

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Agenda Item #5(C)(a)

The Westwood Neighborhood Council is deeply concerned with the City of Los Angeles' ability to enforce its planning and zoning regulations to protect neighborhood quality of life. We are therefore incredibly disappointed that the Mayor's proposed 2012-2013 Budget does not contain a request from the Department of City Planning for a Condition Compliance Unit.

A Condition Compliance Unit will generate fee revenue and is paid for out of a special fund. Most critically, this unit is absolutely necessary to protect the quality of life within neighborhoods. Under the present system, conditions imposed by the Planning Department are oftentimes disregarded, and no entity actively enforces those conditions. However, it is not only neighborhoods that suffer. Businesses that do follow all the rules, often at considerable expense, have their economic competitors operate with impunity in violation of conditions and rules. We are writing to urge that the Condition Compliance Unit be added back into the final budget by the City Council.

Westwood Neighborhood Council,

Jerome Brown, President