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FYI - Jerusalem mayor causing problem again with sensitive housing plan that could result in further demolitions/dislocations.

Dan and David have engaged Molho.

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The Jerusalem city council is set to review the Kings Garden/Gan Hamelech/Bustan plan tomorrow. Recall that the plan received approval by a municipal sub committee in late June. The entire city council must now review and approve the plan because of an administrative appeal filed against it by a Meretz city council member (this appeal process requires that the entire city council review the plan at some point.) Lots of other details here that Jerusalem will be including in a front channel cable. Amanda Pilz, CCed here, drafted.

Bottom line though is that (1) this is on the agenda at the explicit direction of the Mayor and deputy mayor and (2) there is no statutory or other need for this review tomorrow.

Also note that this is not the final step in the process. After full Jerusalem municipal approval the plan must go to Ministry of Interior bodies. So there is a whole lot of theater involved in this.

Lastly, recall that the Gan Hamelech plan involves extensive demolitions and the redevelopment of Bustan, a section of the Silwan which is a stone throw away from the Old City. (When S made her comments on demolition in November 2009 she was referring to Bustan demolitions)

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Best,
 Alon