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Board of Building and Safety Commissioners

Re: Support of Appeal on 2234, 2240, 2244 Stanley Hills Drive
ZA 2008-0832 (ZAD)

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
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners
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.
Lake Hollywood HOA
Laurel Canyon Assn.
Lookout Mountain Alliance
Los Feliz Improvement Assn.
Mt. Olympus Property Owners
Mt. Washington Homeowners All.
Nichols Canyon Assn.
N. Beverly Dr./Franklin Canyon
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 Commissioners:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., representing 40 resident and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains and approximately 200,000 constituents, supports the appeal filed by Matt Friedman of the Building and Safety permits issued after the applicant received ZA approval for his project at 2234, 2240, and 2244 Stanley Hills Drive.

The department has erred in issuing grading and building permits for the Stanley Hills properties because it failed to get documents and approvals that are required by the Zoning Administrator's findings. Mr. Friedman has carefully recorded his search for the eleven documents and his ultimate discovery that the Planning Department has no such documents. All of the findings deal directly with public safety and the preservation of protected trees and wildlife. These issues are especially critical when building on a substandard street in a high fire zone in the hillsides.

The granting of permits by the Department of Building and Safety without having the documents required by the Department of City Planning underscores the need for greater and clearer communication between the two departments.

The Federation therefore respectfully requests that all work on the site be stopped completely and immediately until all required documents and approvals have been submitted to the ZA's office and officially entered into the case file.

Sincerely,

Marian Dodge

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