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Subject: Revisions to the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance

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The Land Use Committee of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council fully supports the revisions in the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance cited in the City Council memo by Councilman Koretz and supported by the Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM). Specifically, we support elimination of the Green Bonus and the two Design Bonuses as well the FAR exemption for attached garages, patios, and breezeways.

The revisions to the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance should take place immediately and not be postponed for 18 months.  These revisions are well known and were detailed in Councilman Koretz’s motion, have been noted in the recent October 1 report by the Planning Department and explicitly called out in the PLUM approval of the motion. The preparation of the amendments and Council adoption should not take more than three or four months.

During that period, the communities most impacted by mansionization must be granted short-term protection through immediate adoption of the nine Interim Control Ordinances and five historical preservation ICOs supported by the PLUM.

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