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**VIA E-MAIL**

March 2, 2014

Mayor John A. Mirisch  
Vice Mayor Lili Bosse  
Councilmember William W. Brien M.D.  
Councilmember Julian A. Gold M.D.  
Councilmember Nancy H. Krasne

City of Beverly Hills  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**Re: Santa Monica Boulevard bike lanes**

Dear Mr. Mirisch, Ms. Bosse, Dr. Brien, Dr. Gold, and Ms. Krasne:

On February 11, 2014, the Mid City West Community Council (Mid City West), a certified neighborhood council, voted to adopt the following motion:

The Mid City West Community Council moves to write a letter to the Beverly Hills City Council in support of installing bike lanes as part of the city's Santa Monica Boulevard reconstruction project, to comply with the state's Complete Streets Act, enhance safety, improve traffic flow, and promote access to Beverly Gardens Park.

Mid City West Community Council is the official neighborhood council for stakeholders who live, work, or own property in the area of Los Angeles just east of the city of Beverly Hills. Mid City West is bounded on the west by the cities of Beverly Hills and West Hollywood; on the north by West Hollywood; on the east by La Brea Avenue; and on the south by Olympic and San Vicente Boulevards and Cochran Avenue. We represent a diverse, economically vital, and culturally rich region of the city of Los Angeles, which includes the following neighborhoods: Beverly Center, Beverly Grove, Burton Way, Carthay Circle, Fairfax District, Melrose, Miracle Mile, and Park La Brea.

Mid City West strongly supports the Santa Monica Blue Ribbon Committee's recommendation to widen Santa Monica Boulevard and stripe new northbound and southbound bike lanes. Bike lanes exist in West Hollywood from North Flores Street to Willey Lane, and in the City of Los Angeles from Avenue of the Stars to Sepulveda Boulevard. As noted in meetings of the Blue Ribbon Committee, both cities have expressed a desire to extend these bike lanes to their borders with Beverly Hills, if Beverly Hills installs bike lanes on its portion of Santa Monica Boulevard.

A continuous bike lane along Santa Monica Boulevard would provide an important route for Mid City West residents who would like to take advantage of the many services available in Beverly Hills without driving, including shopping and dining destinations in the Golden Triangle, and cultural and recreational attractions, such as Beverly Gardens Park, The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, and the Paley Center for Media. The bike lanes would also create a safe way for cyclists to travel to points west such as Century City and Westwood.

Perhaps most importantly, bike lanes would make Santa Monica Boulevard safer for both cyclists and drivers, by providing separate space for each type of user. Designing a street that accommodates all users would also align with the spirit of California's Complete Streets Act.

We believe bike lanes along Santa Monica Boulevard will help strengthen the economic and social ties between our communities, and will provide an important link in a growing regional bicycle network. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Epstein  
Chair, Transportation, Parking, and Streetscape Committee  
Mid City West Community Council

*PURPOSE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: "To promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs" – Los Angeles City Charter Section 900*

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