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Re: **Franklin Canyon - Hastain Trail**

Honorable Councilmember Raman:

The Hillside Federation, representing 44 residents and homeowner associations, 24 of them in CD 4, has been working since 2011 to preserve the open space in Franklin Canyon and especially access to the Hastain Trail. The Hastain Trail has been in continuous use for more than 70 years by hikers to gain access to the ridgeline at the top of Franklin Canyon. Only a small portion of the trail is on Mr. Hadid's property; however it is a critical section. Without that piece of the trail, hikers cannot reach the rest of the trail to reach the top and enjoy the stunning views of Los Angeles.

The Hillside Construction Regulation (HCR) would have protected Franklin Canyon from further development; however it was never extended to include the hillsides in CD 4. Former Councilmember David Ryu initiated legislation to extend HCR which would have protected Franklin Canyon, but it was not completed before he left office. We are counting on you, as a proponent of the Green New Deal, to step forward to protect this invaluable green space. The bulldozers have already started chewing up the steep hillside.

This project is another reason why the Ridgeline Protection Ordinance needs to be expanded as well. It should not be a Supplemental Use District as the pilot is currently designated. It needs to be a full fledged ordinance to protect ridge lines throughout the city.

The Federation has dealt with many of Mr. Hadid's mega-mansions. They have all been out of scale with the community and gouged into steep hillside slopes. One of his projects at 901 Strada Vecchia had so many egregious violations that the judge ordered him to demolish his mega-mansion before it slid down the hill on top of the homes below. The Federation thinks that bad behavior should not be rewarded.

The Federation urges you to halt these projects and do everything possible to preserve the open space in Franklin Canyon.

Sincerely,

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