



Fwd: The Hollywood Plan

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We are Hollywood Hills homeowners.

We have been here for in this house for 23 years.

We raised our daughter here.....

We have good friends and neighbors here.

We love our Community.We love Hollywood.

But we feel our community and others here are at great risk with The Hollywood Community Plan.

There are no 'mitigations' in this Plan for the increased need for LAPD,LAFD, and Emergency Services we will need with a higher density city.

With all the current news about the LAFD, response time,etc. now we are sure of this..

There are no mitigations for the increased Traffic that the City admits it will bring with it..

We were told by City Planning that the Developers will take care of all of that.. We don't understand this.

These things SHOULD HAVE BEEN addressed in this Plan.

We feel the Hill areas are the most in jeopardy.. getting people in and out of here in an Emergency Situation, will be most challenging.

The traffic here is already totally unmanageable.

On one night,we had a Hollywood Bowl event, Iris at the Kodak, the

Italian Fair down near Hollywood Blvd.and an event at The John Anson Ford..

You can only imagine what it was like on the roads.

I could not get home.

I had to turn around on Vine, and drive south and then west to get out of the area rather than come home, as every road I tried was completely gridlocked.

We have many nights that Hollywood Blvd.is shut down for Premieres.. Way too many.. on those nights we also cannot get home.

We have not been able to get in or out of our area via Highland for the last few years..

Vine is getting nearly as bad.

We can't imagine 55 story skyscrapers on Vine and a big new hotel on Ivar, all Millennium projects ..and what all this OVER deveopment will do to what is left of any quality of life here.

Ivar used to be our secret way of getting home except on the worst of the worse nights..with a new Millenniium Luxury Hotel,it will no longer be a quiet unknown street.

We sat in on community meeting upon community meeting.. And neighborhood council meetings (N.C.'s opposed to Millennium's projects and The Hollywood Plan)..listening to all the entitlements Millennium was requesting of the city, since their projects are massive for the areas they are building on..requesting land use,zone and height changes..

With The Hollywood Community Plan we know they will no longer have to request anything of the city, as we will be a 'by right' free for all city for developers to build what they want.

City Planning told us that developers will take care of these problems.

If that is the case, then The Hollywod Plan is a complete and utter failure.

With just about every street and avenue having land use,zone and height changes in this Plan, and no mitigations for the ADMITTED traffic increases, ADMITTED need for increased safety and security and emergency services personnell..

The Plan is a failure,

People will live here at their own peril.

The Hollywod Plan was rushed through..

The whole process from the public hearings in Nov., to the City Planning Commission hearing Dec.8th, to the quick 'followup' meeting TWO DAYS BEFORE THANKSGIVING...and NOW..this PLUM Meeting, has all been RUSHED,

And the PUBLIC OUTCRIES have not been listened to ..

All the P.R. is how everyone is FOR it.
When everyone who lives here THAT KNOWS ABOUT IT....are AGAINST IT.

And NOT everyone knows about it..
The information about The Plan and the two PUBLIC HEARINGS only went to 'those within 500 feet of proposed changes'...
Hardly anyone else in our community received the information..
We spent the next week trying to get info.out to them, lead them to the website,to look at maps, get them to the pubic hearings..but there just was not nearly enough time..and city planning would NOT send anymore pamphlets out..And that was that.

And the same problem in every other community we were in touch with..What kind of OUTREACH is that?

The Public Hearings SHOULD HAVE BEEN PACKED..There were MORE 'suits' from CITY PLANNING than Hollywood residents..

This information is the big dark secret..

Mary Richards told us "we ONLY had to send them out to those within 500 foot radius of proposed changes and that was all we sent out"
What kind of outreach is that?

Fast forward to the Dec.8th Planning Commission Meeting and we had to endure about a half hour of that panel commending Mary and Kevin for ALL THE GREAT OUTREACH and how they made sure that EVERYONE IN HOLLYWOOD HAD BEEN INFORMED.
When all of us KNEW how UNTRUE that was!

This was just one of many MISREPRESENTATIONS we encountered along this journey..And it is VERY IMPORTANT...

EVERYONE IN HOLLYWOOD SHOULD HAVE BEEN INFORMED.

But this was so much easier to slip by and slip through without having informed everyone in Hollywood.

Why the rush?
Why was it slipped through, all around the Holidays?
Why wasn't ALL of Hollywood brought into the loop?

Why push this with all it's shortcomings,unresloved?

Why did no one really listen or acknowledge the opposition to this Plan?

Because the wealthy developers,like Millennium, are waiting in the wings to get their projects started. And they do not want to continue asking for all the 'entitlements' they need to request to get their OVER developed developments done here.

We know this from the Community and Neighborhood Council meetings we have attended since last year....

And the Plan is FOR THEM..So they can start building what they want, no restrictions, in a 'by right' city.

We know this..Just about everyone aware of this Plan knows this..

Neighborhood Council upon Neighborhood Council have opposed it. Only one that we know of has not, and the secretary of that one, who set up the ad hoc committe supporting The Plan works for Millennium Partners and advocates their projects and acts as their spokesperson around town.

Including trying to BUY OUT a number of longtime small business owners in the area for Millennium,and promising at least one Hill community,whose views will be totally obstructed by Millennium's tall towers, something they have wanted for years,a Park..

The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, is also funded by Millennium,which set up a PAC Committee and supports Garcetti.

Millennium sponsored their big yearly event and honored Garcetti..and The Chamber does Millennium's (and the Hollywood Plan's) bidding all around town.

The president of The Chamber requested of the city that URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES NOT TRUMP WHAT DEVELOPERS WANT TO BUILD..and he succeeded getting those restrictions removed..

The last remnant of any kind of oversight..

He also requested UNLIMITED above levels of ground parking here..Which he lost.

And he e-mailed every business Chamber member to show up at the PLUM hearing today to support The Hollywood Plan..

This is all to accommodate Developers like Millennium.

Garcetti is funded by Millennium,his campaign depends on Millennium.

And a number of City Council members, including members of the PLUM Committe have been funded for many years, by either Millennium and

Argent Ventures, and/or their Law Firm, Sheppard Miullin..all funding
City Council members and this Mayor
FOR YEARS.

So, is there any chance that The Hollywood Plan will be recirculated?

With all this funding by developers to the very people who are going to
decide?

One can only hope someone along the way has a soul,or a conscience and
does THE RIGHT THING.

RECIRCULATE The Hollywood Plan..
Or those of us who live here will do so at our own peril!

And as far as 'residential communities being preserved..the new P.R.
'script' of Villaraigosa and Garcetti..

Villaraigosa needs to be reminded of his past remarks and comments..and
this one proves that our residential communitis were NEVER considered
at all.

As a matter fo fact we are pretty much expected to sell our homes,pack
up and leave, and make way for the demo crews so more high rises and
skyscrapers can be built here..

All replaced by this higher density city, Garcetti's 'vision' for his
NEW GOLDEN AGE OF HOLLYWOOD" and The Hollywood Plan was
created for developers to make that happen, with no consideration for
THE PEOPLE who LIVE here, pay taxes here, have raised and are raising families here, and
contribute to this community.

Villaraigosa and Garcetti have been touting 'residential neighborhoods will be preserved' with THE
HOLLYWOOD PLAN....

Antonio's short memory:

David Zahniser
May 31, 2007

"Villaraigosa jumped on the smart-growth bandwagon soon after his election, telling business
leaders that if the city wants to keep moving, then 'freeways and SINGLE FAMILY HOMES WILL
NEED TO BE THINGS OF THE PAST'.

"ALOT OF US GREW UP WITH THE IDEA OF A THREE BEDROOM HOUSE WITH LARGE
BACKYARDS AND FRONT LOTS.
WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE POSSIBLE"
Villaraigosa said in remarks covered by the Los Angeles Daily News.

Villaraigosa, who has a hilltop home in Mount Washington and four years of free rent at the mayoral mansion in Windsor Square, a neighborhood lined with streets zoned for highly restrictive R-1, or single-family homes.

Shortly after his election, Villaraigosa selected nine people to carry out his Development Vision at the Los Angeles City Planning Commission.

Seven of his nine planning commissioners also live in single-family homes, nearly all on streets that enjoy the most restrictive zoning in Los Angeles — prohibiting apartments or multifamily housing of any kind.

Even as they try to change the behavior of the city's residents, planning commissioners have been loath to alter their own."

RESIDENTS WERE NEVER CONSIDERED IN THE HOLLYWOOD PLAN...

IT IS TO ACCOMMODATE DEVELOPERS, WHO FUNDED ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA, AND ARE FUNDING GARCETTI, among other City Politicos..

And we will live here at our own peril, with no mitigations for Traffic Control, increased LAPD, LAFD, and Emergency Services in this Plan..

And that is why residents who live here are crying out:

RECIRCULATE THE HOLLYWOOD PLAN..

FIXIT!

DO NOT PASS IT THROUGH AS IT IS NOW!

Emma P.