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Gail Goldberg, Director of Planning  
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Los Angeles City Hall, Room 525  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Goldberg:

The Los Feliz Improvement Association, the oldest residents' organization in the city representing 1,000 households, has considered having a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone in our neighborhood for many years. In 2000 things became interesting when Councilman John Ferraro got a motion through City Council designating \$250,000 for the Department of City Planning to conduct the initial survey of historic resources in Windsor Square, Hancock Park, Larchmont, and Los Feliz. Recently, with the encouragement of the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council, the residents of Hollywood Grove, a limited neighborhood on the southwest corner of Los Feliz, held community meetings, gathered signatures and submitted their application.

The Hollywood Grove residents were devastated when they learned that the city's budget crisis may put their application on hold. This neighborhood is in immediate danger of losing its historic character through continued demolitions which threaten the historic resources that belong to the entire City of Los Angeles. Hollywood Grove was featured in an article on page 11 of our winter, 2010 newsletter, *The Observer* (enclosed). A 1922 photograph of the east side shows St. Andrews Place. Since then 43% of the pre-1922 structures on the east side of that street have been demolished: 1900, 1908, and 1912 St. Andrews Place. The goal of these demolitions is to expand a parking lot!

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The residents are so passionate about their neighborhood that two owners scraped together enough money to purchase homes that came on the market and were targeted for tear-downs.

The residents of Hollywood Grove are fully aware of the financial difficulties that the city is facing, but they are facing the permanent loss of historic structures that can never be replaced. Ken Bernstein has come up with a creative idea that will help the city administer HPOZs more efficiently. We urge the city to expedite the HPOZ application for Hollywood Grove and its Preservation Plan so that they have a mechanism in place to protect their much-loved neighborhood. Anything that you can do to facilitate the process would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Donald Seligman, President

cc. Mr. Ken Bernstein, Manager, Department of City Planning  
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