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Fwd: Support for BMO / R1 Standard for Cheviot Hills - Council File 16-1470

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Dear Councilman Koretz,

Please include this communication in Council File: 16-1470 and, to the extent any further action is contemplated in Council File: 14-0656, then in that file as well.

Thank you so much for spearheading anti-Mansionization efforts in Los Angeles. The entire city owes you a debt of gratitude for your tireless efforts in preserving our neighborhoods from out-of-scale development. I am a long-time resident of Cheviot Hills and I have experienced first-hand the wreckage caused by developers in our neighborhood. We are targets for developers because, unlike the adjacent neighborhoods of Beverlywood and California Country Club, ***Cheviot Hills has no CC&R's to protect us. Our only protection is the zoning law.*** As so well stated by a CD5 resident quoted in the LA times on this issue, "every time a house goes up for sale, we're terrified." <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-mansionization-measures-20161207-story.html>

This is why we need your help in securing the BMO (now R1 Standard) for Cheviot Hills. Just as we are different from Beverlywood and California Country Club, we are like Westwood, Brentwood, and Little Holmby. We deserve the same protection from developers that they have received by being covered by the BMO.

I know there is a vocal minority in our neighborhood pushing for R1V2 but they do not represent the majority of residents. They openly have expressed that their motivation stems from what they want for themselves rather than consideration for the neighborhood at large. In contrast, I have found that those who support the BMO are motivated by concerns for the neighborhood as a whole rather than their own individual interests. Even if the neighborhood were evenly split (which it is not), then Cheviot Hills should fall under the R1 standard, not a variance from the standard that applies throughout the city.

Please follow through with your commitment to protect us from out-of-scale development, and ensure that Cheviot Hills receives the protection of the BMO / R1 Standard.

Thank you,

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