

Communication from Public

Name: CATHERINE RUSSELL-LEFEBVRE

Date Submitted: 09/14/2020 05:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1101

Comments for Public Posting: September 14, 2020 Honorable Chair Harris-Dawson and Councilmembers: We are urging you to protect our hillside neighborhood by including the area from Briarcrest on the east to Franklin Canyon on the west in the Hillside Construction Regulation Ordinance (Ordinance No. 184827, Council File No. 16-1472-S1 and 16-1472-S-2). I am a member of the Bowmont-Hazen Neighborhood Association. We are approximately two hundred neighbors who live in a small semi-rustic community off Coldwater Canyon. Our quality of life is now challenged by predatory developers who have ruthlessly started to tear up the hillside, ruining habitats, disfiguring the landscape, and threatening our safety. We understand that the HCR rollout is a pilot program and was always intended to apply to the entire area of the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council. Unfortunately, the unintended consequence of not applying the program to all neighborhoods means that you are not just excluding neighborhoods -- you are effectively drawing crosshairs on those left unprotected. Our area has been referred to as the "donut hole" because, even though all contiguous areas are protected, we are not. Builders, expeditors, and realtors have gotten the message. Without any oversight or enforcement, bad developers have rushed oversized and inappropriate projects through City Hall to secure 'by-right' permits. Additionally, they have damaged and blocked streets never intended for heavy vehicles and equipment. They have sped through stop signs, worked on weekends, and created traffic hazards and mudslides. They have caused an influx of transient traffic, constant noise, and compromised security. They have created a public health hazard. The HCR is working in Bel-Air, Laurel Canyon and the Bird Streets. It has protected homeowners from overdevelopment, massive construction sites and overburdened haul routes. At the same time, it has allowed homeowners to renovate and builders to construct appropriate homes in scale with the existing homes. That is all we are asking: help us preserve the character of our community, our quality of life, and our safety. Time is the enemy. The longer Planning and City Council wait to act, the more likely it is that the undeveloped ridgeline of Coldwater will disappear, the substandard roads will become choked with workers' cars, cement trucks, dump trucks, food trucks and construction

equipment all day. These issues pose a life safety challenge in the canyons. We are all home during the Covid-19 pandemic. If there is a fire up here, we will not be able to evacuate. The LAFD will not be able to get through. Ambulances will be blocked. It is a crisis waiting to happen. Please help keep us safe by including the area of Coldwater Canyon from Mulholland Drive to the border of Beverly Hills in the Hillside Construction Regulation Ordinance. It exists. It works. It is the right thing to do. Sincerely, Catherine Russell The Bowmont-Hazen Neighborhood Association

Communication from Public

Name: Arnold Stiefel

Date Submitted: 09/14/2020 04:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live at 2335 Bowmont Drive and urge you to please defend our neighborhood against out-of-control development. By including us under the same protections of the Hillside Construction Regulation Ordinance that apply to all the other hillside neighborhoods on both sides of us, you are keeping us safe. Unregulated construction is a major concern because of the road blocks and hinders our ability to get in and out of the neighborhood efficiently in case of emergencies.

Communication from Public

Name: Lyla Chan

Date Submitted: 09/14/2020 04:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern: I am a resident in the Bowmont community and ask you to please defend our neighborhood against unmanageable development. By including us under the same protections of the Hillside Construction Regulation Ordinance that apply to all the other hillside neighborhoods on both sides of us, you are keeping us safe. Unregulated construction is a major concern because of the road blocks and hinders our ability to get in and out of the neighborhood efficiently in case of emergencies.

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Name: Ben Silverman

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Comments for Public Posting: My wife and I have lived on Hazen Drive near the intersection of Bowmont Drive since 1976. I am writing to implore the Counsel to enact the above referenced matter at its earliest opportunity. Doing so will make the existing Hillside Construction Ordinance applicable to the areas surrounding Coldwater Canyon Drive. Almost all of the hillsides of west Los Angeles are subject to the existing Hillside Construction Ordinance but for some reason the area surrounding Coldwater Canyon was omitted. There is no rational basis for excluding Coldwater Canyon. The result has been that the area has been and is being targeted for massive, unregulated projects resulting in a constant convoy of large trucks hauling soil, concrete, steel, wood, and other materials. In addition to the large trucks that hammerhead, backup and otherwise block passage, on most days cars parked on Hazen and Bowmont render the two substandard streets one lane for almost all of their length. There are many days on which an emergency vehicle simply could not promptly respond to a health or safety issue. The current fires raging in California underscore the need for rapid access by fire, ambulance, police, water and power, and other public safety vehicles. The inability of fire fighters, water and power and others to access the area can result a small fire turning into a conflagration. Making the Hillside Construction Ordinance applicable to Coldwater Canyon will not solve all of the hillside development issues, but it will protect residents and the hillsides from being unfairly targeted for over-development while the City considers further regulations for hillside development.

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Name: Don Roos

Date Submitted: 09/14/2020 01:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Monday, September 14, 2020 Councilmember Harris-Dawson Chair, Planning and Land Use Committee Dear Mr. Marqueece Harris-Dawson: Our councilmember David Ryu recently introduced a motion to protect our neighborhood and all of Coldwater under the Hillside Construction Regulation Ordinance. We desperately need this protection. Our neighborhood, because it is NOT yet under this protection, has been targeted by developers. We're currently awash in very big construction projects. The street I live on, Bowmont, is really narrow. With cars parked on one side, it effectively becomes a single-lane road. Emergency vehicles and responders have a tough time negotiating it now with the many projects (I count three on Bowmont alone within a quarter-mile of my house, not to mention several more on Hazen Drive). If we don't get this protection there will be more projects, more congestion, more danger. Please defend our neighborhood against out-of-control development and keep us safe by including us under the same protections of the Hillside Construction Regulation Ordinance that apply to all the other hillside neighborhoods surrounding us. Please schedule David Ryu's motion for committee consideration. We need this! Sincerely, Don Roos 2402 Bowmont Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Adelson

Date Submitted: 09/14/2020 11:34 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: September 13, 2020 Honorable Chair Harris-Dawson and Councilmembers: We are urging you to protect our hillside neighborhood by including the area from Briarcrest on the east to Franklin Canyon on the west in the Hillside Construction Regulation Ordinance (Ordinance No. 184827, Council File No. 16-1472-S1 and 16-1472-S-2). I am a member of the Bowmont-Hazen Neighborhood Association. We are approximately two hundred neighbors who live in a small semi-rustic community off Coldwater Canyon. Our quality of life is now challenged by predatory developers who have ruthlessly started to tear up the hillside, ruining habitats, disfiguring the landscape, and threatening our safety. We understand that the HCR rollout is a pilot program and was always intended to apply to the entire area of the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council. Unfortunately, the unintended consequence of not applying the program to all neighborhoods means that you are not just excluding neighborhoods -- you are effectively drawing crosshairs on those left unprotected. Our area has been referred to as the "donut hole" because, even though all contiguous areas are protected, we are not. Builders, expeditors, and realtors have gotten the message. Without any oversight or enforcement, bad developers have rushed oversized and inappropriate projects through City Hall to secure 'by-right' permits. Additionally, they have damaged and blocked streets never intended for heavy vehicles and equipment. They have sped through stop signs, worked on weekends, and created traffic hazards and mudslides. They have caused an influx of transient traffic, constant noise, and compromised security. They have created a public health hazard. The HCR is working in Bel-Air, Laurel Canyon and the Bird Streets. It has protected homeowners from overdevelopment, massive construction sites and overburdened haul routes. At the same time, it has allowed homeowners to renovate and builders to construct appropriate homes in scale with the existing homes. That is all we are asking: help us preserve the character of our community, our quality of life, and our safety. Time is the enemy. The longer Planning and City Council wait to act, the more likely it is that the undeveloped ridgeline of Coldwater will disappear, the substandard roads will become choked with workers' cars, cement trucks, dump trucks, food trucks and construction

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