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Planning and Land Use Management Committee
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Baseline Mansionization Ordinance & Baseline Hillside
Ordinance (CF 14-0656)

Dear Chairman Huizar and Honorable Councilmembers:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 45 resident and homeowner associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains.

As you know, a number of Los Angeles' single family residential communities have benefited from various Interim Control Ordinances to restrict the development of oversized homes by temporarily closing numerous loopholes found in the current Baseline Mansionization and Baseline Hillside ordinances while the City considers amendments. (See CF 14-0656.) Many neighborhoods are not protected by ICOs, however, and continue to be negatively impacted by ongoing development of oversized residential projects due to the continued exploitation of these loopholes. Our City's hillside neighborhoods, in particular, suffer from increased public safety hazards, infrastructure failures, and environmental issues related to oversized projects and excessive grading activity. At its meeting of November 2, the Federation discussed these ongoing impacts and determined that the BMO and BHO amendments should be passed as soon as practicable, preferably before the end of 2016.

The Hillside Federation therefore respectfully requests that the Planning and Land Use Management Committee expeditiously schedule and move consideration of the BMO and BHO amendments to the full Council.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims
Charley Mims, President

Cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti
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