



**OFFICE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT TODD GLORIA
COUNCIL DISTRICT THREE**

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: July 8, 2013
TO: Mayor Bob Filner
FROM: Council President Todd Gloria *Todd Gloria*
SUBJECT: Extension of Interim Height Ordinance

The Interim Height Ordinance (IHO), adopted in 2008 to seek relief from high-rise development in Uptown that was considered to be out of scale with the existing character of the surrounding neighborhood, is set to expire on January 24, 2014.

While the intention of the City Council has always been that the IHO would expire coterminous with the approval of the updated Uptown Community Plan, it includes a sunset provision in order to compel timely completion of the community plan update. Uptown residents have been working cooperatively to reach consensus on key issues regarding building height and community character within the ongoing Uptown Community Plan update process, which is expected to last for at least another year.

I am requesting that staff from the Planning and Neighborhood Restoration Department prepare another extension of the Interim Height Ordinance for consideration by the Council. Work on this will need to commence quickly in order to be effective in advance of the January 2014 expiration of the current ordinance.

The Uptown Planners passed a motion on June 4, 2013, in support of extending the IHO. I am also attaching letters from the Mission Hills Town Council and Mission Hills Heritage in support of the proposed extension.

Thank you for your consideration.

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