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Sincerely,

Rita Villa
August 17, 2016

Councilmember Paul Koretz  
Los Angeles City Council  
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Subject: Proposed Notice of Intent to Adopt Negative Declaration-NG-16-242-PL  
Case: DIR-2016-1243-CA; ENV-2016-1277-ND

I am writing to strongly encourage you to reject the proposed repeal of the City's existing second dwelling unit ordinance.

A recently published article in City Watch LA effectively lays out the negative impacts a repeal would have on our neighborhoods. The article, On the Brink of Folly: Will City Council Unwittingly Upzone LA's Single-Family Neighborhoods?, effectively lays out the case against repealing our local ordinance.

After reading the story, it is crystal clear that adopting the lenient State standards for second dwelling is an unnecessary step that would have a major impact on LA's neighbors.

I ask that you maintain our existing, sensible zoning standards that protect single-family neighborhoods throughout the City. It is irresponsible to act so hastily to repeal our standards and gut the character of single family neighborhoods, with no protections for nearby homeowners.

The article lays out some very pertinent questions that must be addressed:

- Will the City's homeowners, neighborhood associations and Neighborhood Councils be able to make their voices heard?
- Will Councilmembers question the advice of the City Attorney and Planning Department that no option other than repeal is "feasible"? Will the City Council decide to pursue another option to maintain its SDU protections?
- Will Councilmembers question the Planning Department's policy objective to promote the development of large SDUs on a "one size fits all" approach throughout Los Angeles' single-family neighborhoods? Will the Councilmembers who represent Hillside areas realize that these neighborhoods will have no further meaningful protection from SDUs?

If the Council were to repeal the ordinance, Los Angeles would be the only major city in California to abandon its own standards and submit to the State standards. The permissive State standards' one-size-fits-all
approach in a city as diverse as Los Angeles would operate to the great detriment of our neighborhoods, particularly in our hillside areas.

You have several options to comply with the recent court ruling. There is no reason to simply discard our protective local standards. If revisions to the Second Dwelling Unit ordinance are necessary, at the very least they must be considered with adequate public outreach, not on the current “fast track” basis, so that all stakeholders have the opportunity to consider proposed changes and express their opinion.

Any action by Los Angeles should wait for a determination of the claims in the lawsuit filed by Airbnb against the City of San Francisco. At the very least, an analysis of the impacts of the proposed Los Angeles ordinance that is based upon the enforceability of the rules and regulation is obviously deficient without a thorough analysis of the Airbnb claims that it is not subject to local jurisdiction because of Federal internet laws.

Please vote NO on the ill-advised proposal to repeal the Second Dwelling Unit ordinance.

Sincerely,

Gerald A. Silver, President
Homeowners of Encino

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Comment for the council File Related to the Second Dwelling Unit Repeal Ordinance (CF:14-0057-S8)

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Sat, Aug 20, 2016 at 9:26 AM

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Opposition to SECOND DWELLING ORDINANCE ON HILLSIDE

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Dear Councilmembers:  
I have lived in Studio City hills for 30 years. I am strongly opposed to this ordinance for many reasons the most important of which is that this opens the floodgate to developers who develop the cheapest possible structures they can get away with. I remind you all of the house that slid down the hill on Laurel Canyon years ago. That house had passed inspection.

Please protect us, the tax paying citizens. For once, please advocate for us and do the right thing.

Jackie Hunsicker  
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Comment for the council File Related to the Second Dwelling Unit Repeal Ordinance (CF:14-0057-S8)

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Sincerely,
Michael & Eloise Metcalfe
Homeowners, Westwood

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed repeal of the second dwelling ordinance. Your constituents bought their homes in the belief that large - sometimes multistory - second homes would not be built on the adjacent properties. This belief was based in the trust we place in you, our elected council members - to not dismantle our protections against property developers and to preserve the regulations that do so much to protect the fabric of our communities.

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Chris Ellis

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We don't want anymore massive second houses in our neighborhoods, it's terrible to have to live next to these houses and don't want this to happen anymore. It's difficult to sell our houses when we have a huge second house next to us that really don't fit in to our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your time and we really hope you will help us out with this matter.

Sincerely,

Marita Koudsi

"When you are down to nothing, God is up to something"
Comment for the Council re: SDU ordinance repeal (CF:14-0057-S8)

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed repeal of the second dwelling ordinance. My husband and I live in the Mt. Washington neighborhood, which is characterized by a wide variety of lot sizes but an extreme preponderance of very narrow hillside streets. Many houses are older and do not have adequate offstreet parking as it is.

In addition to potentially doubling the number of homes and residents in an older hillside neighborhood, repealing the SDU would potentially double traffic congestion, parking problems, emergency vehicle access, and demand on water and power infrastructure. What about the current requirement that a home expansion also provide more offstreet parking to accommodate additional residents? Would this simply be done away with as somehow not necessary?

Repealing this ordinance will have lasting negative impacts on the character and infrastructure of our neighborhoods, especially the traffic and parking strains already felt. Abandoning the city’s local control of second dwelling units will leave us at the mercy of incredibly weak state standards, and throw open the gates to developers to further fuel real estate speculation in our neighborhoods.

You have several options at your disposal to bring the City into compliance with state law on second units. There is simply no reason to discard our protective local standards and allow developers to bypass the prudent ordinances and restrictions now in place. If revisions to the Second Dwelling Unit ordinance are necessary, at the very least they must be considered with adequate public outreach, not on the current “fast track” basis, so that all stakeholders have the opportunity to consider proposed changes and express their opinion.

Sincerely,

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Comment for the Council File related to Second Dwelling Unit Repeal Ordinance (CF:14-0057-S8)

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You have several options at your disposal to bring the City into compliance with state law on second units. There is simply no reason to discard our protective local standards.

Sincerely,

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