



BRENTWOOD Community Council

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City Councilmembers
City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Sent via Email to: Sharon.gin@lacity.org

RE: CF 11-0923 Mural Ordinance

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers,

The Brentwood Community Council ("BCC") is the broadest based Brentwood community organization, representing approximately 50,000 stakeholders of the 90049 community. BCC includes homeowners associations, multi-family residential dwellers, business organizations, schools, religious groups, volunteer service groups, public safety and environmental organizations.

On July 19, 2013 concerns of the BCC Board and approved by the BCC Executive Committee, were sent to the Planning Committee regarding the Mural Ordinance which asked that:

- a community would have a tool to opt out of murals on single family dwellings.
- a mechanism would be in place to involve the community in the process of an artist applying for a mural location. This would involve satisfactory time to have the notice known and acted upon.
- Enforcement be key to a successful program.

In BCC Board discussions on the Mural Ordinance, it was expressed that murals can enrich a community, but because a large percentage of Brentwood

are single family dwellings, it would behoove us to have a way to opt out of murals if seen from the prow. Finally, with no enforcement, the process becomes totally ineffective.

The Pacific Palisades Community Council (“PPCC”) presented a motion to WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils) including points that are relevant to the Mural Ordinance whether Plan A or B is selected. (See attachment) Similar BCC requirements relate to the PPCC thoughtful analysis of Plan A and B.

Finally, please include Community Councils on the notification list of Neighborhood Councils.

We would like to make the Mural Ordinance work for *all* communities. We are glad artists will resume their work and enrich our city once again with the addition of talented artists’ murals. But, there are some areas that need adjustment to the ordinance as it reads presently.

Best regards,

Nancy Freedman

Nancy Freedman
Chair, Brentwood Community Council

Cc: Mike Bonin, Councilman, CD11
Paul Koretz, CD 5
Councilmember Huizar
Councilmember Cedillo
Councilmember Englander

Attachment