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COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT

May 3, 2016

Honorable Paul Krekorian, Chairperson
Honorable Budget and Finance Committee Members

Attn: Richard Williams, Legislative Assistant
Office of the City Clerk
200 N. Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: HPOZ STAFF CUTS IN THE CITY PLANNING FY 2016-17 PROPOSED BUDGET

The FY 2016-17 proposed budget for the Department of City Planning accurately reflects the importance of the department, increasing its budget by 8% and increasing funding for the Department to review and update our crucial community plans for our neighborhoods.

However, while funding one piece of neighborhood planning (community plans), the proposed budget cuts two positions for Neighborhood Conservation. These two positions are critical for the Department to complete the six new Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZs) which are in mid-stream. Two of these HPOZs, Sunset Square and Miracle Mile, are in my district and are clear priorities for my constituents. We should be funding more HPOZs, not less. To not fund these positions would be an attack on our local neighborhoods.

I respectfully request that these two positions be restored to the FY 2016-17 budget. Please contact Nick Greif of my staff at nicholas.greif@lacity.org or 213.473.7004 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David E. Ryu
Councilmember

CC: Vince Bertoni, Director of Planning