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Reference: City Planning Commission, DIR-2008-1178-DB-SPP & ENV-2008-1179-MND

As recommended by the Land Use Committee, the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council hereby passed the following motion:

That the Board of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports the stakeholders of Valley Village in regard to their two appeals of [DIR-2008-1178-SPP] regarding the SB1818 development located at 11933 Magnolia Boulevard Valley Village: (1) Dale Neglia et al.; (2) The membership of the Board of Neighborhood Council Valley Village.

We agree:

- 1) That the failure of the Director to require review by Neighborhood Council Valley Village prior to approval, and to consider the input of their Neighborhood Council, demonstrates a disregard for the community, and is an inappropriate use of Planning Department discretionary authority.
- 2) That development of this site does not reflect the prevailing character of the community, and will stand dramatically at odds with adjoining properties. This is a failure of the Planning department to uphold and negotiate vigorously to minimize transgressions of our General, Community and Specific Plans.

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- 3) That the excessive height and density of this project will, in the future, be improperly cited as a precedent for variances and exceptions, which by its very outsized presence enable opportunities for projects that are not presently entitled to density bonus and further deteriorating the character of the neighborhood.
- 4) That the current concerns of water drought should deny additional units being built. A further strain on the infrastructure in the form of power outages, water shortages and rate heights should not be borne by the current residents of Los Angeles so that Developers can make tidy profits while the public shoulders the ultimate and continued burden.

As a Neighborhood Council, we share these grave concerns. They are matters that affect all of us. We consider them unacceptable and support the appellants. Please take this position into consideration when making a decision on this matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Dan McManus President