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Comments	<p>The Linda Vista-Annandale Association (LVAA) strongly supports both changes to residential regulations.</p> <p>Basements: LVAA residents have problems with vibration and noise, particularly in our Hillside. However, these issues were mitigated by recent changes to the Ordinance which limit Hillside basements to the “outline” of the Primary House. LVAA suggests that this approach be considered City-wide to mitigate excavation impacts.</p> <p>Detached Garages: LVAA advocated in vain for regulation of detached front garages during recent changes to the Hillside Ordinance. We were denied on the basis that such detached garages in front are “necessary” for “steep” Hillside lots. True, except that such detached garages are allowed now as part of any “flat” project in Hillside leading to the destruction of sight lines, scale and character, particularly along Linda Vista Ave.</p>

Broad discretionary review may not solve the “flat” Hillside lot issues. We suggest, in addition to the suggested staff approach, staff consider another approach: limiting Hillside front detached garages to “steep” Hillside lots where no other location for the garage is feasible due to slope and configuration of the lot, including the making of appropriate Findings as part of a discretionary review addressing slope, configuration and feasibility.

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