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RE: Council File 12-0967; DIR-2009-2065-DB-1A; ENV-2007-365-MND. 5245 Santa Monica Blvd.
project, East Hollywood.

Chair Reyes and Honorable Committee members:

On September 11, 2012, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee is tentatively scheduled to hear an appeal filed by Seta Panosian and her neighbors regarding a 60-foot-tall, mixed-use density bonus project proposed for East Hollywood. Ms. Panosian's appeal concerns the City Planning Commission's April 12, 2012 approval of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project, whose location is immediately adjacent to Kingsley Elementary School and low-level single-family homes. The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council has voted several times in opposition to this development, and has expressed its support for requiring that the applicant prepare an environmental impact report.

This letter, however, addresses our Board's grave concerns regarding the shocking lack of fairness exhibited by the City Planning Commission during its April 12, 2012 hearing on the proposed project. The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council voted unanimously at its April 16, 2012 Board meeting to express its strong objections regarding the Commission's abuse of its discretion during this hearing, at which Commission members repeatedly ignored the advice of the City Attorney and instead permitted the applicant's legal representatives to freely approach the podium to speak at any time during the meeting. Due to this, the City Attorney at one point threatened to leave the room. Despite unlimited speaking time allowed to the applicant, the Commission never discussed objections to the project as expressed by Ms. Panosian and others in attendance, and accorded Ms. Panosian no rebuttal time. In simple terms, the appellant did not receive a fair hearing, and the project's approval should be overturned.

As a community, we look to the members of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee to reverse a great wrong inflicted upon Ms. Panosian and her neighbors. We seek your support in setting aside the proposed project's approvals, and in requiring that an EIR be prepared for the proposed development.


David Bell, President