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Project Address: 12101 W. Olympic Blvd.

RE: Martin Expo Town Center

Dear Members of the City Planning & Land Use Management Committee, Mr. Ibarra and Councilman Bonin,

I am writing as a CD 11 constituent, a registered voter and a lifelong resident of WLA Sawtelle Japantown area--not as the At-Large Representative of the WLA Sawtelle Neighborhood Council to which I was elected by stakeholders in this community. And like the majority of residents in this area, I am opposed to the mega development that is proposed for 12101 W. Olympic Blvd.--the Martin Expo Town Center.

The Westside of Los Angeles already has a mega-development that never should have been approved on Pico between Sawtelle and Sepulveda--Casden West L.A., the Sepulveda Expo Project. This project is a little over one mile to the east with 598 rental units, 15,000 sq. ft of retail space and permits have been taken out for a 13-story office building, that was approved for a 10-story building.

I (and I know many residents) would like to see:

1) A tremendous reduction of the total residential housing element. We all know that L.A.'s HOUSING SHORTAGE IS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING--NOT LUXURY HOUSING. An increase of the affordable housing would be a step in the right direction.

2) Removal of the office space component. Do NOT make grid-lock traffic and the cut-through residential traffic even more untenable than it already is.

3) No Master Conditional Use Permit for live entertainment and liquor sales--which will only impact traffic, air pollution, safety, and noise for the surrounding community.

4) A reduction in retail square footage from 99,000 sq ft to the original proposal, which was 67,000 sq ft.

* It is already estimated that the traffic from this project will impact 16 intersections up to a mile away and impact up to 18 intersections by the year 2030.

* How are first responders expected to do their jobs? NOTE: The survival rate will be significantly reduced for anyone requiring paramedics or firefighters during rush hour traffic and for those working and residing within the project.

The local infrastructure cannot support mega-developments--given the significant impacts on water, electrical and sewage systems.

Consideration should be afforded the residents of WLA Sawtelle Japantown and the surrounding areas. Many Japanese Americans were forced to settle into this area after World War II internment and these individuals and their families were unjustly treated and made many sacrifices. These 'forgotten' citizens deserve to have their quality of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness protected from the out-of-scale development of Martin Expo Town Center.

NOTE: I and many other residents do not appreciate the lack of transparency in notifying the community about the various hearings and meetings involving decisions about mega-developments like Martin Expo Town Center.

City Planning and City Council has a responsibility and an obligation to work to protect the welfare of these residents in the surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

Rosie Kato

CD 11 Constituent and Resident Homeowner