

Communication from Public

Name: Chuck and Julie Shapiro

Date Submitted: 10/01/2020 01:18 AM

Council File No: 20-1101

Comments for Public Posting: Letter to Honorable Chair Harris-Dawson and Councilmembers attached

September 30, 2020

Honorable Chair Harris-Dawson and Councilmembers:

We are residents and members of the Bowmont-Hazen Neighborhood Association. For 25 years we have lived in our home on Bowmont Drive. Over the years we have watched the natural habitat erode and wildlife diminish. Our quality of life is challenged more now than ever as developers encroach the hillsides, threatening the safety of our family, the safety of our neighbors and safety of our environment.

We respectfully ask that you protect our community 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). Our neighborhood deserves the same protections as the neighborhoods currently protected by the Ordinance. If the Bowmont/Hazen neighborhood is not included, homeowners and residents will suffer irreparable harm.

Our streets were not designed for heavy vehicles and equipment. The streets are narrow with blind curves. The streets are already full with vehicles for local workers, gardeners, pool cleaners, repair trucks and residents. The influx of construction will overwhelm the area. The streets cannot accommodate worker vehicles, cement trucks, dump trucks, food trucks and construction equipment without the vehicles and trucks parking illegally, blocking driveways or thoroughfares. There are no sidewalks in the neighborhood. Even with speed bumps and signs, my husband and I must be overly cautious as we walk our dog in the neighborhood. The influx of traffic and construction will further compromise our personal safety. With record breaking temperatures and winds, if there is a fire in the area, residents will have no safe way to evacuate and the LAFD will not be able to get through. This is no conjecture or hypothetical examples, I am expressing the reality of living in the canyon.

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.

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. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Chuck and Julie Shapiro
The Bowmont-Hazen Neighborhood Association

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Name: ebet dudley

Date Submitted: 10/01/2020 11:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Like many others, I hike Halstain Trail almost daily - it's one of the reasons I bought a home nearby. In this time of Covid, it's one of the only ways to sufficiently exercise safely. I'm horrified to have seen this outrageous behemoth steadily progress, and have come to learn of Mr Hadid's reckless disregard for regulations, and common decency. The vehicles have clogged and disrupted neighbors for months. He's damaged a beautiful, ecologically rich landscape, and threatened to close a keenly valued public haven, for the sake of a single-family home the size of a hotel. The protections that have been put in place after his outrages in Bel Air and other regions should be extended to Coldwater Canyon as well, in the spirit they were surely meant originally, and he should be held liable for restoring what he's destroyed.

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Name: sharon rubin

Date Submitted: 10/01/2020 01:50 PM

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Name: Drew Cobb

Date Submitted: 10/01/2020 02:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To Honorable Chair Harris-Dawson and Councilmembers: I Drew Cobb, am a resident of Studio City, and hike, and ride my bike in the hills, including the Hastain trail. 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"). Our neighborhoods, hillsides and hiking trails are under attack by predatory developers who have begun destroying them, decimating wildlife habitats and threatening public safety. Please extend the same protections that apply to all the other vulnerable hillside neighborhoods to Coldwater Canyon and Hastain Trail in Franklin Canyon Park. I am a native that grew up in the Hollywood Hills and at the time there was lots of open space, where a kid could be a kid and adults could get out and stretch their legs. Much of the open space I enjoyed in my younger years (1960's-70's) is gone, due to developers. Please do not let this 75,000 square foot monstrosity go forward. Thank you very much. Regards, Drew Cobb

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/01/2020 03:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I write to support Councilman Ryu's motion to include my neighborhood in the Hillside construction Regulation Ordinance.. I live on Bowmont Drive....an extremely narrow road, accessed by Cherokee (another extremely narrow road emptying into Coldwater Canyon. I have had many near misses with construction trucks that were very scary. Plus when those same trucks get to Coldwater they block all 4 lanes of Coldwater as well as both of the lanes on Cherokee. We, in this neighborhood need more protection from rampant construction and use of our very narrow roads. Thank you for considering this motion. I am definitely in favor of it.

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Name: Chuck & Julie Shapiro

Date Submitted: 10/01/2020 08:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a homeowner and member of the Bowmont-Hazen Neighborhood Association. I attended today's council /public meeting via phone call so that I could express my position. There were technical problems on the City side and the meeting was an absolute mess. A woman representing Builders/Construction Companies was given an opportunity to speak about item #6. There was no opportunity for opposition to speak. On behalf of her clients she claims that there is no proof or test results regarding the cause / effect between construction and fire hazard to the location. The representative spoke without having any idea of the location she was speaking about. The residents in the Bowmont-Hazen neighborhood live in a neighborhood with one narrow road for entry and exit. Should there be an emergency and we need to vacate it will be extremely difficult for emergency vehicles to safely access the road and surrounding area. Before any building/construction occurs in the canyon there must be a comprehensive safety plan. The plan should be approved by the residents and should include, among other things: a designated safety director, training documentation, emergency notifications, onsite smoking and cooking policies, location of onsite storage of flammable liquids, site security provisions and parking restrictions. We respectfully ask that you protect our community 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). Our neighborhood deserves the same protections as the neighborhoods currently protected by the Ordinance. If the Bowmont/Hazen neighborhood is not included, homeowners and residents will suffer irreparable harm. 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. Respectfully, Chuck and Julie Shapiro

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Name: Paige Smith

Date Submitted: 10/01/2020 11:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To Honorable Chair Harris-Dawson and Councilmembers: I, Paige Smith, am a resident of Beverly Hills, CA; and an avid hiker of the Hastain Trail for the last 5 years. 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"). Our neighborhoods, hillsides and hiking trails are under attack by predatory developers who have begun destroying them, decimating wildlife habitats and threatening public safety. Please extend the same protections that apply to all the other vulnerable hillside neighborhoods to Coldwater Canyon and Hastain Trail in Franklin Canyon Park. Thank you very much.

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Name: Virginia Kahn

Date Submitted: 10/01/2020 12:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live on Bowmont Drive and I support this motion.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/01/2020 04:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To: Chair Harris-Dawson and Councilmembers: I am a resident of Cedarbrook Drive in Coldwater Canyon. 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"). Our neighborhoods, hillsides and hiking trails are under attack by predatory developers who have begun destroying them, decimating wildlife habitats and threatening public safety. Please extend the same protections that apply to all the other vulnerable hillside neighborhoods to Coldwater Canyon and Hastain Trail in Franklin Canyon Park. Sincerely, R. Mayo