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City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
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Re: Hollywood Community Plan
CPC-2005-6082-CPU, CPC-1997-43-CPU

Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners
Bel Air Ridge Association
Benedict Canyon Association
Brentwood Hills Homeowners
Brentwood Residents Coalition
Canyon Back Alliance
Crests Neighborhood Assn.
Franklin Ave./Hollywood Bl. West
Franklin Hills Residents Assn.
Highlands Owners Assn.
Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.
Hollywood Heights Assn.
Hollywoodland Homeowners
Holmby Hills Homeowners Assn.
Kagel Canyon Civic Assn.
Laurel Canyon Assn.
Lookout Mountain Alliance
Los Feliz Improvement Assn.
Mt. Olympus Property Owners
Mt. Washington Homeowners All.
Nichols Canyon Assn.
Oak Forest Canyon Assn.
Oaks Homeowners Assn.
Outpost Estates Homeowners
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn.
Residents of Beverly Glen
Roscomare Valley Assn.
Shadow Hills Property Owners
Sherman Oaks HO Assn.
Studio City Residents Assn.
Sunset Hills Homeowners Assn.
Tarzana Property Owners Assn.
Torreyson Flynn Assn.
Upper Mandeville Canyon
Whitley Heights Civic Assn.

Dear Councilmembers:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents thirty-seven homeowner and residents associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, from Pacific Palisades to Mt. Washington. The Federation's mission is to protect the property and the quality of life of its over 200,000 constituents and to conserve the natural habitat and appearance of the hillside and mountain areas in which they live. Therefore the Hillside Federation supports the Hollywood Community Plan.

The Federation worked for many months with the Planning Department to design the Baseline Hillside Ordinance and Slope Density Ordinance which allow for appropriate development in our hillsides while retaining as much of the natural topography as possible. These two ordinances were carefully crafted to balance the needs of the builder and the needs of wildlife habitat.

Equally important to the plan is the inclusion of the Ridgeline Protection Ordinance and the Retaining Wall Ordinance currently being prepared by the Planning Department. The Ridgeline Ordinance will preserve the ecology and the classic profile of the Santa Monica Mountains. The Retaining Wall Ordinance will provide a greater variety of options than the current restrictive ordinance. These options will both reduce the amount of grading required and produce more aesthetically pleasing walls.

That said, the Federation would like to continue to work with the Planning Department. Let's take a peek at those pesky population projections and see if we can come up with some more realistic numbers.

Sincerely,

Marian Dodge

Marian Dodge, President

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