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Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Chair, Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring St., Rm. 1010
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Hillside Construction Regulation Supplemental Use Dist.
SUPPORT CF 20-1101, Oct. 1, 2020 PLUM agenda item 6

Dear Chair Harris-Dawson 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 Federation supports Councilmember Ryu's motion to expand the Hillside Construction Regulation (HCR) Supplemental Use District (SUD) for the reasons detailed in his motion.

In the near term, hillside residents who work at home and whose children participate in remote learning activities from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic are substantially limited in the quiet enjoyment of their homes when near ongoing construction activities. With a greater number of residents at home due to the pandemic, all hillside areas face increased risk due to potential conflicts with construction activities when emergencies arise, especially Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

The original HCR SUD seems to work very well where it has been applied, but covers only a small part of the City's hillside communities impacted by high concentration of construction activities. We urge the Council to expand the HCR SUD to provide similar protection for all hillside and VHFHSZ residents.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims
President, Federation of Hillside and Canyon Association

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