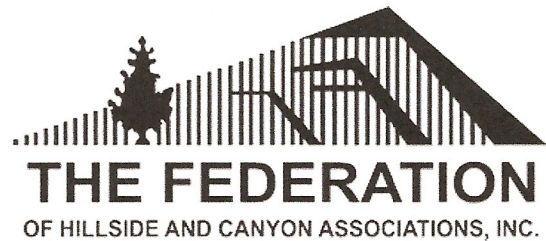


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October 30, 2010

Re: Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations Request
to Prioritize the Baseline Hillside Ordinance

Dear Mr. Trutanich:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc. (the Federation) was founded in 1952 for the purpose of conserving the natural habitat and appearance of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside and canyon environs of the Greater Los Angeles area. The Federation's membership includes 33 residential and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. On August 4, 2010, the City Council approved the Baseline Hillside Ordinance (BHO) and sent it onto the City Attorney's office for review and preparation of the official ordinance for final approval by the City Council. We ask that your Office make its review of the BHO a top priority because, until the BHO is adopted by the City Council, the hillside areas remain unprotected against the risks that the BHO was designed to mitigate.

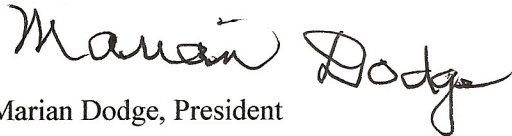
The Federation joined the following elected officials and organizations in support of the BHO: State Senator Fran Pavley, Assembly Member Julia Brownley, Assembly Member Mike Feuer, County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, American Institute of Architects, Bel-Air Association, Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Committee, Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners Association, Brentwood Hills Homeowners Association, Brentwood Homeowners Association, Brentwood Residents Coalition, Cheviot Hills Homeowners Association, Save Elephant Hills, Encino Neighborhood Council, Hollywoodland Homeowners Association, International Society for the Preservation of the Tropical Rainforest, La Brea Willoughby Coalition, Laurel Canyon Association, Lookout Mountain Alliance, Los Feliz Improvement Association, Montecito Heights Improvement Association, Mount Washington Homeowners Alliance, Mulholland Scenic Parkway Design Review Board, Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association, Oak Forest Canyon Homeowners Association, Pacific Palisades Residents Association, Palisades Preservation Association, Residents of Beverly Glen, Inc., Santa Monica Canyon Civic Association, Shadow Hills Property Owners Association, Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association, Tarzana Property Owners Association, Upper Mandeville Canyon Property Owners' Association, and Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. Homeowners Association.

Bel Air Knolls Property Owners
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners
Bel Air Ridge Association
Benedict Canyon Association
Cahuenga Pass Neighborhood
Crests Neighborhood Assn.
Encino Property Owners Assn.
Forrest Hills Homeowners 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
La Tuna Canyon Community Assn.
Laurel Canyon Assn.
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
Residents of Beverly Glen
Roscomare Valley Assn.
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Studio City Residents Assn.
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Several Hillside Federation member organizations have spent over two years attending Baseline Hillside Ordinance workshops, Planning Commission, PLUM and City Council hearings and working with Planning Department staff on this ordinance. The BHO is of utmost importance to the safety, protection and quality of our communities. We urge you to make finalization of the Baseline Hillside Ordinance a top priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marian Dodge". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Marian Dodge, President

cc: Jane Usher, Special Assistant, City Attorney
Bill Carter, Chief Deputy, City Attorney
Ken Fong, City Attorney