



APPLICATIONS:

APPEAL APPLICATION

This application is to be used for any appeals authorized by the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) for discretionary actions administered by the Department of City Planning.

1. APPELLANT BODY/CASE INFORMATION

Appellant Body:

- Area Planning Commission     City Planning Commission     City Council     Director of Planning

Regarding Case Number: VTT-72370-CN, ENV-2013-2552-EIR

Project Address: 8142-8182 W Sunset Blvd, 1438-1486 N. Havenhurst Drive, 1438-1443 N. Crescent Heights Blvd

Final Date to Appeal: 08/28/2016

- Type of Appeal:     Appeal by Applicant/Owner  
                           Appeal by a person, other than the Applicant/Owner, claiming to be aggrieved  
                           Appeal from a determination made by the Department of Building and Safety

2. APPELLANT INFORMATION

Appellant's name (print): Laurel Canyon Association

Company: Laurel Canyon Association

Mailing Address: 8453 Kirkwood Drive

City: Los Angeles

State: CA

Zip: 90046

Telephone: (310) 982-1760

E-mail: jhall@laurelcanyon.org

- Is the appeal being filed on your behalf or on behalf of another party, organization or company?

Self

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- Is the appeal being filed to support the original applicant's position?

Yes

No

3. REPRESENTATIVE/AGENT INFORMATION

Representative/Agent name (if applicable): Jamie T Hall

Company: Channel Law Group, LLP

Mailing Address: 8200 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 300

City: Beverly Hills

State: CA

Zip: 90211

Telephone: (310) 982-1760

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**4. JUSTIFICATION/REASON FOR APPEAL**

Is the entire decision, or only parts of it being appealed?  Entire  Part

Are specific conditions of approval being appealed?  Yes  No

If Yes, list the condition number(s) here: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a separate sheet providing your reasons for the appeal. Your reason must state:

- The reason for the appeal
- How you are aggrieved by the decision
- Specifically the points at issue
- Why you believe the decision-maker erred or abused their discretion

**5. APPLICANT'S AFFIDAVIT**

I certify that the statements contained in this application are complete and true:

Appellant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Date: 08/29/2016

**6. FILING REQUIREMENTS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Eight (8) sets of the following documents are required for each appeal filed (1 original and 7 duplicates):
  - Appeal Application (form CP-7769)
  - Justification/Reason for Appeal
  - Copies of Original Determination Letter
- A Filing Fee must be paid at the time of filing the appeal per LAMC Section 19.01 B.
  - Original applicants must provide a copy of the original application receipt(s) (required to calculate their 85% appeal filing fee).
- All appeals require noticing per the applicable LAMC section(s). Original Applicants must provide noticing per the LAMC, pay mailing fees to City Planning's mailing contractor (BTC) and submit a copy of the receipt.
- Appellants filing an appeal from a determination made by the Department of Building and Safety per LAMC 12.26 K are considered Original Applicants and must provide noticing per LAMC 12.26 K.7, pay mailing fees to City Planning's mailing contractor (BTC) and submit a copy of receipt.
- A Certified Neighborhood Council (CNC) or a person identified as a member of a CNC or as representing the CNC may not file an appeal on behalf of the Neighborhood Council; persons affiliated with a CNC may only file as an individual on behalf of self.
- Appeals of Density Bonus cases can only be filed by adjacent owners or tenants (must have documentation).
- Appeals to the City Council from a determination on a Tentative Tract (TT or VTT) by the Area or City Planning Commission must be filed within 10 days of the date of the written determination of said Commission.
- A CEQA document can only be appealed if a non-elected decision-making body (ZA, APC, CPC, etc.) makes a determination for a project that is not further appealable. [CA Public Resources Code ' 21151 (c)].

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Base Fee: \$89	Reviewed & Accepted by (DSC Planner): Eric Claros	Date: 8/29/16
Receipt No: 0102626230	Deemed Complete by (Project Planner):	Date:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Determination authority notified		<input type="checkbox"/> Original receipt and BTC receipt (if original applicant)



*A Community Organization Dedicated to Improving and Preserving  
the Quality of Life in Laurel Canyon*

August 29, 2016

**VIA PERSONAL DELIVERY**

City of Los Angeles  
Department of City Planning  
Los Angeles, California 90012

**Re: Justifications for Appeal of 8150 Sunset Boulevard Project**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in receipt of the Determination Letter ("NOE") dated August 17, 2016 for the Sunset Boulevard Mixed-Use Project located at 8150 Sunset Boulevard ("Project"). The Laurel Canyon Association ("LCA") hereby appeals the issuance of the Vesting Tentative Tract ("VTT") Map and related Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") for the 8150 Sunset Boulevard Project ("Project").

**About Laurel Canyon Association**

Initially, and by way of background, I would like to provide some background. LCA is a neighborhood association serving the area of the Hollywood Hills known as "Laurel Canyon," one the most beautiful and environmentally important areas of Los Angeles. The hills in Laurel Canyon provide a scenic backdrop for the rest of Los Angeles. Further Laurel Canyon's forested valleys and chaparral-draped hillsides offer habit for native wildlife. Laurel Canyon also is home to a watershed and greenbelt for the vastly developed plains of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley.

LCA was founded for the express purpose of preserving and improving the quality of life in Laurel Canyon. The goal of our community group is to promote the welfare of the residents of Laurel Canyon and to maintain the quality of life in the Hollywood Hills, by preserving its residential character, its quiet, privacy, natural beauty and safety. Moreover, LCA endeavors to encourage cooperation among all residents and to educate appropriate governmental bodies concerning changes in existing or proposed laws affecting Laurel Canyon or in anything that affects the local community.

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LCA's jurisdiction includes Laurel Canyon Boulevard, its feeder streets and the Kirkwood, Stanley Hills, Lookout Mountain and Wonderland bowl areas. The neighborhood is bounded on the north by Mulholland Drive and at the south by Hollywood Boulevard. The main streets are Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Mulholland Drive, Wonderland Avenue, Lookout Mountain Avenue, Kirkwood, and Stanley Hills. LCA is a residential stakeholder with membership in the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council system, specifically, the Bel-Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council ("BABCNC").

#### Incorporation of Justifications for Appeal Provided by Other Appellants

LCA has read the appeals filed by Fix the City, JDR Crescent LLC, IGI Crescent, LLC, City of West Hollywood and Susanne Manner. LCA supports the comments and concerns raised by these organizations and/or persons and hereby incorporates the justifications for appeal raised by these other appellants.

#### Additional Justifications/Reasons for Appeal

For decades, residents of LCA have patronized stores located at 8150 Sunset Boulevard. Moreover, each day thousands of residents pass by the property on their way to work, visit friends and shop and school. The flow of traffic at the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Crescent Heights/Laurel Canyon Boulevard is of paramount concern to LCA and this is a primary basis that LCA has filed this appeal.

The City has concluded that the Project will have a less than significant impact on transportation and traffic. LCA disputes these findings. It defies logic to believe that a building of this size and density could possibly not create additional traffic (and air pollution) along Laurel Canyon Boulevard. The intersection of Crescent Heights and Sunset is severely congested and the impacts associated with the Project are unknown without an adequate traffic study. LCA contends there are feasible mitigation measures that the City has failed to analyze and evaluate, which include the following:

- Improving Sidewalks along Laurel Canyon Boulevard to allow residents of Laurel Canyon to access property without using cars. Currently, sidewalks are obstructed by utility poles, have major cracks, and are not ADA compliant. Many residents of Laurel Canyon will access the property by foot *if* adequate sidewalks are available. This will reduce the transportation/traffic impacts associated with the Project.
- Improving Public Transit: Currently, there is a bus that traverses Laurel Canyon Boulevard. However, there is not a bus stop at Kirkwood and Laurel Canyon Boulevard and this discourages residents from using public transit. Construction of a bus stop is a feasible mitigation measure that will reduce transportation/traffic impacts. Further, improvements to the crosswalk at Laurel

Canyon Boulevard and Kirkwood are warranted. Additionally, the bus stop at Lookout Mountain and Laurel Canyon Boulevard lacks a bench and shelter, which discourages use of public transit.

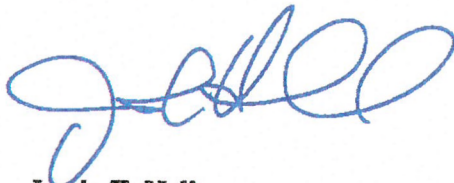
- Traffic Mitigation Plan for Laurel Canyon Road: Increased traffic as a result of the Project will encourage more people to use the "shortcut" along Laurel Canyon Road (so-called 'Little Laurel'). A traffic mitigation plan should be conducted to analyze ways to discourage people from using "Little Laurel." Persons who reside on this road often cannot leave their homes in a reasonable time due to the traffic backup and this poses a public safety hazard.

Finally, please be advised that LCA plans on filing a more robust appeal justification letter and reserves the right to supplement this appeal.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments. I may be reached at 310-982-1760 or [jhall@laurelcanyon.org](mailto:jhall@laurelcanyon.org).

Please be

Regards,



Jamie T. Hall  
Laurel Canyon Association  
President