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To the PLUM Committee:

We expressed our opposition to the legalization of bootleg apartments in August 2014 (see attached). Our reasons have not changed.

Best regards,

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VIA EMAIL

Mayor Eric Garcetti
All Members of the Los Angeles City Council
Planning Director Michael LoGrande
C.D. 11 Del Rey Deputy Cecilia Castillo

Re: Proposed Amnesty Plan for Illegal Apartments

We vehemently oppose any plan to grant amnesty to those who have created illegal apartment units.

1. Our organization has fought for more than four decades to preserve the quality of life for Del Rey's residents, and this proposal would reward people for breaking the law.
2. Many of our residents own rental properties, and those of us who are landlords strongly disagree with the support given to this proposal by the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles (AAGLA). AAGLA estimates that there are more than 4000 non-permitted units in Los Angeles (Apartment Age, August 2014, p. 11), and we do not believe the City has the resources to inspect and certify the safety of so many units. Also, this amnesty proposal is extremely unfair to the building owners who did spend the time and money to comply with the City's requirements.
3. According to the article in the Los Angeles Times on August 17 2014, the amnesty "would require such units to meet safety standards but free them from some other rules, such as parking requirements..." We already are experiencing vociferous parking disputes in areas where legal construction has not provided enough parking for the residents of the area. We could name several streets in Del Rey where low density apartment buildings are being flattened and replaced with three and four story projects that have been given density bonuses under SB 1818. The City should be making every effort to mandate adequate parking whenever new residential units are authorized.

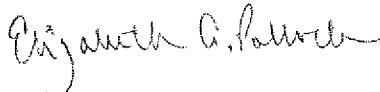
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For us, the retroactive sanctioning of illegal construction is nothing more than a public acknowledgment that the City is incapable of enforcing the law.

This letter was approved at our board meeting on Monday, August 25, 2014.

Very truly yours,

DEL REY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



By Elizabeth A. Pollock, President

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