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Honorable Los Angeles City Council
Room 395, City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: June 10 Council Agenda, Item 25; *Sullivan Equity Partners, LLC v. City of Los Angeles* (LASC Case No. BS169541; CF 20-0558)
OPPOSE any settlement that weakens PTO enforcement

Dear Council President Martinez and Honorable Councilmembers:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 44 homeowner and resident associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains.

The Council has been presented with a settlement offer from the developer that brought the above-captioned lawsuit against the City, the decision of which is now on appeal. The confidential offer likely conditions dismissal of the case and its federal court counterpart if the City reinstates permits. The Hillside Federation would strongly oppose acceptance of such an offer, which would undercut the City's future ability to enforce the PTO.

There is no question the developer violated the PTO, only what penalties should be imposed. Instead of accepting a settlement that scuttles future enforcement of the PTO, the City should hold a new administrative hearing to determine the appropriate penalties to be imposed, if any, following the court's guidance for a fair hearing in the matter.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims
President, Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations

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Beachwood Canyon NA
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Highlands Owners Assn.
Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.
Hollywood Heights Assn.
Holmby Hills Homeowners Assn.
Kagel Canyon Civic Assn.
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