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While we want anything constructed on this site to be safe, just because the Grading Dept. approves a plan, does not mean it is an environmentally sound plan.

The loss of almost every tree on the 3 acre site, around 60 significant and native trees, not including dozens of smaller non-native trees, is too high a price for the community to pay in this freeway adjacent neighborhood.

The site is an urban forest with a thriving food chain of urban wildlife. Coyote, fox, raccoon, opossum, snake, owl and several species of hawk, not to mention the prey species they feed on, are often seen on the lots in question.

The property is a vital link in the wildlife corridor that follows the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor between Griffith Park and Elysian Park.

I see deer, coyotes and foxes in around the 3 acre property constantly.

Please reconsider building.

Thank you,

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We urge you to support the appeal by Edwardson, Parisi & Ortiz and deny the zone change and subdivision for 2400 Allesandro within the Semi Tropic Spiritualists' Tract. Over the past ten years, we have worked with members of our community to create more parks and preserve open and green spaces in our neighborhood. This property is a vital link of the wildlife corridor connecting the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor between Griffith Park and Elysian Park. This development will result in the loss of almost every tree on the three acre site and our community will face a dramatically reduced tree canopy for decades. Any trees planted today to replace those removed would not grow to their current sizes in our lifetimes. The site is a vital part of an urban forest with diverse wildlife such as coyotes, foxes, raccoons, opossums, snakes, owls, several species of hawk as well as the prey species these animals feed on. Instead of destroying this natural habitat, the parcel should be preserved and protected. It could provide learning opportunities for children who attend Allesandro Elementary School. Our community is surrounded by several major freeways and several streets congested with heavy traffic during the morning and afternoon rush hours. We are exposed to air pollution daily due to our close proximity to the 2 and 5 freeways. This tract of urban forest currently provides a small barrier of protection from air pollution emitted by vehicles on the congested freeways and busy streets in our neighborhood. Finally, we are concerned about the precedent to be set if this project is approved for development. We will not be gaining any functional recreational open or green space as the development is currently proposed. Therefore, it is not a good model for any future developments in our neighborhood particularly due to the zone changes and subdivisions of property.

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February 1, 2009 Councilmember Reyes, We urge you to support the appeal by Edwardson, Parisi & Ortiz and deny the zone change and subdivision for 2400 Allesandro, in the Semi Tropic Spiritualists' Tract. As home owners on Corralitas Drive for years and people who plan to have and raise children here, I urge the council to halt development of the housing project that will clear more than 60 trees in my neighborhood. These trees are necessary to lower the amount of pollution from the 2 and 5 freeways that my children and other children on our street will inhale into their developing lungs. The recreational space provided at the bottom of our street and the clean oxygen that the trees there emit was part of the reason we decided to buy here. At a time when global warming is effecting our earth so detrimentally, I believe it is our place as conscious humans to protect the wildlife, flora and fauna in our own spaces. Please consider that clearing so much land will not only affect the immediate area, but also the city as a whole. Please don't allow this poor development plan to become the model that other developers look to when justifying their own environmentally unsound projects. Part of the beauty of living in the Silverlake community is the fact that many people here share ideals that I believe are good for the world. One of those ideals is awareness of our world as a whole. In that way I feel I speak for a large part of our community when I once again urge you to not let this development plan go on unchecked. Thank you all for your dedicated service to this community and through that my own family. We will be watching your decision closely and hope for a positive outcome. Sincerely, Mary Elizabeth Ellis
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This project is not compatible with the scale and character of the neighborhood, nor with the tenets of sustainable green design. New projects should be built only on already vacant infill lots, should disturb the existing natural environment as little as possible and create no new water runoff. This project fails all these things. The approval of this project does not reflect the Mayor's mandate to make Los Angeles the "Greenest City in the Country."

The loss of almost every tree on the 3 acre site, around 60 significant and native trees, not including dozens of smaller non-native trees, is too high a price for the community to pay in this freeway adjacent neighborhood. The community will have to live with a dramatically reduced tree canopy for decades. Trees planted today will not reach that size in our lifetime. Adjacent to the 2 and 5 Freeways, these 3 acres of urban forest are vital toward fighting the effects of air pollution and visual pollution of the 2 Freeway. There are higher risks for asthma, respiratory and heart ailments for people living near freeways. This is not the time to be cutting down a thriving 3 acre urban forest.

At a time when the City is trying to reduce urban storm run-off, shouldn't we be looking to preserve natural hillside areas with mature trees to return run-off to the watershed rather than allowing polluted run-off from graded slopes going down the storm drains to the LA River and out to sea?

The site is an urban forest with a thriving food chain of urban wildlife. Coyote, fox, raccoon, opossum, snake, owl and several species of hawk, not to mention the prey species they feed on, are often seen on the lots in question.

The property is a vital link in the wildlife corridor that follows the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor between Griffith Park and Elysian Park.

We are concerned about the precedent approving this project will have in the neighborhood. We have other large vacant parcels with limited access and Red Flag Day parking restrictions in our neighborhood, like the Corralitas Red Car Property. Since we will not be gaining functional recreational open space in this development proposal - it is not a good model for other development in the neighborhood.

The proposal has no affordable units included. This violates the purpose of the small-lot ordinance, to create affordable housing. The required grading alone would be too expensive to make any of the units affordable. It would have to be all market rate.

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Best regards,
Daniel Shirk

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Councilmember Reyes,

As a resident in the area of the Semi-Tropic Spiritualists' Tract, I urge you to support the appeal by Edwardson, Parisi & Ortiz and deny the zone change and subdivision for 2400 Allesandro.

I have lived here, on Corralitas across from the Semi-Tropic Tract, for 15 years. The reason I moved to this area was because of the peacefulness created by so much nature and wildlife, unlike other more populated areas of Los Angeles. It was an unbelievable oasis in the middle of the chaos of the city.

I was able to go to work and do the things I needed to do around the city while still being able to come back at the end of the day to a home surrounded by trees and all kinds of wildlife. It was a beautiful place to live in Los Angeles.

Unfortunately things have changed since I first moved here. I have seen an unbelievable amount of building recently, open pieces of land being built on so that now instead of the trees and wildlife that I moved here for I am now seeing more and more concrete. I look out my window and my view is two freeways. That was ok because also all around me were a lot of trees which offset the ugliness and air pollution caused by them. But that has changed and I no longer enjoy living in this area as much as I did. And now they want to cut down all those incredible trees on one of the few pieces of land we still have here to develop more housing. We aren't talking about one or two trees but a small forest of trees. These trees not only provide beauty to offset the two freeways (as well as sanctuary to wildlife usually unseen in a city environment) but also, and more importantly, help protect against the air pollution created by all the cars and trucks traveling on these two freeways.

Please don't allow this to happen. Please consider the very real health risk for the residents who live in such close proximity to the 2 and 5 freeways (not to mention the nearby 110 and 134 freeways) and don't allow so many trees to be destroyed. It takes many years for a tree to mature so losing this number at one time is a significant loss. Please don't allow Silver Lake to become an area of endless concrete and buildings like the rest of Los Angeles. Please help us to keep what little of the beauty and charm is left in this area and please consider the importance of all those trees in offsetting the air pollution created by the cars and trucks on the freeways. Please support the appeal by Edwardson, Parisi & Ortiz. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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I am alarmed at the number of trees that will be removed in this plan (over 60). Mature trees should be our city's pride as it is our environmental and aesthetic resource, one that cannot be replaced without a generation of plantings. With our city's own mayor spearheading ³Million Trees LA² this development seems to go against the very principles and goals that were stated in that initiative.

As a city we need to find ways to maintain and increase our green-space, not decrease. With many examples around the globe we can see that this leads to a successful, healthy and thriving city. While a decreased urban green-space does the opposite. This project will undermine future open-space development for the people of LA setting a green space reducing precedent.

Please support this appeal for the sake of the future residents of Los Angeles. We need to fight hard against the simple and easy solutions of greed and overdevelopment with the much harder choice of preservation. If we succeed we will all be better off for it, developers and ordinary citizens alike.

It seems hard to believe, knowing how we arrived in our current economic state, that we should be spending our valued resources so frivolously.

Thank you,

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I am concerned that this project will with potentially disastrous effects, negatively affect the current low-income mixed ethnicity residents in the area that make this neighborhood unique.

In the current housing market, this is not the time to be greenlighting projects that allow for expensive high-density projects that will be largely

unaffordable, and this project has no affordable units included. This violates the purpose of the small-lot ordinance, to create affordable housing. The required grading alone would be too expensive to make any of the units affordable. It would have to be all market rate. This project solves none of the city's housing problems, and it actually creates new ones, with potentially bankrupted developments remaining vacant on the market. Projects of this type remain unfinished, unlandscaped, and create urban blight. All deals negotiated with city agencies in exchange for variances remain unpaid. The neighborhood takes a blow and no mitigation arrives to make up for it.

Even we will be getting open space out of this deal, if its not accessible from Allesandro it seems that it won't be usable as open space for the community. What is needed is a holistic approach, creating connectivity between the 17-acre Elysian Park annex and the Corralitas Red Car Corridor. Now is our last chance to ensure that our parks, new and old, are connected and walkable. This connection, if properly implemented will protect the Rim of the Valley Equestrian Trail easement, and further the visionary concept of connecting Elysian Park with the LA River at Fletcher. Such a trail system, a long-term dream of the community, has been cited in the LA River Master Plan, and will help to improve the severely limited open

space problems we have in the district. Public access needs to be ensured through the proposed developed lot to allow for a pedestrian/equestrian friendly path between Allesandro and the Reserved Open Space above the lot. By "friendly", I mean at a grade suitable for horses and people on foot. As planned, the grade is extremely steep and in most areas is supported by retaining walls up to 13'. The failure to preserve that corridor will seal the fate of any hope for connected parks in the Silver Lake/Elysian/LA River area.

The architect has insisted there is no eco-friendly way to design those roofs.

With current technology there are all kinds of new ways to use the roofs for rainwater collection and/or landscaping. I feel he needs to revisit that idea with more interest in a successful design.

The current plan is still an environmental disaster and should not have been approved. The removal of large mature trees near a crowded freeway cannot adequately be mitigated with replacement trees considering the residential location, home to children and elderly. Adjacent to the 2 and 5 Freeways, these 3 acres of urban forest are vital toward fighting the effects of air pollution and visual pollution of the 2 Freeway.

>Studies show that children who live within 500' of freeways have dramatically higher rates of asthma and reduced lung function. Adults face increased death rates from respiratory and heart ailments, as well as reduced life expectancy when living within 500' of freeways. This is not the time to be cutting down a thriving 3 acre urban forest.

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Since we will not be gaining functional recreational open space in this development proposal -the land that was once available for public use be inaccessible and become a risk for fires and trash dumping.

Thanks,

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Over the years we also have seen the neighborhood become more crowded. It now takes prior planning just to go on a grocery trip to the market, this is due to over development. With over development come many people stacked on top of each other, and with the people that move in come the automobiles they drive.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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Dear Councilmember Reyes:

I am supporting this appeal by Edwardson, Parisi and Ortiz. I ask that you, too, support the appeal and deny the zone change and subdivision for 2400 Allesandro, in the Semi Tropic Spiritualists' Tract.

I have lived in my neighborhood 8 years and, I have seen the constant erosion, both literally and figuratively, of our open space. As we lose that space, I have seen quality of life impacted for both humans and wildlife.

As the mother of a five-year-old, I am appalled at the lack of green space Los Angeles affords its residents and worried about what the ever-shrinking landscape means for my daughter. As a student of urban planning, I dream of the unrealized 1930 Olmsted plan for Los Angeles and its promise of links between our local green spaces. And I wonder why is none of the land in question being donated to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy? As the Director of a non-profit advocating affordable housing development, I am angry that there is no set aside for affordable housing in a city and time where it is sorely needed. And I question why Mr. Nunez is being allowed to violate the spirit of the "small lot" subdivision designation? As a steward of our environment, I mourn the loss of yet another wildlife corridor along with existing native plants and trees, like oak and Black Walnut, that do actually exist on the site.

The proposed plan is neither environmentally sound nor friendly, and fails to improve the quality of the lives of all who live here. Please address our neighborhood concerns, and please grant the appeal.

Sincerely,

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Dear Councilmember Reyes,

I respectfully request your support of the appeal by Edwardson, Parisi & Ortiz and deny the zone change and subdivision for 2400 Allesandro, in the Semi Tropic Spiritualists' Tract.

My Name is Nicole Carbonetta and I reside at 2642 Corralitas Dr. Los Angeles 90039. Since moving to this freeway adjacent address several years ago, I have recently developed chronic bronchitis and mild adult onset asthma. It is my belief that this condition is related to the high concentration of air borne pollutants due to my proximity to the 2 and the 5 Freeways.

Scientific studies have shown that children who live within 500 feet of freeways have dramatically higher rates of asthma and adults face increased death rates from respiratory and heart ailments.

Trees, grass, and vegetation are vital to air purification and fighting the effects of air pollution. I urge you to consider the environmental impact of removing a thriving 3 acre urban forest, on this generation and many more to come.

In addition to my concern for the health of my loved ones and myself, I am concerned for the dwindling wildlife population as the Semi Tropic Spiritualist Tract and its 3 acre site is host to a multitude of species including coyote, fox, owl, hawk, and reportedly occasional deer. While this parcel/parcels of undeveloped land may never reach the prestige of a Mullholand Dr. or similar stretch of real estate, it certainly remains a vital link in the wildlife corridor that follows the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor between Griffith Park and Elysian Park.

I believe access to nature is of vital importance in preserving health and wholeness in a time when the current pace of society devalues kindness to animals, humans, and our Earth. Only through exposure to others setting examples of caretaking and kindness can this become a way of normal life. Natural land is our much needed reminder that we are of this earth and must protect what little remains. It is our responsibility.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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SUBJECT: CF-09-0082, PLUM Hearing: Feb 3, 2400 Allesandro, Support the appeal Councilmember Ed Reyes, President Planning & Land Use Management Committee c/o City Clerk Barbara Greaves, Legislative Assistant, PLUM City Hall, room 395 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Re: CF-09-0082 PLUM Hearing: Feb 3, 2009 - SUPPORT the appeal APCE 2006-8787-ZCVTT 62900-SL-2ACD13 February 1, 2009 Councilmember Reyes, We urge you to support the appeal by Edwardson, Parisi & Ortiz and deny the zone change and subdivision for 2400 Allesandro, in the Semi Tropic Spiritualists' Tract. ENVIRONMENTAL - trees - kids - elderly - health effects. While we want anything constructed on this site to be safe, just because the Grading Dept. approves a plan, does not mean it is an environmentally sound plan. The loss of almost every tree on the 3 acre site, around 60 significant and native trees, not including dozens of smaller non-native trees, is too high a price for the community to pay in this freeway adjacent neighborhood. The community will have to live with a dramatically reduced tree canopy for decades. Trees planted today will not reach that size in our lifetime. Adjacent to the 2 and 5 Freeways, these 3 acres of urban forest are vital toward fighting the effects of air pollution and visual pollution of the 2 Freeway. Studies show that children who live within 500' of freeways have dramatically higher rates of asthma and reduced lung function. Adults face increased death rates from respiratory and heart ailments, as well as reduced life expectancy when living within 500' of freeways. This is not the time to be cutting down a thriving 3 acre urban forest. Environmental - water urban - runoff. At a time when the City is trying to reduce urban storm run-off, shouldn't we be looking to preserve natural hillside areas with mature trees to return run-off to the watershed rather than allowing polluted run-off from graded slopes going down the storm drains to the LA River and out to sea? Environmental - wildlife - Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor. The site is an urban forest with a thriving food chain of urban wildlife. Coyote, fox, raccoon, opossum, snake, owl and several species of hawk, not to mention the prey species they feed on, are often seen on the lots in question. The property is a vital link in the wildlife corridor that follows the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor between Griffith Park and Elysian Park. (And if you are one of the people who saw a deer in August or September on Rosebud - be sure to mention it - freeway underpasses are well documented wildlife corridors.) Cumulative effects. We are concerned about the precedent approving this project will have in the neighborhood. We have other large vacant parcels with limited access and Red Flag Day parking restrictions in our neighborhood, like the Corralitas Red Car Property. Since we will not be gaining functional recreational open space in this development proposal - it is not a good model for other development in the neighborhood. Affordability. The proposal has no affordable units included. This violates the purpose of the small-lot ordinance, to create affordable housing. The required grading alone would be too expensive to make any of the units affordable. It would have to be all market rate. Please take us the residents into account, it is wonderful to have a bit of green in the city, after all isn't that why most of us live in Los Angeles! Thank you, Anat Corbett ph: 323 842 8612

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PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND DENY THE ZONE CHANGE and subdivision for 2400 Allesandro, in the Semi Tropic Spiritualists' Tract.

Thank you,

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My name is Lawrence Mann. I live on Riverside Terrace. I spend a lot time walking around the neighbourhood with my daughter. We enjoy the fact that the Red Car Property and the lot on the corner of Allesandro and Coralitis are open areas with little development. I am asking you not to allow for more development and bringing more traffic to this area. Thank you for taking the time to read this.