

February 11, 2013

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has approved an update to the Hollywood Community Plan (HCP) which allows for massive new housing and commercial development in Hollywood;

WHEREAS, the existing infrastructure cannot support the demands that would be placed on it by that new development;

WHEREAS, there is no funding to mitigate the inadequate infrastructure as required by the General Plan;

WHEREAS, some infrastructure, including streets, cannot be expanded to mitigate the increased population and commercial development;

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) projections of increased population and commercial development, used by the City to create the HCP Update, have no factual basis;

WHEREAS, there is no evidence to support the City's 2005 estimate of a population increase to 224,000 in Hollywood;

WHEREAS, the 2000 and 2010 US Census both prove that there has been a steady 20-year decline of population in Hollywood;

WHEREAS, a 2012 survey by the Los Angeles Business Journal shows that there is a 25% vacancy rate of commercial property in Hollywood;

WHEREAS, previous California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) court cases have set the legal precedent that when projections are contradicted by factual data then the planning alternative based on factual data prevails;

WHEREAS, the facts show that the Downzoning Option is a reasonable alternative that must be considered in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) as required by CEQA;

WHEREAS, the HCP EIR did not include the Downzoning Option as a reasonable alternative;

WHEREAS, SaveHollywood.org has filed a Writ of Mandate (Case BS 138 370) to order the City to send the HCP Update back to the Planning Department to prepare an EIR that includes the Downzoning Option;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association supports the SaveHollywood.org Writ of Mandate (Case BS 138 370) to order the City to send the HCP Update back to the Planning Department to prepare an EIR that includes the Downzoning Option.