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**Re: MURAL ORDINANCE: CF 11-0923**

Dear Councilmembers:

At the regularly scheduled meeting held July 9, 2013, The Mar Vista Community Council unanimously approved the following policy motion:

*MVCC requests the ordinance be referred back to city council committee to address the following issues and concerns:*

1. Whether there should be an exception for R1 and/or all other residential zones;
2. Whether murals in residential zones should be limited to areas that are not visible from the public right of way (e.g., back yard fences, rear walls no higher than one-story, etc.);
3. Whether communities that wish to have murals should be permitted to use existing land use tools such as overlay zones to allow murals in R1 and/or other residential zones (and not the other way around, as we understand the revised Ordinance will provide);
4. Whether illumination of murals should be allowed at all and in particular in or near residential zones;
5. Whether the ordinance's definition of a "commercial message" is clear, adequate and/or sufficient;
6. Whether the ordinance's definition of "digitally printed restorative images" or "art murals" is clear, adequate and/or sufficient, and whether the definition of "Original Art Mural" should include "digitally printed restorative" images;
7. Whether the "administrative rules" governing the "Neighborhood Involvement Requirement" should be adopted and set forth in the Ordinance prior to its enactment, including specific provisions for notice of the required community meeting;
8. Whether existing murals are or should be clearly grandfathered under the Ordinance;
9. Whether any aspects of the Ordinance may impact public safety and/or quiet enjoyment of residential property, including the height and illumination provisions;
10. Whether there will be sufficient enforcement of the Ordinance provisions.

Sincerely,

Sharon Commins, Chair  
Mar Vista Community Council