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In regards the aforementioned Council Files, I strongly affirm the passage of R1VNew versus the more restrictive BMO.

My wife and I have lived here in Cheviot Hills since 1998, and the neighborhood has changed significantly—even more so than when I lived here as a youngster from 1970-1982. It is no longer a sleepy bedroom community tucked away between Century City and Culver City. Many factors, including the expansion of Century City and the use of the neighborhood as a "backlot" for Film Production (and over-issuing of filming permits) has changed the essential character. And yes, as a result of this, many homes of the "McMansion" variety have been built.

But because of the larger and more varied lot sizes, the effect on the Community is not as drastic as some denser urban areas, where the homes are crowding the lot and each other. At this point, to restrict future home sizes is akin to slamming the gate after the cows have already escaped. Unless you are going to mandate the destruction of those many larger homes that have already been built, the change has already occurred. It would be unfair to current residents to limit their ability to increase the size of their homes after allowing so many previously. Again, because of the larger lot sizes, even cookie-cutter McMansions do not interfere with the neighborhood (with a few notable exceptions).

Personally I think a greater impact on Cheviot Hills quality of life would be to restrict filming permits.

For these reasons, I strongly support R1VNew as the fairest and most appropriate building guidelines. It maintains homeowners rights to improve their property in an increasing property value environment while having minimal impact on the current quality of life.

Thank you,

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