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| Dear Councilmember Ryu, |

This note is to encourage you to **reject** the proposed repeal of the City’s existing second dwelling unit ordinance. I ask that you maintain our existing, sensible zoning standards that protect single-family neighborhoods throughout the City. It is irresponsible to lower our standards and gut the character of single family neighborhoods, with no protections for nearby homeowners.

A recently published article in City Watch LA lays out the negative impacts a repeal would have on our neighborhoods. [On the Brink of Folly: Will City Council Unwittingly Upzone LA’s Single-Family Neighborhoods?](http://www.citywatchla.com/index.php/the-la-beat/11502-on-the-brink-of-folly-will-city-council-unwittingly-upzone-la-s-single-family-neighborhoods), details the case against repealing our local ordinance. After reading the story, it is clear that adopting the lenient State standards for second dwelling would have a major impact on LA’s neighbors.

The article lays out these questions:

* Will homeowners, neighborhood associations and Neighborhood Councils be able to make their voices heard?
* Will Councilmembers question the advice of the City Attorney and Planning Department that no option other than repeal is “feasible”?
* Will the City Council decide to pursue another option to maintain its SDU protections?
* Will Councilmembers question the Planning Department’s policy objective to promote the development of large SDUs on a “one size fits all” approach throughout Los Angeles’ single-family neighborhoods?
* Will the Councilmembers who represent Hillside areas realize that these neighborhoods will have no further meaningful protection from SDUs?

*If the Council were to repeal the ordinance, LA would be the only major city in California to abandon its own standards and submit to the State standards*.  The permissive State standards’ one-size-fits-all approach in a city as diverse as Los Angeles would operate to the great detriment of our neighborhoods, particularly in our hillside areas.

You have several options to comply with the recent court ruling. There is no reason to simply discard our protective local standards. If revisions to the Second Dwelling Unit ordinance are necessary, they must be considered with public outreach, not on the current “fast track” basis. All stakeholders need the opportunity to express their opinion.

Please vote **NO** on the ill-advised proposal to repeal the Second Dwelling Unit ordinance.

Sincerely,