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Fwd: Please do not pass this ICO (Council File No. 14-0656)

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Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 10:26 AM

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

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From: Patricia Jones <smarteyjones@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 16, 2015 at 10:52 PM

Subject: Please do not pass this ICO (Council File No. 14-0656)

To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

Dear Ms. Gin.

I am a constituent in [Lower Council District 5] and until just recently, I was unaware that my neighborhood was included in this ICO (Council File No. 14-0656). This ICO is overreaching, does not necessarily prevent the building of hulky, box-like structures, treats zoning restrictions in neighboring communities differently, will deflate property values, will reduce city revenues, and will drive away investment from our neighborhoods. I urge you please not to support these changes and urge the City Council to require the PLUM Committee to give ample public notice and hold public hearings so that our neighborhoods can understand the ramifications of the passage of this ICO and provide input on how to ensure responsible development in our communities.

Thank you.

Patricia Jones

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From: **hal lindes** <hlindes@mac.com>

Date: Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 9:21 AM

Subject: Re: ICO (Council File No. 14-0656)

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Sent from my iPad

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From: **RICHARD VITOLO** <vitolos@earthlink.net>

Date: Mon, Mar 16, 2015 at 10:28 PM

Subject: Beverlywood mansionization

To: Councilmemberkoretz@lacity.org, councilmemberhuizar@lacity.org, councilmemberwesson@lacity.org, sharon.gin@lacity.org, ken.bernstein@lacity.org, tom.rothman@lacity.org

My wife, Bo, and I have lived in Beverlywood for 30 years. The rate of mansionization in this community is destroying our neighborhoods. Whole residential blocks of neighborhoods with single family homes are destroyed overnight by unknown buyers who are intent on replacing a 2500 square foot house with a 5000+ square foot monstrosity to be sold for the quickest profit. The Beverlywood Board is a feckless lot unable to find any authority or approach to control the overbuilding or it is controlled by the mansionization goons. Mansionization is now totally out of control in our neighborhoods. Whatever tactic the City Planning Board can come up with needs to apply equally to Beverlywood as well. NO EXCEPTIONS PLEASE!

Residential areas made up of single family homes are as much about open space, wide streets, and park area as they are about off-street parking. An entire city block of houses are affected when a mansion covering 70 or more percent of its property is built. It imposes on the next door neighbors as well as the neighbors to the rear. It blocks the light for neighboring houses, thereby affecting interior lighting in the adjacent houses. It certainly cuts down the breezeways between houses that allow for cooler evenings and the cool-down of buildings, in general. And the lack of space between houses is a clear fire danger.

What kind of people buy a property on a residential city block and proceed to tear down the house and build an over-dominant monstrosity without ever meeting the neighbors or knowing the community? What kind of people are these?

We are tired of this. Do something right.

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Fwd: Council File 14-0656 / Baseline Mansionization Ordinance,,

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From: **Cohon Family** <cohon@cohon.net>

Date: Mon. Mar 16. 2015 at 8:44 PM

Subject: Council File 14-0656 / Baseline Mansionization Ordinance..

To: Sharon.Gin@lacity.org. Paul Koretz <paul.koretz@lacity.org>. Shawn Bayliss <shawn.bayliss@lacity.org>. Chuy Orozco <jesus.d.orozco@lacity.org>. Cohon Family <cohon@cohon.net>

LA City Council

PLUM Committee

Councilmember Jose Huizar. Chair

Councilmembers Gilbert Cedillo and Mitch Englander. Members

Via Email - c/o Sharon.gin@lacity.org

RE: Council File 14-0656 / Baseline Mansionization Ordinance

Honorable Councilmembers:

Large, boxy, out-of-scale houses in many areas have angered residents throughout the City. but they keep popping up. changing forever the landscape of charming, traditional communities.

As developers have exploited arcane loopholes in the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance. and the City says that it will take at least another 18 months to correct those technicalities. exasperated communities have appealed to their Councilmembers for relief. Councilmember Koretz has heard his constituents and is attempting to resolve the impasse with this Interim Control Ordinance.

This will not prevent large 2-story homes from being built. The goal of the ICO is to eliminate the loopholes which have created some outsized homes for the lots. One loophole. for example. is that if the home has an attached garage. they do not have to count the square footage of the garage in determining how large the house can be. There have been bonuses for environmentally friendly items. or breezeways or patios. So many bonuses . . . adding up to behemoths which have overwhelmed charming traditional neighborhoods.

This ordinance is not meant to stifle reasonable growth. People are simply asking for some semblance of common sense in the calculations.

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Our HOA and our Neighborhood Council have voted to support this ICO. . which will offer some breathing room to our communities.

Neighboring cities. faced with similar problems are moving forward with similar interim legislation.

We urge you to vote in support of this reasonable measure.

Marilyn Cohon

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From: **Erin Crapser** <erincrapser@hotmail.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 16, 2015 at 8:20 PM

Subject: Protect Our Neighborhoods - Implement the ICO Now

To: "councilmember.huizar@lacity.org" <councilmember.huizar@lacity.org>, "councilmember.english@lacity.org" <councilmember.english@lacity.org>, "councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org" <councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org>, "councilmember.wesson@lacity.org" <councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>

Cc: "sharon.gln@lacity.org" <sharon.gln@lacity.org>, "ken.bernstein@lacity.org" <ken.bernstein@lacity.org>, "tom.rothmann@lacity.org" <tom.rothmann@lacity.org>, "Arturo.Chavez@lacity.org" <arturo.chavez@lacity.org>, "John.S.Lee@lacity.org" <john.s.lee@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmembers,

I was dismayed to learn that the last vote on the much-needed anti-mansionization ICO to protect our wonderful Los Angeles neighborhoods was delayed at last month's PLUM meeting. The issue deserves a vote at tomorrow's PLUM hearing--a **YES vote**--to protect our wonderful neighborhoods and historic Los Angeles homes.

Truly, this oversized new construction is not suited to the lot sizes of our historic neighborhoods, and the proposed ICO would remedy this problem while still permitting owners to build homes of more-than-adequate size. The current system is rife with loopholes and "bonuses" that need to be closed. The ICO is a step in the right direction to help protect our neighborhoods.

Please bring the ICO to a vote ASAP and vote **YES** to protect Los Angeles's neighborhoods and families.

Sincerely,

Erin Crapser



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From: **Grace DeFato Kamins** <gdkamins@aol.com>

Date: Mon. Mar 16. 2015 at 7:53 PM

Subject: 3/17/15 PLUM Meeting re Koretz ICO Ordinance Amendment

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org. councilmember.wesson@lacity.org. sharon.gln@lacity.org.

ken.bernstein@lacity.org. tom.rothmann@lacity.org. councilmember.Koretz@lacity.org

Dear Sirs and Madam:

I am urging all council members not to delay. but approve Councilmember Koretz' amendment re putting the brakes on mansionization in Los Angeles. It is not a perfect amendment. but it is a start. addressing a problem that has been neglected for far too long.

As a resident of Beverlywood. I am not happy with the puny bonus reduction of 5% that our area has received. Nevertheless. I still want to see the other neighborhoods named in this amendment protected.

I would call to your attention the article in the California section of the LA Times for Monday. March 16. It is about this same problem occurring in Burbank. Take a look at the accompanying photo. A picture is definitely worth a thousand words!! Is this what you want LA to look like? Burbank has the guts to act. Do you?

If you truly want to see LA as a world class city. you will do all in your power not to destroy the very neighborhoods that give our city character. We are not Beverly Hills. but a diverse assortment of neighborhoods. Our city should represent people of all cultures and economics. If you drive out the middle class. where will your teachers. police. firemen/women. social workers. construction workers. service workers. artists. craftspeople. retirees etc. live? A city can take only so much development before it implodes.

I attended and spoke at the PLUM meeting in Feb. I asked then and ask again that you do the right thing for the residents of Los Angeles. Pass this amendment.

Yours truly.
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From: **Anina** <aninaweber@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 16, 2015 at 6:54 PM

Subject: Protect Our Neighborhoods - Implement the ICO Now

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.englander@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org

Cc: sharon.gin@lacity.org, ken.bemstein@lacity.org, tom.rothmann@lacity.org, Arturo.Chavez@lacity.org, John.S.Lee@lacity.org

Dear Council members.

I am a homeowner at 100 S. Kilkea Drive, Los Angeles Ca 90048 and cherish the historic character of our neighborhood and home, built in 1936. I am also an architect at a local firm who truly understands the codes (and loopholes) of the LADBS. It is imperative that this anti-mansionization bill is passed. I am not against remodels, expansions or tear-downs as I appreciate new and modern design, but these new homes need to fit in with the fabric of the City for the cause of the neighborhood's quality of scale, life and air.

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Sincerely,

Anina Bach

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From: **Dave Mannix** <davemannix@aol.com>

Date: Mon. Mar 16. 2015 at 2:53 PM

Subject: Support of ICO - 14-0656

To: Sharon.Gin@lacity.org

Please register my support for Council Ordinance - CF 14-0656.

Quick passage by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee at tomorrow's meeting is critical to the neighborhoods in Los Angeles significantly impacted by the negative aspects of the City's BMO.

Thank you.

Dave Mannix

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Fwd: BMO and Mansionazation immediate relief file 14 0656

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Sat. Oct 11. 2014 at 11:41 AM

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—Original Message—

From: amyg93 <amyg93@aol.com>

To: councilmember.huizar <councilmember.huizar@lacity.org>

Sent: Sat. Oct 11. 2014 10:54 am

Subject: BMO and Mansionazation immediate relief

Dear Sir.

I live in district 5 and we just got our ordinance. and before that. in one block radius there were 10 tear downs

Do you think this is O.K. Do you think health wise this is an unhealthy situation both physically and mentally?
I do.

And for what. and for whom? Developer's.

Taking away housing from those who cannot afford 3 million for a house.

We cannot wait 18 months We cannot wait at all..

Please. please. implement some regulation immediately

and we need it for the whole city. not block by block.

Thank you.

Amy Challener