

Dear Councilman Ryu and the Planning and Land Use Management Committee:

My name is Matthew Lesher and I have been a Brookside homeowner for 15 years. I hereby state that I stand for a united Brookside under V3.

It has recently come to my attention that a small group of rogue neighbors have surreptitiously taken it upon themselves to rezone our neighborhood without properly notifying the entire neighborhood. I was not informed of the proposal until late February, and I have spoken to over a dozen neighbors who were completely unaware these changes were happening. I find it very frustrating that this small group of neighbors have been busy quietly making decisions for over 400 homes with 200 of them being severely affected by incredibly stringent zoning changes. Their agenda does not reflect the views of the majority of our community. How can a few people's opinions be responsible in deciding our neighborhood aesthetics and thus the value of our property? This is not democracy. Many of us bought our homes years ago, and we see no reason for any changes to the zoning in the first place. We would like to have a full impact report presented to the neighborhood so that everyone can fully understand the effects of their agenda and the proposed zoning changes. It should then be brought to a vote at the next election. I find it very upsetting that someday the home I plan on leaving to my child could be affected by such a small group of people.

I am strongly in support of V3 for the entire neighborhood of Brookside.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Lesher

948 S Hudson Ave  
Los Angeles, CA



Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

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## Brookside Zoning

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**J. Todd Harris** <jtoddharris@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 17, 2018 at 4:30 PM

To: Sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, Patrice.lattimore@lacity.org, Councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, Councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, Emma.howard@lacity.org, Jan Wieringa <jan@communityfilm.net>, Clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org  
Cc: Amy Powers <amylynnepowers@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern -

We support for the R3 and V3 split zoning recommended by PLUM and by our Council office.

J. Todd Harris and Amy Powers  
[835 S. Hudson Ave.](#)

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## Brookside's Split Zoning

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Steven

Apr 17, 2018 8:34 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing you today in SUPPORT of the Planning Department's recommendation of a zone change to both the R1V3-RG and R1R3-RG zones for the Brookside Community. As a member of the community, and one who has taken countless walks throughout the neighborhood with my dog, I feel I have a very strong handle on the makeup of Brookside and I feel that this split zoning is the most appropriate solution for the neighborhood, given the historically developed context of the one half vs. the other within Brookside.

New construction and additions should be similar to those which historically exist in Brookside. As such, successful new construction in Brookside should take cues from its context and surroundings. When walking around Brookside, it is plain to see that many of the single-family homes still retain their original architectural design features, and if the house was not originally constructed as a two-story home but has since had an addition, most of that mass has been added on towards the back to preserve the original roofline and general look from the street view. These are also homes that were built in a time when garages were detached and placed at the rear of the lots, and that detail has been maintained throughout the years. Most of the home owners moved here because they fell in love with the beautiful neighborhood feel that Brookside has to offer, and a lot of that stems from the look of the houses. I believe this proposed zoning split is a fair solution, and respects the existing context of mixed 1-story and 2-story homes built between the 1920s and 1950s. Ultimately, I also feel that this proposed zoning change should also not preclude further protections for preservation that our community may seek in the future.

We would greatly appreciate your support in helping us preserve the mass and scale of Brookside as it was originally intended, in the immediate

future.

Thank you.

Steven Schmidt  
925 S. Mullen Ave.

++ Dictated, not read ++

## Brookside

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**Charlie Hess**

Apr 17, 2018 9:44 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

I have lived with my family in Brookside for 19 years, in a now 95 year old house on Muirfield Rd. We love the diversity of the neighborhood, and the care our neighbors have for their houses and properties. In the last few years we have seen a few macmansions built in our area, reducing the charm of our beloved neighborhood. My family support the R3 and V3 zoning.

Charlie Hess

## Brookside zoning change

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Luke Trester

Apr 17, 2018 10:44 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

To whom it may concern,

My name is Luke Trester and I am a Brookside HOA board member.

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-Luke Trester

## Brookside zoning- April 17th 2:30pm John Ferraro Council Chambers ROOM 340 City Hall

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Kathy Fields Lander

Apr 17, 2018 9:48 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

I moved into the Brookside area on Tremaine Ave. 6 years ago. Our street is particularly pristine and should be preserved in what ways it can be. Los Angeles has had such great character, but certain areas are losing their identity. The City is growing all around us, and certainly development is a big part of that, but I find much of what the developers are creating is more traffic, expensive rents and certainly an environment that does not reflect our City in any way aesthetic or keeping to character.

I support having an HPOZ, but I am also in favor of, and encourage the Planning Department to designate R1R3RG zoning to protect the character, charm and scale of Brookside.

Those hideous huge homes that look like block houses are offensive to the eye and have taken up much of our historical architecture. We all need to consider the tone of the City that keeps it special, unique and charming, not just throwing up these structures that have no design elements that make sense and overbuilding beyond appropriate scale.

Brookside is a special little pocket amongst the chaos, and should definitely have protections from the greedy developers that buy and flip with no consideration or thought to aesthetic and historical values, let alone quality of life.

We need to move along with the future needs of residents, while maintaining the integrity of our historical value. The planning department needs to be our partner in preserving that integrity. Please designate Brookside with the R1R3RG zoning

Thank you  
Kathy Lander  
[918 S Tremaine Ave](#)  
[90019](#)

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*Kathy Fields Lander, MA MFT  
In Your Dreams Productions  
Counseling and Life Consulting*

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**Re: Brookside zoning- April 17th 2:30pm John Ferraro Council Chambers ROOM 340 City Hall**

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**Kathy Fields Lander**

Apr 17, 2018 10:45 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

I'm sorry I need to retract the previous email below because I didn't understand that the zoning issue has changed and I do support the split zoning of R3 and V3.

Thank you  
Kathy Lander

Sent from Planet Earth via iPhone

On Apr 17, 2018, at 9:48 AM, Kathy Fields Lander <kfl22@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

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## SUPPORT for Brookside's Split Zoning

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Amanda Burton

Apr 17, 2018 11:11 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

This email is in regards to the Planning Department's staff report's recommendation for a zone change to both the R1V3-RG and R1R3-RG zones for the Brookside Community.

**I fully support the recommendation for split zoning.** I went to the community hearing in November of last year to voice my support for the R1R3RG variance, as I personally think is the best solution for the neighborhood. There were many fellow Brookside homeowners present; some spoke in support of R3, and others in support of V3. Based on the opinions expressed during that meeting and via letters and emails to the planning committee, the recommendation was made for split zoning. Though I will always support R1R3RG, I think split zoning is the right choice to make sure the majority of people in Brookside are happy. I attended the City Planning meeting earlier this month, where I expressed my support of the split zoning solution. I plan to attend the PLUM meeting today to do so again, but wanted to make sure my support was officially recorded in written form with this email.

Thank you,

Amanda Burton  
925 S. Mullen Avenue

## Brookside Zoning Meeting

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**Maryellen Kirchen**

Apr 17, 2018 11:31 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

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Sincerely,  
Maryellen Kirchen  
825 Muirfield Rd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90005  
323-933-6495

## Brookside PLUM Hearing

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**Joane Henneberger Pickett**

Apr 17, 2018 12:12 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

My husband and I support the Planning Department's zoning recommendations for Brookside. We live in a historic home and the architecture and history of the homes in Brookside is very important to us, particularly the street facing facades. Our home address is 738 S. Longwood. Thank you!

Joane Henneberger Pickett  
Pickett Fences  
219 N. Larchmont Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90004

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## Support for Brookside split zoning

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Jan Wieringa

Apr 17, 2018 12:12 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

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**From:** Maryellen Kirchen <mekrnpmft1@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 11:30 AM  
**To:** Jan Wieringa <jan@communityfilm.net>  
**Subject:** Brookside Zoning Meeting

Dear All,

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