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Lake View Terrace Commercial Electricity Generation Power Plant

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Re: CF# 14-0331

This email is sent to support Council File 14-0331 concerning Solar Rights Acts and recommending amendments that would give the City more discretion to review solar projects.

Los Angeles is a Charter City and has the legal right to determine how our city government is organized and, with respect to municipal affairs, enact legislation different from that adopted by the state, including all issues related to zoning.

Here are my reasons, taken from a letter I wrote to the North Valley Planning Commission, and presented as testimony at their meeting of May 1, 2014.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION:

**RE: PROPOSED LAKE VIEW TERRACE COMMERCIAL ELECTRICITY
POWER PLANT**

THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN SOLD AS AN INNOCUOUS USE OF 3500 PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR CELLS TO GENERATE CLEAN ELECTRICAL ENERGY. ON THE SURFACE, "CLEAN SOLAR ENERGY" BRINGS TO MIND VIEWS OF SUBURBAN HOUSES EACH WITH SMALL ROOFTOP SOLAR ARRAYS AND SMILING RESIDENTS TELLING MARKETING SALESPERSONS AND IGNORANT NEWS REPORTERS HOW WONDERFUL THEIR SOLAR

INSTALLATIONS ARE.

IN THESE DAYS OF UNINFORMED MEDIA HYPE, WHO AMONG US CAN BE AGAINST THE POLITICALLY CORRECT MAGIC BUZZWORDS "ENVIRONMENTALLY-CLEAN SOLAR ENERGY"?

THE FACT IS THAT THIS PROJECT IS *NOT* A SMALL RESIDENTIALLY, AGRICULTURALLY, AND VISUALLY – FRIENDLY SOLAR INSTALLATION BUT AN EYESORE *COMMERCIAL POWER PLANT*. THERE SHOULD BE NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN IT AND ANY OTHER POWER PLANTS SUCH AS *COAL - FIRED, GAS- FIRED, OR NUCLEAR*. ONE DOESN'T BUILD A COAL, GAS OR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT NEXT TO A PERSON'S HOME.

THESE PLANTS SHOULD BE LOCATED IN AREAS ZONED ACCORDINGLY. *THEY DO NOT BELONG ON RESIDENTIAL - AND AGRICULTURAL – ZONED PROPERTIES*.

FURTHERMORE, THESE SOLAR INSTALLATIONS ARE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE ONLY WITH GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES. SOLAR ENERGY SUBSIDIES ARE CERTAIN TO EVENTUALLY END – PROBABLY IN A FEW YEARS AT THE MOST. WHAT ARE THE PLANS FOR THE PROPERTY IN THAT EVENT?

WHY WOULD ANYONE LOCATE A COMMERCIAL POWER GENERATING PLANT LIKE THIS – OR, A COAL-FIRED – OR, AN OIL-FIRED OR, A NUCLEAR - - POWER PLANT IN AN EXPENSIVE *DESIGNATED SCENIC CORRIDOR* -- WITH EXPENSIVE REAL ESTATE AND PREDICTABLE STRONG OPPOSITION FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS -- WHEN POWER PLANTS TYPICALLY ARE SITED IN LOW COST OBSCURE LOCATIONS FOR OBVIOUS REASONS -- WHERE THEY DO NOT AFFECT ANYONE?

IS THE FUTURE PLAN TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOUSES WITH A PLAN B "OWNER'S HARDSHIP" ZONING CHANGE REQUEST AFTER GETTING A "FOOT IN THE DOOR" WITH THIS PROJECT?

MASSIVE COMMERCIAL POWER PLANTS LIKE THIS BELONG IN DESOLATE LOCATIONS UNSUITABLE FOR FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, NOT IN DESIGNATED SCENIC CORRIDORS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THIS MATTER.

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