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Attachment “H”

DRAFT

November xx, 2020

Mayor Eric Garcetti
 City of Los Angeles
 200 Spring Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mayor Garcetti:

We, the undersigned, Robin Greenberg and Ellen Evans, declare that we are the President and Vice President of Operations respectively of the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABCNC). On xx, 2020, a Brown Act publicly noticed meeting was held by the BABCNC. With a quorum of xx board members present, by a vote of xx yes, x no and x abstention, the governing Board of the BABCNC approved a motion to submit this letter regarding enforcement of the home sharing and party house ordinances.

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Since before the pandemic, our neighborhoods have been burdened with a glut of party house activity. This has only ramped up with the closure of bars and nightclubs. Whether the activity is associated with a homeowner, a long-term renter, a home share or an event-space rental, the nuisance is the same.

Parties create noise problems – music well over noise ordinance limits, screaming and shouting in the streets, significant traffic noise from sports cars speeding to and from party locations. There have also been some violent incidents, including homicides, some well-publicized and others not. Gunshots are now becoming a normal occurrence.

It's clear that this behavior is not accepted – laws have been and continue to be passed in an effort to eliminate these issues.

In fact, over the past several months, LAPD officers from West LA station and from Hollywood Station have written numerous citations both for loud and unruly gatherings and for violation of the Safer LA order. Our Neighborhood Prosecutors continue to file nuisance cases. The presumption has been that the escalating series of party house fines as well as the threat of power cut offs and other measures would be sufficient to stop or at least significantly affect activity.

We are writing to tell you that it has not. While we can't say what would have transpired in the absence of this enforcement, we can certainly say that activity continues without significant abatement. This is bad enough in normal times but it is doubly galling when neighbors sit in their homes, avoiding activities that elevate transmission of COVID and others are out engaging in prohibited behavior and contributing to an environment where Los Angeles County cannot move on to greater opening without severe consequences.

Use of available enforcement measures has been far too limited. There are locations where activity has been ongoing and severe enough to warrant City Attorney action but where the request to turn off the power has gone unheeded by the Mayor. This means the residents are subjected to weekend after weekend of partying knowing that the Mayor's office has decided that their problem is not severe or embarrassing enough to warrant action.

We implore you to elevate the level of enforcement in order to try to curb this scourge. By this we mean:

1. Turn off power and use all allowable measures to enforce Safer LA order.
2. Make it clear that LAPD must write party house citations for all large and unruly gatherings. Only by reaching the top of the fine scale will parties in certain areas stop.
3. Clean up the short term rental market by making agreements with platforms other than Airbnb, by citing violators and fining them at the top of the fine scale not the bottom and by eliminating those permits where owners have falsely claimed primary residency.

We believe that taking this action will both curb the problem and reduce the amount of resources required to manage it on an ongoing basis. With the current budget situation, we believe that this should be a priority.

Finally, we would like to point out that the City has allowed a substantial number of homes to be constructed in our neighborhoods that have built-in party house features, and which don't lend themselves to full-time residence. Large roof decks with exterior amplification and non-family oriented layouts contribute to the problem, and code should change so that future houses in our neighborhoods are not just event spaces or parking lots for capital but homes.

All these measures must be taken both in order to restore peace and order in our neighborhoods and in order to make clear that public health orders must be followed.

We won't stop this pandemic while people are still partying in the hills.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Mike Feuer, Vince Bertoni, Michael Moore