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March 28, 2017

Honorable David Ryu, Council Member, District 4

Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Council Member, District 10

Honorable Gilberto Cedillo, Council Member, District 1

Honorable Paul Krekorian, Council Member, District 2

Honorable Bob Blumenfield, Council Member, District 3

Honorable Paul Koretz, Council Member, District 5

Honorable Nury Martinez, Council Member, District 6

Honorable Felipe Fuentes, Council Member, District 7

Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Council Member, District 8

Honorable Curren D. Price, Jr., Council Member, District 9

Honorable Mike Bonin, Council Member, District 11

Honorable Mitchell Englander, Council Member, District 12

Honorable Mitch O'Farrell, Council Member, District 13

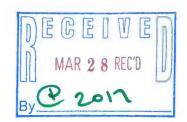
Honorable Jose Huizar, Council Member, District 14

Honorable Joe Buscaino, Council Member, District 15

City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street

Los Angeles, California 90012

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Re: Council File No.: 15-0183-S1 (Proposed) Miracle Mile HPOZ

Date: March 28, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: City Hall, Room 340, 200 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Item: 28

Request to Exclude the 700 South Orange Grove/Ogden Block

Dear Council Members:

I own multi-family property located on the west side of the block designated as <u>700 South Orange Grove Avenue/ South Ogden Drive</u> ("Our Block"), adjacent to two major intersecting transit corridors - Wilshire and Fairfax - and along the Purple Line, a 2 Billion Dollar transit investment.

Property owners on Our Block request to be excluded from the (Proposed) HPOZ. Attached is a copy of my 3/21/17 letter to the PLUM Committee regarding mandated goals and objectives of density near transit achievable on Our Block, only if it is excluded. The Portal will be on Our Block within 500 Feet.

I urge you to exclude Our Block and the others excluded by PLUM and the Planning Commission, from the boundary of the (Proposed) HPOZ so that they can be utilized for their current higher and better uses and be of greater benefit to this community in the long run.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Greenwald

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Councilmembers, City of Los Angeles Council File No.: 15-0183-S1 (Proposed) Miracle Mile HPOZ Request to Exclude the 700 South Orange Grove/Ogden Block March 27, 2017 Page 2 of 2 Hand Delivered

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Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor Vincent P. Bertoni, Director of City Planning Kevin Keller, Deputy Director of City Planning

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March 21, 2017

Members of the

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Planning and Land Use Management Committee City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Room 360 Los Angeles, California 90012

Attention:

Ms. Sharon Dickinson, Legislative Assistant

Re:

Council File No.: 15-0183-S1 (Proposed) Miracle Mile HPOZ

Date: March 21, 2017

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: City Hall, Room 340, 200 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Members of the PLUM Committee and Ms. Dickinson:

I am an owner of multi-family property located on the west side of the block designated as 700 South Orange Grove Avenue/ South Ogden Drive ("Our Block"), adjacent to two major intersecting transit corridors - Wilshire and Fairfax - and along the Purple Line. I support exclusion of Our Block.

The City Planning Commission determined and Councilmember Ryu recommended that **Our Block** be excluded from the boundary of the (Proposed) HPOZ Miracle Mile. There is good reason:

- 1. <u>2 Billion Dollars</u> are being invested in the Purple Line Subway Extension.
- 2. <u>The only Portal</u> to the Wilshire/Fairfax Station will be located on **Our Block**, within 500 walking feet. See Map marked Exhibit A, attached and incorporated in full.
- 3. Density near transit corridors and stations is a mandated goal and objective, achievable on **Our Block** only if it is excluded from the (Proposed) HPOZ.
- 4. The pervasive existing massing, scale, architecture and use which already surrounds and is part of <u>Our Block</u>. is high density 4 story not 2, contemporary not within the period of significance, and heavily influenced by commercial and cultural use, not residential (Exh.A)
- 5. Property owners on <u>Our Block petitioned to be excluded from the (Proposed) HPOZ.</u>
 A copy of said petition marked Exhibit B is attached and incorporated in full.

For reasons which include the above, <u>I request Our Block</u> be excluded and urge you to exclude our <u>substantially separate</u> and totally <u>distinct Block</u> and the others excluded by the Planning Commission from the boundary of the (Proposed) HPOZ so that they can be utilized for their current higher and better uses and be of greater benefit to this community in the long run. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Greenwald

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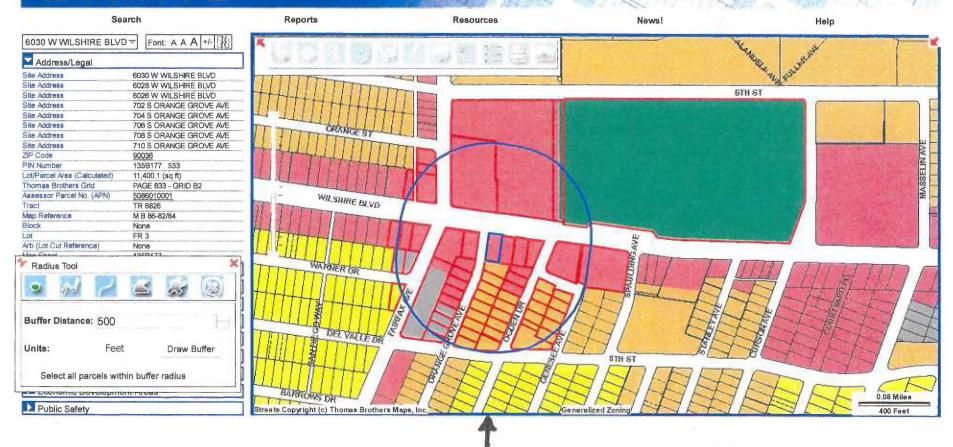
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Sharon Dickinson, Legislative Assistant, PLUM Committee

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500 FEET FROM PORTAL ORANGE GROVE OGDEN

EXHIBIT A

Terms & Conditions

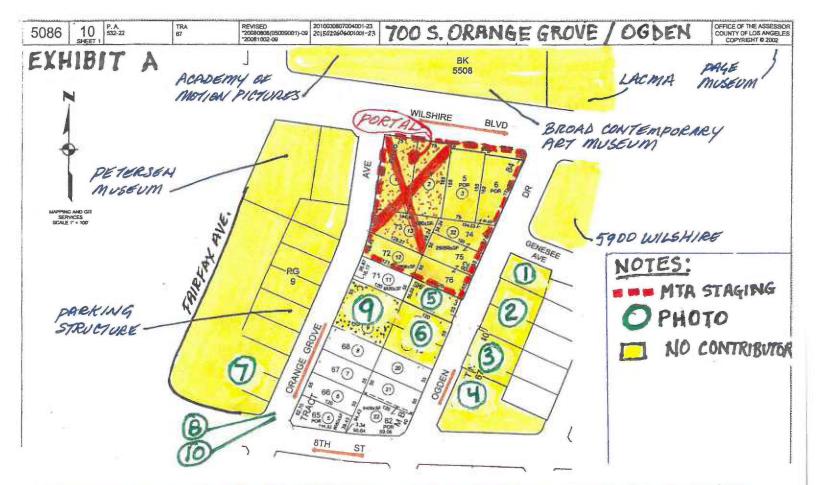






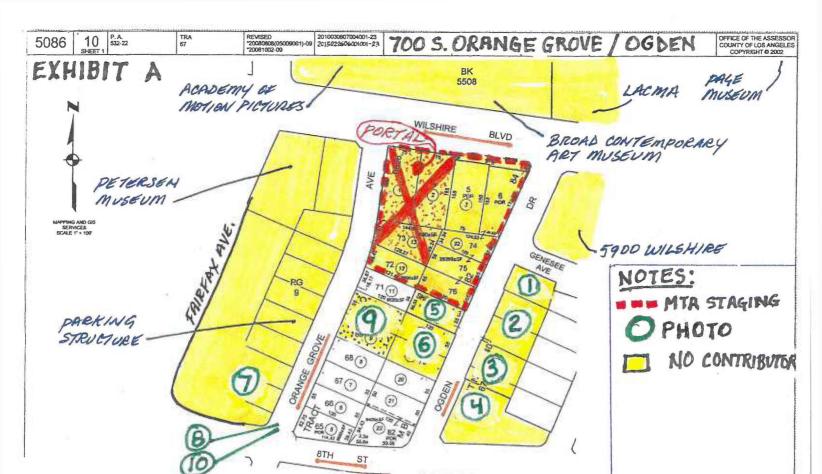
















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August 26, 2016

Ms. Renata Dragland

City Planning Associate

Office of Historic Resources

Los Angeles Department of City Planning

200 N. Spring St

Room 601

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Dragland:

The property owners of parcels located on the 700 block of South Orange Grove Avenue and the 700 block South Ogden Drive oppose the proposed HPOZ and request that this block be excluded from the Zone. The signed petitions are attached.

Thank you for your consideration

David Wagner

749 S. Ogden Drive

Los Angeles, CA 90036

Mr. Kenneth Bernstein, Manager and Principal City Planner
Ms. Renata Dragland, City Planning Associate
Office of Historic Resources
Los Angeles Department of City Planning
Room 601
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

<u>Via Federal Express</u> <u>Via Federal Express</u>

August 23, 2016

Re: Opposition to:

(Proposed) Historic Preservation Overlay Zone- Miracle Mile ("HPOZ") Case Number CPC-2016-961-HPOZ

Dear Mr. Bernstein and Ms. Dragland:

We are the property owners of parcels located within the proposed HPOZ. Our properties are on the block designated as 700 South Orange Grove Avenue and 700 South Ogden Drive. Together 700 South Orange Grove and 700 South Ogden comprise one physical block at the Northwesternmost boundary of the proposed HPOZ that is naturally bounded by Wilshire Boulevard on the north and 8th Street on the south (collectively referred to as "Our Block").

We oppose inclusion of our properties in the proposed HPOZ.

We respectively request that Our Block <u>be excluded</u> from the proposed HPOZ for the following reasons:

- The northern half of Our Block is already outside the boundary of the proposed HPOZ. The northernmost portion includes the future site of the portal to the Wilshire/Fairfax Subway Station, the current construction staging area for the Westside Subway Extension, and LACMA's proposed site for a parking structure along Ogden Drive.
- Our properties are located on the same block within approximately 500 feet walking
 distance of the site of the portal to the Wilshire/Fairfax Subway Station. Transit
 ridership would benefit from a residential density higher than allowed by the
 proposed HPOZ because it is adjacent to this new major transit station and along its
 transit corridor.
- 3. The entire west side of 700 South Orange Grove is occupied by the Petersen Automotive Museum which is already outside the boundary of the proposed HPOZ.
- 4. Exclusion of our parcels on the east side of 700 South Orange Grove has no impact on the pending application of the proposed HPOZ on blocks other than on Our Block.
- 5. All parcels on the east side of 700 South Ogden Drive are Non-Contributing parcels. Thus, exclusion of our parcels on the west side of 700 South Ogden has no impact on the pending application of the proposed HPOZ on blocks other than on Our Block

Via Federal Express Via Federal Express

6. Implementing the proposed HPOZ on Our Block would be an unlawful taking of our property.

We respectfully request that each of our parcels that make up Our Block be excluded from the proposed HPOZ.

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Peter Merlin 1118 Point View Street Los Angeles, CA, 90035 August 24, 2016

Mr. Kenneth Bernstein, Manager and Principal City Planner Ms. Renata Dragland, City Planning Associate Office of Historic Resources Los Angeles Department of City Planning Room 601 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Opposition to:

(Proposed) Historic Preservation Overlay Zone- Miracle Mile ("HPOZ")

Case Number CPC-2016-961-HPOZ

Dear Mr. Bernstein and Ms. Dragland:

As a representative of the owner at 754 Orange Grove, I request that the east side of Orange Grove be excluded from the Miracle Mile HPOZ.

An HPOZ is contextual. But in the context of the Wilshire Fairfax subway station, the Peterson Museum make-over, the Renzo Piano addition to the Museum of Motion Pictures, the expansion of LACMA bridging Wilshire to the south side of Wilshire, and the recently completed thru-lot apartment development at 730-736 Orange Grove, the two "contributors" on the ARG map in the 700 block have become outliers. Just in the same way, a boxy McMansion built on a block of single-story Spanish eclectic bungalows from the 1920's would also be an outlier.

The Planning Department should not impose this zoning overlay on such adjacent properties. As an architect, I recommend that the District Boundary be narrowed to exclude all properties north of 8th street so as to create a buffer between the proposed HPOZ and the above referenced development. But if this is not the general consensus I urge the department to exclude the east side of the 700 block of Orange Grove at the north-west perimeter of the proposed HPOZ. It is apparently not a big deal to reduce the size of a proposed HPOZ as opposed to the ex post facto process of enlarging its boundary. I urge the Department to take this path.

Very truly yours,

Peter Merlin
Retired Architect

cc: The Honorable David Ryu, Council Member of the 4th Council District

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