

# **BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS COALITION**

Los Angeles City Council  
Baseline Hillside Ordinance - 10-1001-CPC-2010-581-CA

August 4, 2010

Good afternoon. My name is Wendy-Sue Rosen, President, Brentwood Residents Coalition. I appear before you today representing the residential hillside areas of Brentwood. We have and continue to strongly support the Baseline Hillside Ordinance.

Community Plans gave us hope for character and scale consistency in hillside development. But as technological advances have made it easier to build into the natural hillsides, we have seen the wholesale destruction of our hillsides -- without limits -- by right. This has harmed the environment, created safety hazards and degraded the quality of life for hillside dwellers.

The Baseline Hillside Ordinance was drafted in response to concerns expressed by the citizenry. These problems have become so pronounced that this local ordinance has drawn the unusual attention and strong support not just from our own Councilmember, Bill Rosendahl and our neighboring Councilmember, Paul Koretz, but also from State Senator Fran Pavley, Assemblymembers Brownley and Feuer, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

We ask you to adopt the Baseline Hillside Ordinance. But in doing so, we ask that you reinstate the more-protective grading requirements that were removed from the initial draft of the ordinance. This change, and others, have eroded protections essential to achieving the goals that inspired the Ordinance. We ask that you approve the Ordinance with the more protective limitations as requested by Councilmember Koretz.

Thank you,

Wendy-Sue Rosen, President  
Brentwood Residents Coalition