

MOTION

Silver Lake is one of the City's most desirable neighborhood, and home to many significant architectural landmarks, clusters of early 20th Century housing as well as Mid-Century modern designs. It's unique character and hillsides provide views to the oceans and mountains. The iconic Silver Lake Reservoir provides passive and active recreational opportunities to the public and shelters a wide variety of wildlife and habitat.

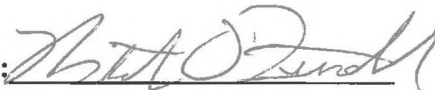
Unfortunately, in some of these surrounding areas, by nature of the current zoning and/or General Plan designation, demolition and redevelopment have been the norm, rather than restoration and rehabilitation of the existing single family residences that define the area.

In an effort to preserve the unique character of the Silver lake neighborhood, 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. The Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley Community Plan was adopted in 2004 and is not in queue to be updated in the near term, therefore the City should make a focused amendment to the land use plan and zoning ordinance to protect community defining features.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department to prepare a report relative to how the existing R3 (Multiple Dwelling) zoning in Silver Lake's residential areas, in particular those on substandard hillside and neighborhood streets, could impact the character of the adjacent existing lower-density residential built-environment.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Planning Department be instructed to include recommendations for zoning/land use amendments that would ensure that any potential future development complements, and is consistent with, the scale and character of the built environment as described in the text of this Motion.

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