

**MOTION**

Echo Park is one of the City's first 'suburbs.' Many existing residential buildings have housed generations of diverse Angelenos in this historically working-class neighborhood. Sunset Boulevard, Alvarado Street, and Glendale Boulevard are the community's main commercial corridors and are home to a variety of commercial and residential uses.

Echo Park's neighborhood-serving streets that intersect its main corridors, and the residential areas that surround them, are experiencing increased development pressure. Examples of these neighborhood streets include those surrounding Echo Park Avenue, Scott Avenue and Morton Avenue.

Echo Park's neighborhood streets are not appropriate for large commercial development and high-density residential uses because of the area's topography, inadequate infrastructure such as roads and unique historic identity. Because of the trolley that used to run through the community, there is a high concentration of early twentieth-century buildings. These buildings contribute significantly to the character of the community and must be preserved.

Unfortunately, in some of these areas, the current zoning and/or General Plan designation encourages demolition and development of the very areas that the City wants to protect. The City must ensure that zoning and land use designations implement the goals and objectives of the General Plan that set out to protect important historic resources and conserve the character of our existing neighborhoods.

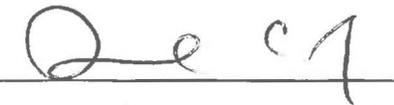
**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council instruct the Planning Department to prepare a report relative to the existing zoning and land use patterns along Echo Park Avenue, Scott Avenue, Logan Street, Lemoyne Street, Montana Street, and Morton Avenue and its impact on the character of the abutting existing lower-density residential built-environment.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Council instruct the Planning Department to include recommendations for zoning/land use amendments to ensure that any potential future development complements, and is consistent with, the scale and character of the existing lower density built environment in Echo Park described in the text of this Motion.

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