

From the Desk of

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Board of Building and Safety Commissioners
Rm 1080
201 N. Figuerora St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Board File No. 160044

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board:

On behalf of David and Masa Rosen, long time residents of 930 Stradella Road I would like to enter a formal objection to the Application before the Board today for the removal of 6,200 cubic yards of material from 960 Stradella Road.

We urge the Board to reject this Application on its face due to the amount of dirt that they are proposing is over the ICO for this area. Further, no feasible plan for the removal of material is proposed.

No facts regarding the hauling route are mentioned in the *Notice of Public Hearing to Property Owners Within A 300 Foot Radius of Grading Site* which we received Monday September 26th, 2016 – less than six working days before the hearing.

We have not been told the size of trucks purposed to be used, the hauler's insurance status, the times of day of the hauling, the days of the week for the hauling, the number of routes etc...

An estimate based on the 6,200 cubic meters is as follows:

Ten wheel trucks will take 10-12 cubic yards down the hill at a time and the same trucks will have to be driven empty up to the property as well. That's about 1,240 trucks runs on already congested streets.

The time it will take from top to bottom (in Bel Air) will be about 10 minutes each way. That's 12,400 minutes, or the equivalent of 8.6 days straight of non-stop 24 hour dump trucks going up and down Stradella Road and Bel Air. That is unacceptable.

The Board of Building and Safety is well aware of the difficulties of the narrow roadways in the area as we have made you well aware of them in past projects that we have opposed. Specifically the timing of the proposed project coincides with other current ongoing projects in the immediate area (at least 5 using Stradella & Roscomare Road as sole means of ingress and egress alone.)

Furthermore, this property does not have the ability for the trucks to turn around on site and thus will have to completely stop traffic when entering and exiting the property to turn around. This will cause hours of delays of traffic in the

immediate area.

These narrow roads will be filled with flagmen and dump trucks and be virtually impassable once again as they have been in the past during similar hauling routes. This denies the use and enjoyment of the properties for the surrounding neighbors.

Scope

We specifically object to the scope of this project being so massive. **If you lined up the 6,200 cubic yards side by side it would stretch out for 3.5 miles.** Keep in mind this amount of material removal is being proposed for a single family residence.

Saturday Hauling

In regards to Saturday or Sunday hauling, we specifically object to Saturday or Sunday hauling disturbing the peace and quiet of the weekend hours.

Environmental Impacts

Removing enough dirt that will stretch for 3.5 miles may cause unknown environmental impacts in the immediate area and violate CEQA. A proper environmental study should be conducted and shared with the neighbors which addresses this specific condition.

Health and Safety of the Surrounding Residents

The Rosen's property is located two doors down and below the proposed project, we object the the possibility of having fine particulate matter inundating the air due to the removal of so much material.

Furthermore, the soot output by the operation of 1,240 dump truck runs will have a significant negative impact on the surrounding air quality. Each truck that is being used during the hauling operation would emit tonnes of CO2 in the immediate surrounding air.

For the reasons stated above we request that the Board reject the approval of the export of 6,200 cubic yards of dirt from 960 Stradella Road.

Regards,



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