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Honorable Councilmembers:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952 and representing thirty-three homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, enthusiastically supports the Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) plan as amended by Councilmember Koretz.

Our communities have long been frustrated by the lack of enforcement of city codes. Building and Safety frequently cites violators, but nothing happens to them; so they continue to violate the code. ACE proposes a reasonable change of procedures that removes the process from the court system where prosecuting violators of quality of life violations are understandably a low priority in our crowded court system and where the resulting fines go to the state. This is not a radical new plan, but one that is based on successful programs that are already in operation in such cities as San Diego, Sacramento, and Oakland.

ACE is a win-win program that will facilitate the enforcement of municipal codes and bring much-needed revenue to the city. We urge the City Council to adopt the ACE plan.

Sincerely,

Marian Dodge, President

cc: City Council