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March 26, 2018

Re: Support Resolution (Ryu-Wesson) to OPPOSE SB 827 CF-18-0002-S13 (March 27 Council Agenda, Item 16)

Dear President Wesson and Honorable Councilmembers:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 42 homeowner and resident associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. At its meeting of March 7, 2018, the Hillside Federation voted to oppose SB 827.

The Chief Legislative Analyst's March 21, 2018 report notes that "if SB 827 is signed into law a substantial area across the City would be subject to large development projects without the consent of the City." Local control over planning and zoning is essential to protect areas, such as hillside zones and other environmentally sensitive areas, where special considerations must be paid to public safety and environmental impacts. SB 827 was recently amended to protect certain rent control housing (*ibid.*), but no such protections have been added to protect hillside or other environmentally sensitive areas. SB 827 represents a one-size-fits-all approach to planning and zoning that is likely to have significant negative public safety and environmental impacts.

The Hillside Federation therefore joins the many Neighborhood Councils and local community groups who desire the City retain its local control over planning and zoning. We urge the Council to adopt the proposed resolution to oppose SB 827.

Sincerely,

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