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## Hermitage/Weddington Project - Case Number VTT 73704-SL and ENV-2015-2618-MND

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Dear Plum Committee ,

I am emailing to urge you to Save Hermitage and **Uphold the appeal** for Case Number VTT 73704-SL and ENV-2015-2618-MND scheduled for the Planning and Land Use Meeting on October 25, 2016.

I have lived in the San Fernando Valley my entire life. I loved it. I could never image myself living somewhere else, until the past few years. I no longer recognize the place I have always called home.

When did my city become one large cement block piled with cars?

Who, besides the developer who is only interested in profits, thought that eliminating affordable housing would be an improvement?

Why should a developer or corporation who doesn't live in the community have more say about what goes on in that community than its residents?

I am not anti-growth or anti-apartment. I have never lived in a house. I grew up in apartments. My family could never afford to buy their own home. The notion of my being able to afford to buy my own home or condo is less a reality for me than it was my parents.

We do not have a housing crisis. We have an affordable housing crisis. I don't know anyone who can afford to buy or rent at market rates that cannot find a suitable place to live. They have plenty of options. Contrast that with the availability of rent controlled units on the market today.

Good people are being evicted from their rent controlled apartment homes. There are very few affordable units available in this city. The cost of rent in the newer units is astronomical. The city continues to allow the demolition of rent controlled units and does nothing to replacing them. New units are built and sold/ rented for much more money. People

end up working two or more jobs or sharing an apartment just to be able to keep a roof over their head. Instead of one apartment per person or family now two or more people or families having to sharing one apartment just to make ends meet. That's not progress.

Demolishing rent controlled units and replacing them with luxury housing doesn't bring down housing prices. It artificially increases the price of housing. This is absolutely no different than home mortgage housing crisis that begin in 2008. The market artificially increased home prices and created the perfect storm. It is no different than what's happening with this trend to overbuild apartments and raise rents.

I am terrified at the thought of losing my rent controlled apartment. I've been fighting 17 years to preserve it. What will I do if I lose it? Where will I go?

Additionally it makes no sense to build more units if the infrastructure to support the people living in the units is not in place. Our roads and schools are overcrowded. Our police and emergency responders are understaffed. We have fewer police officers than almost any other major city in this country. California is entering its 9th year of drought. If we don't have sufficient water to live comfortably or water our lawns why should we waste it on construction ( a water guzzling activity)? Why should we be building if we don't have water to support the people who are already here? It's illogical to build all of these new units before laying down the foundation for growth.

I am not against growth, but it must be planned and cannot be at the expense of affordable housing and the character of our communities. One size and style for all does not work. New development needs to be compatible to with the neighborhood and follow the city's master plan.

All this overdevelopment not only ruins the look and feel of neighborhood, but it erodes people's quality of life. We need to end this cycle and start building responsibly.

Given the current state of affordable housing in Los Angeles, we need our council members to stand up for the limited rent controlled properties in the city and prevent them from being demolished. Once one of these properties is gone, it is gone forever. There's no undo button on demolition.

Please help to set a precedent and show that you value affordable, rent stabilized housing in Los Angeles.

I ask the Planning and Land Use Management Committee to follow the General Plan and Ordinances **by not approving projects that are out of compliance.**

Thanks!!!!

Sincerely,

10/25/2016

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Wed, Oct 26, 2016 at 2:31 PM

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Dear Plum Committee CouncilMembers,

It seems we the citizens of LA are good enough to vote for our politicians but not good enough to request how our neighborhoods be treated. Do developers own our city and our politicians? They don't live here or vote here but their money eliminates community's input in to their plans for our neighborhoods. It's fixed. It's rigged. When we finally see what has been 'planned' we are told that we are to late in the process to make changes or objections. It's fixed and it's rigged for the developer to walk all over the voters of this abused city. What good is a city that grows like cancer. Let's get some grace behind this inevitable expansion. Let's THINK about how we can 'improve' the city with development and not settle for gridlock glut and greed. Politicians are gutless against developer greed.

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Sincerely,  
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