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

November 25, 2011

Re: Council File No. 10-1832, farmers' markets in all residential zones  
OPPOSED AS WRITTEN

Bel Air Knolls Property Owners  
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners  
Bel Air Ridge Association  
Benedict Canyon Association  
Brentwood Residents Coalition  
Canyon Back Alliance  
Crests Neighborhood Assn.  
Franklin Ave./Hollywood Bl. West  
Franklin Hills Residents Assn.  
Highlands Owners Assn.  
Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.  
Hollywood Heights Assn.  
Hollywoodland Homeowners  
Holmby Hills Homeowners Assn.  
Kagel Canyon Civic Assn.  
Laurel Canyon Assn.  
Lookout Mountain Alliance  
Los Feliz Improvement Assn.  
Mt. Olympus Property Owners  
Mt. Washington Homeowners All.  
Nichols Canyon Assn.  
N. Beverly Dr./Franklin Canyon  
Oak Forest Canyon Assn.  
Outpost Estates Homeowners  
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn.  
Residents of Beverly Glen  
Roscomare Valley Assn.  
Shadow Hills Property Owners  
Sherman Oaks HO Assn.  
Studio City Residents Assn.  
Sunset Hills Homeowners Assn.  
Tarzana Property Owners Assn.  
Torreyson Flynn Assn.  
Upper Mandeville Canyon  
Whitley Heights Civic Assn.

Honorable Councilmembers:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents thirty-four homeowner and residents associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. The Federation's mission is to protect the property and the quality of life of its over 200,000 constituents and to conserve the natural habitat and appearance of the hillside and mountain areas in which they live.

The Federation understands and supports the goal of providing healthy food to residents of Los Angeles. However, because the operation of farmers' markets in residential zones could have a great impact, any permitting process for such use must be transparent and provide for sufficient notice and community input. As written, the ordinance fails in this regard because it does not provide for any notice to or input from relevant homeowner and residents associations or neighborhood councils.

The associations and councils are arguably best-suited to provide critical input to the Zoning Administrator in regard to wider community impacts from operation of proposed farmers' markets. Yet the Ordinance does not require any advance notice to the relevant associations and councils, and under some circumstances, a hearing is not even required and a permit can be issued by the Zoning Administrator upon submission of the application, without any opportunity for input from knowledgeable associations and councils.

The Federation therefore urges the City Council to require amendment of the Ordinance to provide for written notice to all relevant associations and councils at least thirty days in advance of the filing of an application for permission to operate a farmers' market in a residential zone.

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