THE PREAMBLE:

Councilman Paul Koretz is attempting to implement new building restrictions on families in Los Angeles, by further reducing a home’s buildable area and removing the density bonus. It is called the Proposed Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) and it would restrict livable area to just 50% of the property.

SORONC will be the first to admit that there are select areas of Los Angeles that would greatly benefit from Councilman Koretz’s new restrictions. However, not all of Los Angeles’ diverse neighborhoods should be treated homogenously. A sizable portion of SORO residents feel that Councilman Koretz’s proposed restrictions will significantly stifle young families from moving into the neighborhood, and that existing property values will decline in light of the additional building restrictions.

SORONC believes that residents are in a far better position to determine if the ICO will improve or worsen their quality of life than any single council member or council body. It is this concept that serves as the neighborhood council system’s cornerstone when it was conceived in 1999.

THE MOTION:

SORONC, therefore, opposes Councilman Koretz’s blanket application of his Interim Control Ordinance, and believes such restrictions must be applied on a community-by-community basis.

Further, the City should suspend implementation for a period of 6 months while they actively solicit community input.

SORONC believes each community should have the power to decide its own future on this matter, and that no community should be forced to follow a vocal minority, regardless of which side of the issue they fall on.

SORONC hereby authorizes letters to all City Council-members reflecting the sentiment of this motion, and a Community Impact Statement be filed on its behalf.

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