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Fwd: Destroying Hollywood

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Hollywood already has a vacancy rate and traffic issues. Letting developers come in and build skyscrapers that have no purpose here will quickly ruin a historical area. Yes a good bit of the history is gone, but there is just enough to attract tourists and make this an interesting destination. This skyscraper plan will create an unpleasant place to visit. Traffic from both vehicles and pedestrians will be unbearable. Tall buildings will shade the sunshine and confuse the historical feeling. This plan sells out Hollywood. If you want a model for development, look at Old Town in Pasadena. We don't have the population growth and business interest in this area to sustain this development -- nor will we in the future. Businesses want easy access and parking. That will not exist here. Hollywood will become a slum of unrented office space because it will not be desirable. I have been a resident and homeowner in Hollywood since 1987. I love many things that have happened since I moved here. But then good ideas deteriorate. We used to have park and ride at the subway, but greed came along so it is gone -- now the subway does not serve the residents who live here but are a bit too distant to get to the Vine St. station on foot. Hollywood is a subway destination that does not serve residents.

It is important to know when not to take redevelopment too far. You are putting our community in the hands of interlopers from another state who don't care what happens here. When did I get to vote on what happens in my community? This zoning of tall structures does not work here. It is poor city-planning that Los Angeles will come to regret.

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