Dear Chairman Huizar and Honorable Committee Members:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 42 homeowner and resident associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. The Federation previously communicated to the City objecting to adoption of a citywide Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance that did not take into account the public safety and other concerns of hillside communities.

We have reviewed the May 10, 2018 report from the Department of City Planning with respect to the “Hillside Impact of the Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance” as well as the proposed May 11, 2018 draft ADU ordinance. We note the draft ordinance now excludes ADUs from “any lot located in a Hillside Area as defined by the Hillside Area Map per Section 12.03 of this Code” except for those that cannot be exempted per state law. (Draft Ordinance section 2, adding new subdivision 32 to LAMC § 12.22.A, see esp. proposed 12.22.A(32)(b)(3).)

The Hillside Federation is now pleased to support the revised ADU ordinance and we urge the PLUM committee to recommend its approval to the City Council.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims