

Communication from Public

Name: Glassell Park Improvement Assn
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Comments for Public Posting: Please read and consider this letter from the Glassell Park Improvement Association in support of Motion 16-11468-S2 that will bring parity for Glassell Park regarding rules for ADUs & JADUs in other hillside communities within the City of Los Angeles. Thank you.

GLASSELL PARK

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

WORKING TO BETTER OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1968

24 May 2024

Re: Motion 16-1468-S2

To: L.A. City Councilmembers

We, the Glassell Park Improvement Association (GPIA), are writing in support of the motion presented by Councilmember Hernandez to amend Municipal Code Section 12.22 to repeal the exceptions that are within the Northeast Community Plan in Section 33, subsection 4(i).

In 2019, when the City Council adopted Ordinance 186481 which added three safety requirements for ADUs and JADUs located in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ), our hillsides (along with hillsides located within the Northeast LA Community Plan and the Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley Community Plan) were carved out of these protections.

The motion #16-1468-S2 will require equal protection for all Los Angeles hillsides within a VHFHSZ by applying the same safety requirements for ADUs and JADUs that are currently in place only for areas in West Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley.

Glassell Park hillsides are categorized as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and residents are always on alert for fire danger. We have four primary points of egress/ingress to our hillsides. One, Kinney Street, is a substandard street with a roadway width as narrow as 10 feet. An "emergency" first phase of repairs to Kinney Street, will begin in June, and will close the street for an estimated 10-12 months. Other hillside streets Lavell, Hines, Yorkshire and Brilliant are access roads that can be as narrow as 9 feet in width. Even allowing for Red Flag Days, emergency vehicles have difficulty traversing our narrow roadways. LAFD has stated that some fires in our hills can only be fought from the air.

As density increases in our hillsides, more cars parked on our streets. The choke points on these narrow roadways become ever more concerning. Access is critical in emergencies.

Restoring Ordinance 186481's requirements for ADUs and JADUs to include our hillsides will support the health and safety for both residents and emergency responders. We therefore request, with summer just a month away, this motion move with alacrity and be put in place as quickly as possible.

Thank you,



Helene Schpak, President
on behalf of the GPIA Board of Directors

cc: Jose Rodriguez, Helen Campbell, Mayra Jimenez, Wendy Castro, Council File via
LACouncilComment.com

The **Glassell Park Improvement Association (GPIA)** is a community-based non-profit 501(c)3 organization that has served Glassell Park since 1968. We engage in beautification, education,