

STATE CAPITOL
P.O. BOX 942849
SACRAMENTO, CA 94249-0045
(916) 319-2045
FAX (916) 319-2145

DISTRICT OFFICE
360 WEST AVENUE 26, SUITE 121
LOS ANGELES, CA 90031
(323) 225-4545
FAX (323) 225-4500

WEB
<http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a45/>

Assembly California Legislature



KEVIN DE LEÓN
ASSISTANT ASSEMBLY MAJORITY LEADER
FORTY-FIFTH DISTRICT

COMMITTEES
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS,
TOURISM, AND INTERNET MEDIA
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
HEALTH
INSURANCE

November 18, 2008

Honorable Ed Reyes, Chair
Planning and Land Use Management Committee Department
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Northeast Los Angeles Hillside Zone Change Ordinance - CPC-2008-1182-ZC

Dear Councilmember Reyes:

As the representative of the 45th Assembly District, I am writing to support of the proposed Northeast Los Angeles Hillside Zone Change Ordinance. After careful review, I believe that the Ordinance's provisions will protect against poorly-planned development while respecting the rights of property owners, investors and business owners.

The zone change provisions appear to be consistent with the intent of the Northeast Hillside Interim Control Ordinance and, as such, will improve public safety by preventing excessive grading that causes soil erosion and landslides. The Ordinance will also help improve emergency response time associated with poor access, traffic circulation and parking difficulties.

I urge the Planning and Land Use Management Committee and the full City Council to enact the Northeast Los Angeles Hillside Zone Change ordinance. I believe this ordinance ensures that hillside development is well-planned, safe and compatible with existing neighborhoods in terms of size and scale. Additionally, I believe the ordinance can serve to renew and protect natural resources including the ridges and hillsides that characterize this community. History and negative experiences have demonstrated the regulatory deficiencies in the Northeast Hillside and this ordinance is a reasonable solution to further the public good and enhance quality of life in Los Angeles.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

KEVIN DE LEÓN
Assistant Assembly Majority Leader
Forty-Fifth Assembly District

Date: 11-18-08
Submitted in FLUM Committee
Council File No: 08-2599
Item No.: 2
Deputy: B. GRAVES

