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Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street, Room 350
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RE: CF 14-0057-S8
Oppose Motion 12B “Grandfathering” *NEW* Second Dwelling Unit applications

Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

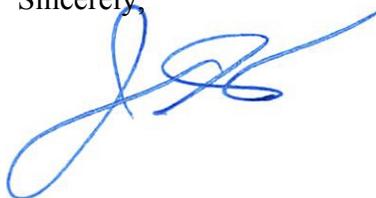
I am a resident of Council District 11, and I serve as an officer on the boards of both my local homeowners association, Brentwood Hills Homeowners Association, and the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc. (the “Hillside Federation”). As a hillside resident and advocate, I have followed the City’s actions regarding the proposed repeal of the City’s existing Second Dwelling Unit (SDU) ordinance and related actions very closely.

The Council voted to adopt Motion 12B at its September 13, 2016 meeting. The motion would greatly expand the “grandfathering” provision of the proposed ordinance by opening a 10-day window of opportunity for additional applications for SDUs using ZA Memo 120, which has already been deemed illegal by the Superior Court in the *LA Neighbors in Action* case. I have read and agree entirely with the September 15, 2016 letter regarding Motion 12B submitted by Beverly Grossman Palmer.

To the compelling points already raised in Ms. Palmer’s letter, I would like to add that the City’s rationales for its proposed CEQA exemption (which are arguably not even sufficient for the actions considered prior to the adoption of Motion 12B¹) cannot possibly be considered adequate for the action now proposed. Motion 12B greatly expands the possibility of development under the illegal ZA Memo, particularly in the City’s hillside zones, with no consideration of potentially significant environmental impacts, and with no valid exemption.

I urge the council to withdraw motion 12B from consideration.

Sincerely,



John Given

cc: City Councilmembers

¹ See my June 6, 2016 letter to the Council File, beginning on page 2 of the file available at: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-0057-s8_pc_06-6-16.pdf.