

SAMPLE LETTER SUPPORTING THE ICO AT FLETCHER SQUARE

Honorable Eric Garcetti, City Council President
200 N. Spring Street, Rm. 470 – Attn. Alison Becker
Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Insert Date, 2006)

Dear Councilmember Garcetti,

This letter is written in support of continuing the City Council's Interim Control Ordinance for the Fletcher Square area of Glassell Park. The executive board of **(insert your organization name here)**, representing over **(XX)** members, urges that future development in this neighborhood be thoughtful and in alignment with the spirit and intent of the Northeast Community Plan and the future Community Design Overlay Zone. The **(insert your organization name here)**, agrees with the City Council and CD 13 that a slower approach to development as provided in the ICO is appropriate for this area.

Any increase in traffic resulting from new development in this area, which will soon house the Northeast campus of LACC, is of great concern. Response time for the Northeast Division of the LAPD is directly impacted by traffic congestion on San Fernando Road. Any further development here combined with the new LACC and the freeway on ramps in close proximity could impede the LAPD and the LAFD from responding to crimes and emergencies in our neighborhood. Careful studies must be made as to how this increase in traffic will best be mitigated.

In November of 2005, about one hundred residents from the communities of Atwater Village and Glassell Park met with a panel of Home Depot representatives to discuss plans for the Fletcher Square site. In addition to the traffic concerns, many people spoke about the problem of crime at the Home Depot in nearby Cypress Park and voiced concerns about unmanaged day laborers there. When asked how they would resolve these issues and concerns at a new store in Glassell Park, Home Depot had no satisfactory answers.

For these aforementioned reasons we support continuation of the Interim Control Ordinance for the Fletcher Square area until satisfactory plans for mitigating the foreseeable negative effects of development here are presented to our community.

Sincerely,

(your name, organization's name, etc.)

SAMPLE LETTER OPPOSING HOME DEPOT AT FLETCHER SQUARE:

Honorable Eric Garcetti, City Council President
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Insert Date)

Dear Councilmember Garcetti,

The **(your organization's name here)**_representing **(XX)** households is writing you to let you know that our membership overwhelmingly disapproves of locating another Home Depot Store at 3150 San Fernando Road in Glassell Park.

The resulting increase in traffic will be a safety hazard for the many pedestrians in this area which will only increase once the Northeast campus of the Los Angeles City College is built across Fletcher Dr. from the proposed Home Depot site. The increased traffic will further imperil the surrounding communities by impeding response time by the Northeast Division of the LAPD, located across San Fernando Road from the proposed Home Depot site. The police at this station are already struggling with traffic congestion on San Fernando Road, and a Home Depot here will make it worse.

Furthermore we see a Home Depot as being incompatible with the kind of community we are striving to create in the immediate area surrounding the new LACC campus. We support your efforts to encourage development in Fletcher Square that would be complimentary to the Northeast Campus of LACC. We have surveyed our membership and they oppose building another Home Depot in our community. They overwhelmingly support a mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly complex that would offer affordable housing for students and seniors; a variety of retail, dining and/or services compatible with the student population such as a health and fitness club; movie theater; bookstore and coffee house.

Sincerely,

(your name, organization's name, etc.)