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REQUEST TO DENY EXPORT APPLICATION, COUNCIL FILE NO. 14-1418

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As discussed. please forward the attached REQUEST TO DENY APPLICATION to the Planning and Land Use Committee for consideration at its meeting on November 4. 2014. 2:30 p.m.. related to the property located at 9120 West Oriole Way. File No. 14-1218.

You may reach me at drouth@roadrunner.com. or by phone at [310/271-7756](tel:3102717756) if you need further information.

My thanks for your help and cooperation.

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October 31, 2014

Los Angeles City
Office of the City Clerk
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
210 North Figueroa Street, Room 1080
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Committee Members:

REQUEST TO DENY APPLICATION TO EXPORT EARTH (COUNCIL FILE NO.14-1418— WEST ORIOLE WAY)

I am the owner of the property located at 1365 N. Wetherly Dr., Los Angeles 90069, which is below the excavation proposed at 9120 Oriole Way West. This letter is submitted for consideration by the Planning and Land Use Committee at their hearing (for which I received notice) scheduled for November 4, 2014, 2:30 p.m., at City Hall, 200 North Spring Street.

Affected neighbors and I have serious objections to this project proceeding on the scale and manner in which it has been designed and request that the application to haul earth material, as currently contemplated, be **DENIED**.

During the past five years, four major residential home construction projects have been undertaken on Oriole Drive overlooking the canyon at the end of Wetherly Drive. None of these has involved major earth excavation, but the traffic obstruction, limitation on parking, dust, noise, and other major disruptions originating *just from construction-related* activities (which have lasted for two to five years for each of these projects), *without* excavation, have been severe. While I do not live on Oriole, I have needed to drive to it on various occasions and have experienced these conditions.

A fifth project at 9199 Thrasher was begun early this year and *did* involve excavation of 2930 cubic yards of material. This development confirmed our worst concerns regarding the adverse impact on Oriole of projects involving excavation activities.

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Although they are technically two-way thoroughfares, Oriole and Thrasher Drives are among the narrowest of the bird streets, and large trucks and vehicles frequently and dangerously blocked the only open lane. A parked car makes it into a one lane street and a parked or stalled truck makes it impassable.

The limited street parking for residents was, at times, totally eliminated, and residents were often unable to exit their driveways. Portions of the Oriole Drive street surface were torn up by these vehicles and resulted in damage to residents vehicles.

Eliminating excavation or substantially reducing the volume of material to be removed/exported would, I believe, work toward resolving both the neighborhood traffic hauling issues and the potential dangers posed to properties beneath the excavation site. Projects of the size and duration enabled by excavation have become a nuisance and detractor from safety and lifestyles of these neighborhoods.

It is in no way our intent to eliminate building of large homes, of which many of us are owners. However, some measures to mitigate the proliferation of these mega-mansions and their prolonged disruption of the daily life of residents, caused during construction, must be taken into account by the various regulatory bodies of the City when reviewing permit requests.

We believe that this is such an opportunity, and we urge you to take advantage of it.

You may reach me at the letterhead address, email to drouth@roadrunner.com, or by phone at 310/271-7756 if you need further information.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Douglas Routh