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Effective September 2014 Fannie Mae has announced they will require their vacant properties to be secured and boarded with a patented, polycarbonate window covering that is virtually unbreakable and transparent.

Cities such as New York and Chicago have enacted ordinances relative to the securing of vacant properties within their respective jurisdictions. While most cities, including Los Angeles, have utilized plywood and other types of wood to secure vacant properties for decades, wood can be easily removed by vandals leading to destruction of property and degradation of the public safety and quality of life for a community. As technology has advanced; alternatives such as a patented, polycarbonate, transparent system, to allow for internal visibility of the property while preventing entry from unauthorized persons, have been successful in dealing with these issues, while helping to maintain a neighborhood's security, safety, and integrity.

The City of Los Angeles should investigate the feasibility of utilizing a patented, polycarbonate, transparent system that is secured from the inside in the place of plywood to better secure vacant properties and to better address neighboring property values, public safety and overall quality of life concerns, by preventing access to these properties.

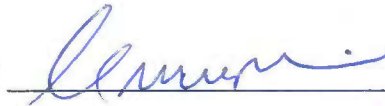
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Building and Safety be directed to report with recommendations to install, on a pilot basis during a ninety day period on vacant properties in Council Districts 1, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 14, a patented, polycarbonate, transparent system that is secured from the inside, instead of plywood, and to include a review of adopted or pending ordinances in other jurisdictions that have been successful in implementing similar requirements.

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