

Communication from Public

Name: Yael Pardess

Date Submitted: 08/27/2024 09:35 AM

Council File No: 16-1468-S2

Comments for Public Posting: I support Councilwoman Hernandez motion. We keep warning the city that Mount Washington and all hillside areas on the North East are a high severity FIRE DANGER areas. There is no logical reason to exempt our areas from the regulations that other parts of the city have regarding ADUs and JADUs. Builders must provide an additional parking space. It is of the most crucial importance with our substandard streets. Builders MUST improve all substandard streets to a minimum of 20 feet. Without these two measures we are all in danger and the city is playing with our lives. New home that received waivers in the past not to widen their streets, caused a very serious danger to all of us, aside from causing congestion and frustration daily. Every extra foot of improvement means a difference between life and death. We had many incidents in which LAFD trucks could not reach people in time because of cars parked legally and illegally on a substandard street. We afford one more life lost or property burned. Additionally- stress need to be improved BEFORE construction Strats. Please see many examples attached. Thank you

STREET CONDITION & TRAFFIC ON MOUNT WASHINGTON

The importance of widening narrow substandard street and providing an additional parking spot for ADUs

NARROW STREETS TRAFFIC

Large trucks barely pass down the street



Sep 3rd 2023- 4880 Glenalbyn. Amazon truck had to reverse uphill to allow a small size fire truck to pass on its way to a brush fire on 4450 Beauvais



Fire truck barely
passing at night Glenalbyn Dr
Note many cars parked



TRUCKS STUCK ON NARROW STREET



4866-4888 Glenalbyn Dr

A cement truck stuck on curve had to reverse all the way back down the hill



NARROW STREETS TRAFFIC

Example 1 | 640 Quail dr

Two way traffic is not possible



TRUCKS STUCK or BLOCKING

656 Quail



Precarious leaning of cement truck trying to pass, making it only after parked cars reversed to allow safe passage

Cement truck blocking traffic completely

656 Quail-another day



Another narrow dangerous street

Fire truck getting stuck on Quail unable to get a gas leak incident



4683-91 Glenalbyn Dr LA 90065

Construction in progress

(right below 4701 who got a waiver not to widen street and has 3 cars parked on street)

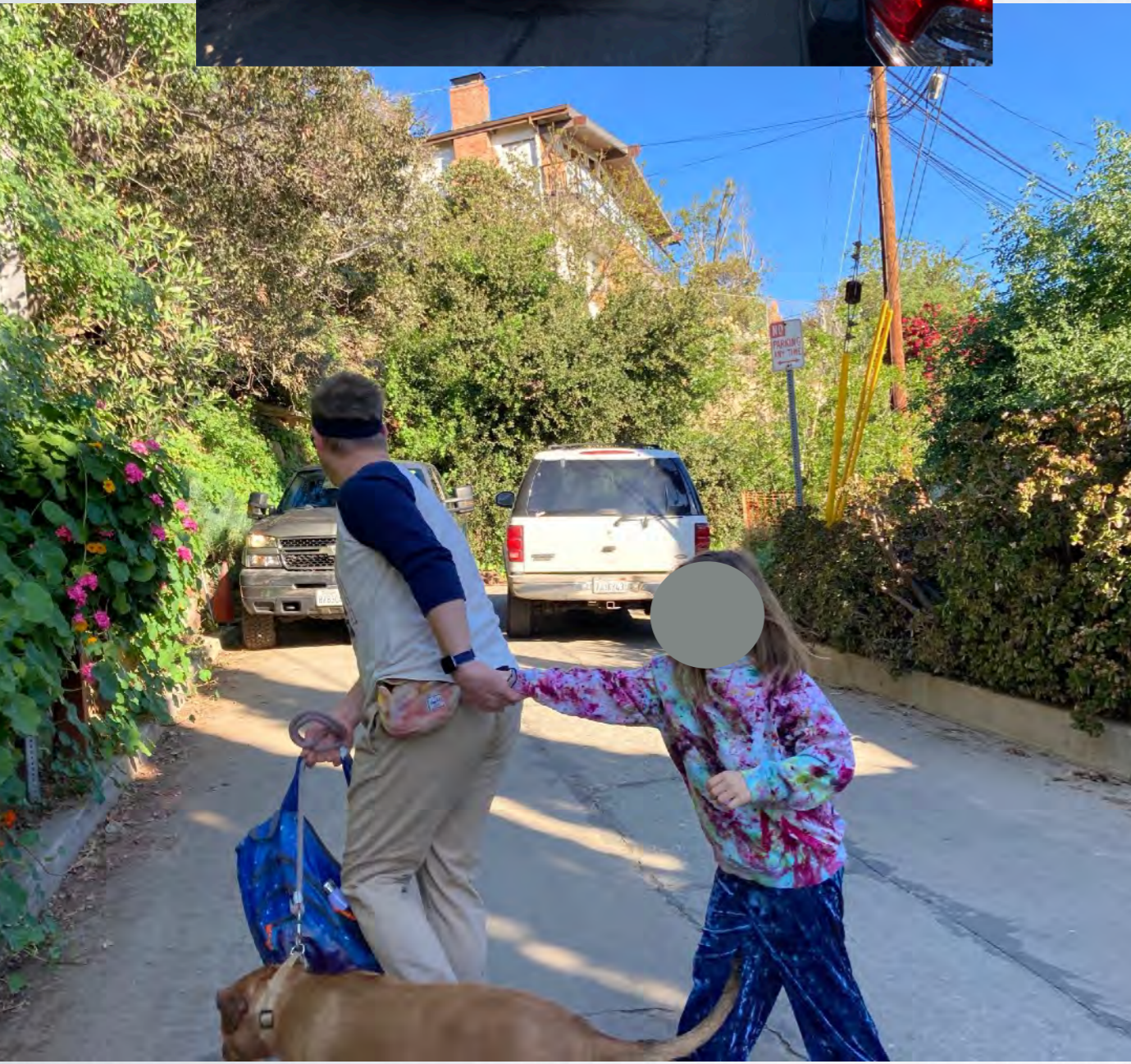


4683 -469 I will not widen street.
Everyday is a traffic nightmare.

4683-91 Glenalbyn Dr LA 90065
Construction in progress
Daily traffic problems



4876 Glenalbyn Dr
School traffic





4866-4888 Glenalbyn Dr

A cement truck stuck on curb has to reverse all the way back down the hill



The crucial importance of street widening

Original street





This property on **4701 Glenalbyn Dr** got a waiver not to widen street. They now have **3 cars parked** on the street daily on a steep incline making it Very difficult to navigate during rush hour. **There is no room for a two way traffic!**

Note that the driveway is impossibly steep and cannot really be accessed by any ANY car and somehow it was approved by the city



4861 Glenalbyn Dr widened the street



Every feet count!

16 feet

Partial list of fires in Mount Washington

LIST OF FIRES IN MT WASHINGTON				
	Date	Year	Location	Facts
1	24-May	1997-00	Elyria Canyon	Entire canyon engulfed evacuations/homes lost and
2	20-Feb	2014-00	533 W Ave 44	home lost, 1 dead
3	7-Nov	2015-00	140 S ave 59	3 story Home lost, 1 injured
4	9-Aug	2015	1800 Alder Dr	Garage Home fire 1 dead
5	20-Oct	2016	4057 Seaview	3 story Home lost, 1 dead, animals and other injured or lost
6	20-Jul	2017	624 Quail /727 Pheasant	Home lost,
7	18-Aug	2017	700 Blk Cross Ave	Vacant home lost
8	23-Feb	2018	1114 Oban Dr	large 3 story home damage
9	4-Jul	2019	1300 Cliff Dr	Brush fire
10	4-Jul	2019	4000 Marmion	Brush Fire
11	30-Jun	2020	834 W ave 37	brush fire
12	14-Apr	2022	4649 San Andreas	house lost fire fighter injured
13	27-May	2022	Kite Hill Ave 37	Brush fire
14	march april	2023	multiple locations Mt Washington	Arson/ tree fires
15	1-Apr	2023	4688 E Cleland Ave	Home fire Gas leak Worker injured
16	4-Jun	2023	4430 San Rafael	
17	5-Jul	2023	West Point Place	Brush fire
18	3-Sep	2023	4450 Beauvais	Brush fire-fire trucks could not access for 22 minutes

Communication from Public

Name: Marge Piane

Date Submitted: 08/26/2024 03:53 PM

Council File No: 16-1468-S2

Comments for Public Posting: I whole-heartedly support this motion that will reverse an exemption that should never have been initiated. Many communities in Northeast Los Angeles have hillside streets that are unimproved, or extremely narrow. Homeowners are finding that insurance coverage is increasingly hard to obtain. Meanwhile we bear the brunt of unlimited ADU and JADU building. All who live in Los Angeles's VHFSHZ areas should be treated equally. This motion would rectify an unfair omission.

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Aurigemma

Date Submitted: 08/27/2024 01:13 PM

Council File No: 16-1468-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Protection regulations related to ADU construction are vital to the safety and well-being of our community. I support the motion by Council Member Hernandez.

Communication from Public

Name: Tom Greek

Date Submitted: 08/29/2024 12:48 PM

Council File No: 16-1468-S2

Comments for Public Posting: I am oppose to this ordinance as it does not serve the people of Los Angeles and is a wrongheaded and heavy handed approach to a safety concern. This ordinance stifles opportunity in Los Angeles and will drive housing prices up over then medium and long term. I love living in a diverse community full of opportunity. This ordinance is a shot across the bow to the future of this city. Council should work to solve housing shortage, life safety issues, and gentrification by working with agency and community partners and creating novel proposals - not trying to freeze time and ignoring our real problems. Please find my reasoning in the attached letter.

08.27.24

Re: Council File 16-1468-S2

I strongly oppose (Council File 16-1468-S2) the restriction of ADU's in VHFSZ. While some streets are narrow, most streets are not. This motion is like a using a sledgehammer to fix a problem better suited to a screwdriver.

As a hillside homeowner in NELA, I support more housing options in our area, not less. More houses mean more opportunity for folks to live more affordably in the area while supporting multi-generational housing solutions. While our neighborhood has changes much over the 22 years I've lived here, I believe ADU's alongside other housing types are key to keeping our unique culture and maintaining the diversity we all love about NELA. Less supply means higher housing costs. Upgrading old housing stock is essential to the vibrancy of our community and safety of our structures. This is a backwards looking motion that will have negative economic and opportunity costs for our neighbors and community.

On a personal note, we have been saving to add an ADU for several years now. We hope to have the space for My mother-in-law to live with us as she ages. Eventually we see it as a retirement plan that allows us to rent our house or ADU so we can continue to live in this wonderful city and neighborhood. This ordinance would eventually push out of Los Angeles.

Cities have to change, grow and breathe. The housing shortage and the associated costs of that shortage is stifling this city. The fire department and LADBS both weigh in on all development in the city. Mechanisms such as dedication, adding fire department hammerheads, and sprinklers all allow for a safer, more modern city. I urge council to engage with the LADBS and LAFD to develop common sense reforms to promote safer development and streamline permitting for housing, including ADU's. This feels like a game of politics and focused on a vision of a city that has passed. This ordinance would do great harm to Los Angeles today and tomorrow by hampering the development of safe housing and stifling economic growth and opportunities for all families. I'm so very disappointed that my councilmember is putting forth such a resolution. This city needs serious solutions not games.

Sincerely,

Tom Greek