 28' height restriction, combined with second-and upper story restrictions of 60% footprint of main/ground story, plus elimination of Zoning Administrator's ability to grant additional bonus (along with setback and other items) are the most vitally-required restrictions not included in the City's current BMO proposal.**

**It's time for Los Angeles to prioritize homeowner and community RIGHTS before developer greed! Please ACT NOW to ensure the BMO includes ALL REQUIRED RESTRICTIONS AND PARAMETERS** and help protect L.A. from mansionization and overdevelopment resulting from developer greed and failures of local government.

Thank you!

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