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**LAUREL CANYON HOME DESTROYED BY LANDSLIDE DURING
RAINSTORM DEMOLISHED**

Studio City – Demolition began this week on the house at 2965 Laurel Canyon Boulevard that was destroyed by a massive landslide during the January, 2005 rainstorms. Councilmember Wendy Greuel introduced a motion in September to begin the process to demolish the house citing safety concerns to surrounding properties.

With the rainy season fast approaching, Councilmember Greuel became impatient with the slow pace of the homeowner's and city's efforts to move the demolition process along and urged the Department of Building and Safety to begin nuisance abatement proceedings against the property.

"We have a responsibility to ensure that there is no additional damage done to the property or the properties surrounding this house," said Councilmember Greuel. "The family living in the house at the time of the slide was lucky to get out alive, and I have a commitment to the families in the surrounding homes to keep them safe as well."

The city deemed the house uninhabitable after the hillside behind it came crashing down into the home, and notified the owner that it had to be demolished as soon as possible. Through the required process the city provided the property owner with multiple notices to comply and to secure the property from trespassing and vandalism, to no avail.

By October the property owner began working with the city to comply with the order and agreed to begin demolition at the owner's expense this week.

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