

Allied Neighborhoods Association

March 3, 2009
City Council Ordinance Committee
City of Santa Barbara

RE: Supplemental Charter Amendment

The Allied Executive Committee has reviewed the proposed language of the Supplemental Amendment. Unfortunately your staff has not addressed the major problem that we had with the Alternative Charter Amendment and now have with this Supplemental Amendment. Specifically we object to the following language, “exceptions...for Community Projects as defined by City Council Ordinance.” The original height limit amendment was put into the charter because the people at that time did not want the City Council to have the power to change it by ordinance. The same is true today. We do not want exceptions to be determined by Council on any future Tuesday.

We ask you to drop the whole idea of having a supplementary or alternative ballot measure, and to let the voters have the opportunity to decide whether or not to pass the citizens’ height initiative. After all, the voters have two choices, to vote no and keep the current 60 feet height limit or to vote yes and support our initiative to reduce the allowed height limit.

Cathie McCammon, First Vice President