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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
11.		Favor	James Kim	Please approve this amendment so my development can deliver more space with less resources and lot coverage. Also, I would like to express my gratitude to the planning department for their guidance and patience. Thank you.
		Item Total	1	
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From: [James Kim](#)
To: [PublicHearing](#)
Subject: Letter of Support for adopting the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance Amendment, Plan No. RPPL2023004282.
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 9:52:47 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

As a homeowner in Altadena and owner builder seeking to develop new dwellings on my property, I wanted to state my support for adopting the amendment to increase the allowable height of ADU buildings to 25 feet as this would allow the best option to take up less ground space and make it easier to go with wider setbacks from my neighbors than the minimum permitted. I also wanted to express my gratitude for the helpfulness of all of the Los Angeles County Planning staff I have interacted with so far. Their guidance and responsiveness have made me feel positively about the Los Angeles County government.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,
James Kim



Kagel Canyon Civic Association

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Edward Yen, Executive Officer-
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Subject: Opposition to Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance Amendment
Project No. PRJ2023-002901-(1-5)
Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2023004282

Dear Supervisors,

The Kagel Canyon Civic Association (KCCA) located in the San Fernando Valley and residing both within and adjacent to the Angeles National Forrest wishes to formally express our opposition to the proposed amendment to the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance (Project No. PRJ2023-002901-(1-5), Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2023004282). Our concerns are based on the significant and potentially hazardous impacts that this ordinance will have on the Kagel Canyon community, particularly due to the following issues:

1. High Fire Risk and Housing Density Concerns:

Kagel Canyon is classified as a high fire severity zone, which makes any increase in housing density a major safety concern. The addition of accessory dwelling units will increase the number of residents and structures in this vulnerable area, thereby heightening the risk to lives and property during a wildfire event. The proposed ordinance will result in more people needing evacuation with limited egress and ingress, as well as more structures contributing to the fire load, which complicates firefighting efforts and emergency response.

We wish to express also that throughout this process we were led to believe that we were to be exempt due to our high fire status.

2. Increased Traffic and Emergency Evacuation Challenges:

The proposed ordinance will lead to a significant increase in local traffic, which poses a severe issue during emergencies. In the event of a wildfire or other urgent situation requiring evacuation, increased traffic from additional residents will exacerbate congestion, hindering the ability of residents to



safely evacuate and of emergency services to access the area. Given the community's limited egress routes, this will substantially heighten the risk to public safety.

- 3. Inadequate Infrastructure – Narrow Streets and Lack of Parking:**
Kagel Canyon is a non-conforming neighborhood characterized by narrow, winding roads and limited parking. The existing infrastructure is already inadequate for the current population, and the addition of ADUs with no mandate of off-street parking will worsen these issues. There is simply no capacity for additional vehicles on our streets, and parking is already a major challenge. Increasing the number of residents and vehicles in the area will likely lead to illegal parking, further obstructing roadways and creating hazardous conditions for both drivers and pedestrians.

The KCCA strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to reconsider this amendment in light of the unique circumstances and public safety concerns present in our community. We recommend that the county prioritize fire safety and emergency preparedness over increasing housing density in high fire risk areas like Kagel Canyon. We ask that the Board of Supervisors reject this current amendment and advocate on our behalf to the State of California to address these issues in a new acceptable amendment.

We appreciate your consideration of our opposition and look forward to your response on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William R. Slocum".

William R. Slocum
President
Kagel Canyon Civic Association
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cc: Caroline Menjivar, CA State Senator
Kathryn Barger, Supervisor 5th District