

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Support for Hillside Construction Regulations to be applied to Mt. Washington/Glassell Park in a high fire hazard severity area.

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To: Council District 1

RE: Hillside Construction Regulation

The Hillside Regulation (HCR) Is already in place in Bel Air, Laurel Canyon and other westside communities. The HCR is almost at the finish line and **only needs a final vote in City Council by May 15**. This was promised as a high priority item by multiple council members.

Much work has been done to present this item, move it up the ladder on agendas and for approval. Our Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, which includes all residential properties within the Mt. Washington/Glassell Park Specific Plan.

I am in full support of the Hillside Construction Regulations for the Mt. Washington community. We are in desperate need of enforced construction regulations. We have 300 building sites currently on 2.7 square miles. The safety of our residents and homes depend on the HCR passing.

We are currently experiencing a free-for-all in terms of development. Construction vehicles are overtaking our already crumbling infrastructure. We encounter increased situations where emergency vehicles have not been able to access locations due to narrow roadways or convoys of construction vehicles.

Some of these vehicles have fallen off roadways into homes! We are in a High Fire Severity zone. Without common sense safeguards put in place to mitigate the steep increase in building, we face life and death disasters.



I am not against development that is thoughtful and within reason. The HCR would greatly decrease tensions between neighbors and construction on the hill.



Construction crew cars parked on the streets, not allowing residents and their guests any place to park.

Sincerely,

Juanita Martinez