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200 N. Spring Street
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June 27, 2011

Re: "Clean Hands" Policy
CF # 11-1072

Dear Councilmembers Reyes and Zine:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, representing thirty-three homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, enthusiastically supports Councilmember Dennis Zine's proposal that the City of Los Angeles adopt a "clean hands" policy that would preclude the issuance of land-use related permits or approvals for properties that are out of compliance with the code.

At the Federation's June 2011 meeting, a representative from Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's office made a presentation on the County's long-standing clean hands policy. Federation members were so impressed with the provisions of the County's policy that they voted unanimously to urge the City to establish a similar policy. It is common sense to deny requests for new permits made by those whose properties are out of compliance with codes. A "clean hands" policy would encourage property owners to bring their properties and projects into compliance with municipal codes.

The Federation therefore supports Councilmember Zine's motion to establish a "clean hands" policy for the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Marian Dodge
Marian Dodge, President

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