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Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

Statement of Beliefs

Regarding Local Discretion in Matters of Planning & Land Use

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council respects the rights of property owners. At the same time, we are sensitive to the concerns of the neighbors who must live with the consequences of a particular development.

We believe that our stakeholders are often better suited to determine the course of future development in Silver Lake than even the most skilled City Planner who does not have a personal stake in the community, and that Community Plans must be created in a partnership between Planning staff and local residents.

We believe that a community at large can be trusted to consider the greater good as well as the more immediate risks and benefits.

We believe there can be a reasonable balance between the often competing needs of commercial developers and local residents' interests.

We believe that our quality of life must not be subject to the unfettered will of the highest bidder.

We believe that so-called entitlement actions must be subject to discretionary review when public demand for such review reaches a critical mass.

We believe that our elected and appointed officials are stewards of the public trust. It is incumbent upon them to listen and respond to the concerns of our stakeholders.

We encourage partnership between the Planning Department and Neighborhood Councils in recognition of local discretion.