



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

June 5, 2016

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Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
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Re: **CF 16-0627 (Committee hearing 6/7/16) – LETTER IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL OF CPC-2015-2714-VZC-SP-DRB-SPP and ENV-2015-2715-MND; 1029-1049 N. Swarthmore Ave.; 1012-1032 N. Swarthmore Ave.; 1023-1055 N. Monument St.; and 15229-15281 W. Sunset Blvd. (collectively, the “Palisades Village Project”).**

Honorable PLUM Committee Members:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (“PPCC”) is the most broad-based community organization in Pacific Palisades and has been the voice of the community since 1973.

PPCC strongly supports the Palisades Village Project, as set forth in testimony before the City Planning Commission (“CPC”) on April 28, 2016, and in greater detail in letters submitted on April 18, 2016, February 29, 2016 and March 14, 2016 (on file in the above-referenced matters and believed to be part of the official administrative record). A copy of PPCC’s letter of April 18th to the CPC is also attached for your convenience.

PPCC’s position reflects the consensus of the Palisades community. PPCC urges the members of the City Council PLUM Committee to recommend approval of the Palisades Village Project.

Sincerely,

Christina Spitz
President
Pacific Palisades Community Council

Encl: PPCC Letter to CPC dated 4/18/16

cc:

Hon. Mike Bonin, Councilmember, CD11	mike.bonin@lacity.org
Sharon Dickinson, Legislative Assistance, PLUM Committee (w/request for filing in CF-16-0627)	sharon.dickinson@lacity.org



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April 18, 2016

Los Angeles City Planning Commission
City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Room 272
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Via email to:
James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant
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Re: LETTER IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL OF CPC-2015-2714-VZC-SP-DRB-SPP and AA-2015-3312-PMLA; 1029-1049 N. Swarthmore Ave.; 1012-1032 N. Swarthmore Ave.; 1023-1055 N. Monument St.; and 15229-15281 W. Sunset Blvd. (collectively, the “Palisades Village Project”); related case: ENV-2015-2715 MND – CPC Hearing Date: 4/28/16.

Honorable Commissioners:

Introduction

Pacific Palisades Community Council (“PPCC”) is the most broad-based community organization in Pacific Palisades and has been the voice of the community since 1973. PPCC is one of the oldest continuously operating councils of its type in Los Angeles and served as a model for many current neighborhood councils. PPCC holds open elections for 9 board seats representing all Palisades residents and businesses, and includes in its membership all significant community organizations. PPCC conducts open, public board meetings; follows the Brown Act whenever reasonable and possible; and serves the same function as a neighborhood council: to provide a forum for the discussion of issues and to advise government on matters of community concern. As explained by Councilmember Mike Bonin:

“[PPCC’s and Brentwood Community Council’s] role as advisory bodies to local government on issues specific to their communities is identical to that of a certified neighborhood council . . . They provide the same crucial function in vetting community issues and providing a respected and open forum for evaluating development proposals and land use matters.” [Motion in Council File 13-1625]

PPCC Position

PPCC strongly supports the Palisades Village Project, as set forth in testimony before City Planning and Commission staff on March 24, 2016, and in greater detail in letters submitted on February 29, 2016 and March 14, 2016 (on file in the above-referenced matters and believed to be part of the official administrative record).

For more than a year, the applicant Caruso Affiliated has conducted extensive outreach to the Palisades community, meeting frequently with groups large and small and addressing all reasonable concerns. PPCC held a total of four public forums, attended by hundreds of community members, at which full public discussion took place, including input from Mr. Caruso and public questions, concerns and expressions of support. Through its

Executive Committee, PPCC expressed support for adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) (see 2/29/16 PPCC letter). The PPCC board voted overwhelmingly (17-1) to support the Project, specifically the land use entitlement application and parcel map request (see 3/14/16 PPCC letter) – an action that is unprecedented in PPCC’s history. These positions reflect the consensus of the Palisades community.

PPCC urges the City Planning Commission to approve adoption of the above-referenced MND, the land use entitlement application and parcel map request.

Sincerely,

Christina Spitz
President
Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc:

Hon. Mike Bonin, Councilmember, CD11
Michelle Levy, City Planner

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For your consideration - June 7 meeting - Item No. 3, 16-0627 CD 11

1 message

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Sun, Jun 5, 2016 at 3:40 PM

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org

Cc: Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org

TO: Councilmember Jose Huizar, Chair PLUM committee and PLUM committee members

RE: June 7 Meeting

Item No. 3

16-0627

CD 11

Outstanding concerns - Caruso Affiliated Palisades Village Project: One-way vs Two-way Swarthmore and Traffic issues

It is my understanding that PLUM Committee is the next step in the process before this project is submitted to City Council for final approval. For your information, hundreds of Palisades residents have signed petitions, expressing our disapproval of converting Swarthmore Ave. from its current two-way configuration to a one-way street as proposed by Caruso development. On May 15, 2016, I submitted the following email to Councilman Bonin expressing my personal thoughts about this issue:

Caruso Affiliated bought property in the Palisades with the intent to do business. Residents have bought property, many of us decades ago, with the intent to live in the Palisades for the rest of our lives. Change is inevitable but there are aspects of the Caruso project that WILL negatively impact our lives. Changing Swarthmore to one way is the most significant of these changes.

Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan, states issues that need to be addressed are:

- **"Need to protect neighborhoods from spill-over of commercial areas traffic." and "Protect residential areas from through traffic."**
- Making Swarthmore one-way does the exact opposite of protecting our neighborhoods from spill over traffic. It CREATES additional spill-over traffic into the Alphabet streets and directs through traffic into our neighborhoods that used to use Swarthmore as access to Sunset. Alphabet streets parents taking their kids to school and morning commuters are the most impacted by this change.

Changing Swarthmore from two-way to one-way will:

- eliminate a highly trafficked exit from the Alphabet streets,**
 - drive additional traffic onto Monument and Via de la Paz, and**
 - alter traffic patterns in the Alphabet streets and on Sunset in ways that have not been thoroughly studied**
- The only traffic study that has been conducted was done by Caruso Affiliated. There needs to be an independent traffic study to analyze the impact of additional traffic and dangers created by the traffic on Monument, Albright and Via de la Paz specifically as stated above.

There has been discussion about converting Swarthmore back to two-way if it doesn't work out the as one-way. If we do this right the first time, keep Swarthmore two-way, a do-over will not be necessary. Thank you, Councilman and committee members, for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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