

## Communication from Public

**Name:** REdward Pfiester

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**Council File No:** 16-1472-S7

**Comments for Public Posting:** City Councilpersons: PLEASE VOTE YES TO INCLUDE EXISTING WEST SIDE OF LA HILLSIDE CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS (HCR) ON NORTH EAST LA DEVELOPEMENTS. My wife and I are more than 30 year residents of Mt. Washington, Zip Code 90065-- one of the areas of North East Los Angeles with hillside homes. There are about 5,000 homes and over 300 currently active development/ building projects on Mt. Washington. The majority of streets are less than 20 feet wide. And very, very few are more than 20 feet wide. The fire hydrant closest to our home is on a street 12 (twelve) feet wide-- which trash and fire trucks have problems navigating. We are in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. As you probably know the 35 acre Elyria Canyon Park is in the middle of Mt. Washington-- also hillside land WHICH IS NOT BRUSHED NOR DEAD LIMBS REMOVED AT ALL UNLESS WITHIN 200 FEET OF A HOME. Additionally for at least 6 weeks around July 4 and New Years thousands of illegal fireworks are set off near the park. This creates a great danger for the spread of fires which , coupled with small, narrow streets, makes getting LAFD equipment and ambulances to many of the lots more time consuming. As you probably know. The action requested and pending is to give us rights equal (no greater than) those long enjoyed by the City of LA residents on the West Side. These include adding the West Side Hillside Contraction Regulations (HCR) requirements to the area where we live, including: \*Limit haul route trips to no more than four per hour and only one truck on the hill at a time. \*Truck convoys must be staged outside the HCR area until called in, one at a time. \*Limit haul operations to Monday-Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm. \*Limit construction hours to Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 6:00pm, on Saturdays only interior work is allowed, and no work on Sundays. \*No exterior lighting after 6:00pm \*Dust must be controlled \*No grading or hauling on windy days or Red Flag days. \*Streets must be cleaned at the end of each workday. \*Flagpersons are required to assist all trucks along with signs posted 300' in either direction from the site when roads will be blocked by construction work or vehicles. \*Limit the maximum amount of grading and import/export of dirt \*Require notification to residents of haul route and demolition activities. \*Post the regulations with contact

information for the pertinent City departments regarding questions or complaints. The HCR amendment as drafted includes a provision requiring the posting of a sign which would help neighbors know who to contact with questions or concerns. This “enforcement information” posting, like a public service announcement, informs and educates the public about the health and safety issues, and it is important that this provision remain in the HCR amendment. See LAMC section 13.20 D(6)(j): 7. A sign shall be placed at the project site, at a location that is viewable from the adjacent public right-of-way, that provides contact information for City enforcement entities. Also we request this provision be modified from that of West LA residents please because our area has much smaller homes: The current language of the existing HCR (LAMC 13.20 D(7) ) is based on the 2017 original language applied to areas such as Bel Air. It requires a Site Plan Review (a more detailed review for compliance with size, parking, height and other factors) for one family homes that have a cumulative residential floor area of 17,500 square feet in those west side communities protected under the original HCR. While this size may be an appropriate threshold for other areas of the city, it is not logical for our area. Data compiled for the last two years shows that, with one anomaly, new home sizes in our community range from 892 square feet to 3,871 square feet, with a median size of 2,478 square feet. We propose that LAMC 13.20 D(7) be changed to have a 4,000 square foot threshold for our area and the other northeast communities. Developer of new properties regularly seek waivers of long existing requirements like building out the hillside streets in front of their lots to 20 feet minimum (which is the way Los Angeles finances such street widening). That forces us neighbors to submit papers to and attend every Zoning Administrator hearing where we must fight and push for the HCR's that the West Side Los Angelinos have long received as a matter of right. WILL YOU PLEASE PASS THE HCR TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR HILLSIDES IN THIS VERY HIGH FIRE RISK COMMUNITY WITH ITS FRAGILE INFRASTRUCTURE? THANK YOU Edward Pfiester repfiester@gmail.com PS will you also please permit the hearing to be attended BOTH IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM. Adding Zoom attendance to public hearings was one of the few really positive things that have come out of COVID. The Los Angeles Superior Courts realize that, for example and are continuing courtroom hearings via the Superior Court's Remote video conferencing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joyce

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Mount Washington . I have been living in this community for the past 15 years, and have noticed a surge in the number of construction projects in our area, which is disrupting the flow of traffic and creating safety hazards for pedestrians and drivers alike. I would like to bring to your attention the urgent need to pass the Hillside Construction Regulation for our community. This regulation will ensure that construction projects are undertaken in a safe and responsible manner. I believe that the HCR will not only address these issues, but will also have a positive impact on our neighborhoods overall quality of life. By ensuring the projects are undertaken in a safe and responsible manner, we can protect our community from unnecessary disruptions and maintain the tranquility and beauty that makes our area so special . I would appreciate your support in getting this regulation passed for our community. I believe with your help , we can make Mount Washington a safer and more pleasant place to live. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allison Scannell

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We live in Museum Drive in front of the hillside of Quail Drive. About a year ago, the land behind us and a few of our neighbors was purchased by developers who cut down trees illegally. This year they trespassed on a neighbors yard (on land that our neighbors own) and cut down their trees as well as ruining their black walnut trees on their property. The trees and debris were left to roll down the hillside. It's my worry that these developers are careless and do not understand that hillside building affects the properties below them. We have a small backyard that our son plays in as well as our animals and it's my fear that these developers will cut down more trees and start hillside building without taking precautions and practicing safety. They have historically shown a careless attitude toward respecting the hillside they purchased. I would like there to be more protection for not only my family but for home owners at the bottom of the hillside and home owners in our neighborhood in general. We all chose Mount Washington to enjoy our little slice of peace in nature. These hillside construction zones are taking that away from us all.