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Re: Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 62900-SL
 APCE-2006-8787-ZC
 ENV-2005-9337-MND

On November 14 of last year, my office submitted comments related to the above case at a City Planning Advisory Agency hearing. Since that time we have explored open space options for parcel 16, and learned of the grading requirements by the Department of Building and Safety. As much as we would all like to see this property become a secure, maintained public park, it is privately owned and we have worked diligently to craft an agreement for the best possible result.

I would like to see these conditions reflected in the determination by the Advisory Agency:

1. That parcel 16 (open space lot) either be gifted as an open space preserve or that it be deed restricted as a public space and maintained by a home owners association established as part of this development.
2. That after the uncertified fill is removed from the development site, as is required by the department of Building and Safety, great care is taken by the developer in restoring native vegetation to all affected areas on parcel 16 to encourage and enhance existing wildlife habitat.
3. That a detailed landscaping plan, specific to parcel 16, is presented to Planning for approval in advance of any grading.
4. That great care is taken in transplanting, and/or replacing all protected trees in accordance with the native tree ordinance.
5. That the housing development remain open and accessible, and have adequate and safe pedestrian access from Allesandro.
6. That any and all retaining walls in the development will be masked with drought resistant plant materials and be maintained that way.
7. That any mechanical equipment on rooftops be hidden and that the rooftops be designed in an attractive, inconspicuous way.
8. That all utility lines are placed underground.
- ★ 9. That vesting of this tentative tract map apply only to this application and none other.
10. That public access is established connecting the open space to Allesandro via the lower portion of El Moran.

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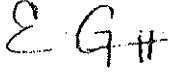


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I applaud the community for voicing their concerns and expectations regarding this property and the developer for significantly reducing the original plan, committing more than one third of the property to the public to use as open space, and agreeing to the above conditions. This property is a critical link to the urban trail system that will eventually connect Elysian Park to the Los Angeles River and Griffith Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Garcetti". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

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