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Ms. S. Gail Goldberg, Director of Planning  
Department of Planning  
City of Los Angeles City Hall  
200 Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Reference: Senate Bill 1818 (SB1818) State of California mandated density bonuses and adopted February 20, 2008 by Los Angeles City Council

Dear Ms. Goldberg:

Los Angeles is already one of the densest cities in the country. An SB1818 implementation ordinance which opens virtually the entire city to 35% increases in density—whether appropriate or not—will:

- Circumvent our General plan, our Community plans and our Specific plans, rendering them useless;
- Increase our traffic;
- Increase our infrastructure failures [water, sewer, electrical]
- Decrease our overall quality of life; and
- Result in a net loss of affordable housing

Therefore, Mar Vista Community Council's Board of Directors agree with the concerns brought forth by Ms. Jane Ellison Usher, President of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission, in her opposition to the City of Los Angeles's implementing 05-1345 Ordinance, (relative to amending Sections 12.22, 12.24, 14.00 and 19.01 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to implement a Density Bonus Program, as required by State law) in her letter of March 14, 2008.

The Mar Vista Community Council recommends the following actions be taken by the City of Los Angeles regarding the implementation of said 05-1345 Ordinance, (relative to amending Sections 12.22, 12.24, 14.00 and 19.01 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to implement a Density Bonus Program, as required by State law)

- Request that the City of Los Angeles pass a resolution asking the State of California to exempt the City of Los Angeles from SB1818;
- Request that the City of Los Angeles repeal its implementing Ordinance 05-1345 regarding SB1818, pending the determination from the state on said exemption request;
- Request that the City of Los Angeles disallow any density bonus for a proposed development that results in a net reduction of affordable housing; and
- Request all projects seeking to utilize the density bonus menus be classified as discretionary and thus subject to CEQA review for environmental impacts

Sincerely,

Rob Kadota  
Chair  
Mar Vista Community Council