

Communication from Public

Name: John Given

Date Submitted: 09/30/2020 10:45 AM

Council File No: 20-1101

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Councilmembers, Attached is a letter in support of Councilmember Ryu's motion to expand the HCR SUD from the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc. Sincerely,
John Given Vice President Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc.

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September 29, 2020

Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Chair, Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring St., Rm. 1010
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Hillside Construction Regulation Supplemental Use Dist.
SUPPORT CF 20-1101, Oct. 1, 2020 PLUM agenda item 6

Dear Chair Harris-Dawson and Honorable Councilmembers:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 44 homeowner and resident associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. The Federation supports Councilmember Ryu's motion to expand the Hillside Construction Regulation (HCR) Supplemental Use District (SUD) for the reasons detailed in his motion.

In the near term, hillside residents who work at home and whose children participate in remote learning activities from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic are substantially limited in the quiet enjoyment of their homes when near ongoing construction activities. With a greater number of residents at home due to the pandemic, all hillside areas face increased risk due to potential conflicts with construction activities when emergencies arise, especially Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

The original HCR SUD seems to work very well where it has been applied, but covers only a small part of the City's hillside communities impacted by high concentration of construction activities. We urge the Council to expand the HCR SUD to provide similar protection for all hillside and VHFHSZ residents.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims
President, Federation of Hillside and Canyon Association

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Name: Pacific Palisades Community Council

Date Submitted: 09/30/2020 09:38 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As explained in the attached letter, Pacific Palisades Community Council supports efforts to address risks to public safety during wildfire evacuations in the VHFHSZ, including halting construction grading/hauling and other related activities during windy & Red Flag days, as determined by LAFD. We also support further review & study to determine if and where the HCRD should be expanded. We may supplement this position in the future when our board has had sufficient time to review the HCRD pilot program and ordinance in greater detail and to ascertain its impact on our community.



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

September 30, 2020

Via email

Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair, Council PLUM Committee

Hon. Bob Blumenfield, Curren Price, Jr., Gilbert Cedillo & John Lee, Members, Council PLUM Committee

Hon. David Ryu, Councilmember, CD 4

Hon. Paul Koretz, Councilmember, CD5

Re: CF 20-1101; expanding Hillside Construction Regulation District/Pilot Program; hearing October 1, 2020; support review & study to determine whether and where the program should be expanded; support ban on construction grading/hauling during windy & Red Flag days

Dear Councilmembers:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) is the most broad-based community organization and has been the voice of the Palisades since 1973. The above-reference motion has only recently come to our attention. Acting pursuant to PPCC's Bylaws (Art. V.3(B)), the PPCC Executive Committee submits these comments on the motion.

Pacific Palisades is a largely residential community located entirely in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). There are only two main routes of ingress and egress to and from the Palisades as a whole: Sunset Blvd. and Temescal Canyon Blvd. (to PCH). Many of our neighborhoods (including those located in hillsides as well as those in "flat" areas) have substandard streets and only one point of ingress and egress. We have experienced serious problems with congestion during wildfire evacuations (most recently during the serious Palisades & Getty fires in fall 2019). We support efforts to address the risk to public safety during wildfire evacuations, in particular on our substandard streets and those with only one point of ingress and egress.

With respect to the Hillside Construction Regulation District/Pilot Program and Ordinance, we support a *halt on construction grading and hauling (including halting use of cement mixer trucks, requiring dumpsters to be removed from streets and ensuring fire equipment access) during windy and Red Flag Days*, as determined by LAFD. We also support further review and study to determine whether the District/Pilot Program should be expanded and if so, the areas where the program should be expanded. However, our board has had insufficient time to review the Ordinance or this motion in detail, or to ascertain the impact of the Ordinance's provisions on our community should Pacific Palisades be included in the District/Pilot Program. Our position on the motion may be supplemented in the future upon further review by our full Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee, PPCC:

David Card, Chair

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John Padden, Organization Representative (PRIDE)

Joanna Spak, Area Representative (Area 1, Castellammare,
Paseo Miramar)

cc: Hon. Mike Bonin, Councilmember, CD11

Communication from Public

Name: Steven Dersh

Date Submitted: 09/30/2020 12:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To Honorable Chair Harris-Dawson and Councilmembers: I write in support of Councilmember David Ryu's Motion to include the area of Coldwater Canyon from Mulholland Drive to the border of Beverly Hills in the Hillside Construction Regulation Ordinance ("HCR") I, Steven Dersh was born and raised in Los Angeles and have been a hiker of the Hastain Trail since 1975. Hikers, families with children and others have used and enjoyed this treasured trail for many, many decades. We all understood that area and trail to be part of the protected Franklin Canyon Park/WODOC preserve. Our hillsides and hiking trails are under attack by predatory developers, including Mohammad Hadid, who have begun destroying them, decimating wildlife habitats and threatening public safety often without proper permits. Please extend the same protections that apply to all the other vulnerable hillside neighborhoods to Hastain Trail in Franklin Canyon Park. Please stop the development in this irreplaceable treasure and save the Hastain Trail and surrounding area. Thank you very much. Sincerely, Steven Dersh (310)276-8534

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher Tresp

Date Submitted: 09/30/2020 01:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To Honorable Chair Harris-Dawson and Councilmembers: I write in support of Councilmember David Ryu's Motion to include the area of Coldwater Canyon from Mulholland Drive to the border of Beverly Hills in the Hillside Construction Regulation Ordinance ("HCR"). I am a resident of a Beverly Hills-adjacent neighborhood, and frequent hiker/visitor of Franklin Canyon, specifically, Hastain Trail, for over 10 years. While I am typically in favor of development which adds to LA's housing stock, I find it deeply upsetting that a developer would be allowed to build a "mega mansion" on what should be considered a nature preserve in the heart of our City. It is bad enough that this unethical developer, who is known for his blatant disregard of the City's building code, has already destroyed the hillside with his 9650 Cedarbrook development. I can only plead that this is not allowed to happen to the Hastain Trail (Royalton site). Please extend the same protections that apply to all the other vulnerable hillside neighborhoods to Hastain Trail in Franklin Canyon Park. Thank you very much.

Communication from Public

Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: "To Honorable Chair Harris-Dawson and Councilmembers: I write in support of Councilmember David Ryu's Motion to include the area of Coldwater Canyon from Mulholland Drive to the border of Beverly Hills in the Hillside Construction Regulation Ordinance ("HCR") I am a resident of Deep Canyon area _____. Our neighborhood is now under attack by predatory developers who have begun destroying hillsides, decimating wildlife habitats and threatening public safety. Please extend the same protections that apply to all the other vulnerable hillside neighborhoods. Thank you very much."