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RE: **MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL LOW DENSITY POLICY STATEMENT: PROTECTING NEIGHBORHOODS**

Dear Councilmembers:

At the regularly scheduled meeting held January 14, 2014, The Mar Vista Community Council approved the following policy motion by a vote of 12-0-1

*The Mar Vista Community Council believes clear and reasonable land use regulations, including definitions and performance standards [noise, traffic, parking, operating hours, and the like], are necessary for good governance, civil society, buffering of uses between zone classifications, proper code enforcement, neighborhood stability, public health, and public safety.*

*The General Plan of the City of Los Angeles specifically protects the residential character of low density residential areas as stated in the General Plan Framework Element Chapter 3 - Land Use Goals, Objectives and Policies Issue Two: Uses, Density, and Character:*

***"Single-Family Residential Overview***

***The Framework Element recognizes the importance of existing single-family residential neighborhoods and the need to conserve them. Traditionally, they have formed the fabric that has distinguished the City from other urban areas. Even with substantial growth, the single-family dwelling is still considered to be a major objective of most income and ethnic groups. These areas also afford added opportunities to take advantage of the variety of lifestyles such as water-oriented, rural/agricultural and equestrian-keeping special use neighborhoods"***

*And, additionally stated as:*

***"Goal 3B: Preservation of the City's stable single-family residential neighborhoods".***

*There exist substantial low density areas within the MVCC's boundaries. ANY prospective change to this General Plan Framework policy is a serious matter of public process and accountability to MVCC stakeholders.*

*Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council calls for full Environmental Impact Review in compliance with CEQA, to completely assess the impacts of any and all proposed ordinances, revisions, regulations, or plans which alter the above stated policy with regard to the character of the City's low density residential areas comprising over 65% of the City's land use--including complete analysis of fiscal impacts to vital City services and future burdens on the City's aging physical infrastructure.*

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the matter,

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