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**Case Number VTT 73704-SL and ENV-2015-2618-MND**

1 message

**Heather Fox** <hfoxen@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 1:54 PM

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.englander@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org

Cc: sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, etta.armstrong@lacity.org

Dear Plum Committee CouncilMembers

I am emailing to urge the Councilmembers 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.

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

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

Thank you!

Heather Fox



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1 message

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**DonnaMarie Stenlake** <dharmadm@icloud.com>

Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 1:58 PM

To: "mike.bonin@lacity.org" <mike.bonin@lacity.org>, Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org, sharon.gin@lacity.org

What's up with these permits? You guys bother to check addresses? Before you pass any more building permits, check them more closely. We object to this one. Also, we're told to stop watering and you continue to allow building. Any thoughts on that? Any thoughts at all? We are pretty done with this council and lack of thought from you. Looking forward to voting for change.

Sent from my iPad cause now I'm way cool 🌍



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## Dear Planning Assistant Barberena, I am writing to urge Councilmember Huizar, PLUM Committee to...

1 message

**Debora Roventini** <diroventini@pacbell.net>

Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 2:23 PM

Reply-To: diroventini@pacbell.net

To: betty.barberena@lacity.org

Cc: Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org

**Save Hermitage and uphold the Appeal Case Number VTT 73704-SL and ENV-2015-2618-MND** scheduled for the Planning and Land Use meeting, tomorrow, October 25, 2016.

My names is Debora Rovetini, and I live in the NoHo Arts District, Los Angeles, adjacent to the **Hermitage property** in the appeal.

I have seen far to much environmental destruction; loss of homes of affordable pricing; residents being abused and displaced without care or consideration to how they will find new affordable housing; destruction of land, foliage, trees and air quality; and an intense upswing in density and congestion where there is not sufficient infrastructure to support such density, as upkeep to streets, roads, freeways, grocery stores and parking at stores, street parking, a subway system that not everyone can access; and more and more street and freeway accidents, hit and runs and basic health stress for all individuals in neighborhoods being effected in Los Angeles.

And, why? For the greed of developers? Developers who may or may not reside or pay taxes in the United States, or be licensed properly, or do not pull proper permits?

Or to allow the building of only Luxury apartments which are two to three times the rate of affordable rentals and substandard quality, or Single Dwellings which run \$600,000-\$800,000 per unit which are smaller than most one or two bedroom apartments?

Allow developers to cement to the curb, ripping out grass, and mature trees that is making our Los Angeles, hotter and hotter and rolling back the air quality that we have worked so hard over the last 30 years to acheive to breathe and see the sky once again.

Because a developer wants to make a profit of \$25 million and up?

I am happy that the Council Members are so fortunate to live in neighborhoods that this is not not taking place.

I am happy they do not have to witness this destruction of the communities, unless, of course, they may have to drive through one of the neighborhoods on their way to work.

I would think seriously about your vote and how you are affecting real living and breathing individuals, birds, animals, traffic, congestion, air quality, sunlight, lack of water, sewage, bad quality construction, bad visual aesthetics and beauty that is being taken away.

The impact and effect to the City will last forever. Peoples lives you hold in your balance.

Please, vote to **uphold the Appeal Case Number VTT 73704-SL and ENV-2015-2618-MND and SAVE Hermitage.**

It most certainly effects all of our lives in the city.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Sincerely.

Debora Roventini

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10/24/2016

City of Los Angeles Mail - Dear Planning Assistant Barberena, I am writing to urge Councilmember Huizar, PLUM Committee to...

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Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 8:22 PM

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councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Members of the PLUM Committee,

Despite all the evidence there is more than enough housing to go around, you are considering approval of demolition of 100% affordable housing to be replaced with 100% Unaffordable housing.

Your council has alleged a housing crisis yet this neighborhood is filled with vacancies.

Your council has alleged a shortage of affordable housing yet pending approval are a handful of rent-controlled units.

Your council is either going to be part of the problem or part of the solution.

How many letters have you received so far about these properties and their significance?

Please uphold the appeal.

Please halt from permitting fraudulent criminals into my neighborhood that have nothing to offer. This is a mistake you cannot take back.

Pretend your children lived there.

Sincerely,

Penny

Corteen Place Valley Village



Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

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**WEROCKTHEVOTE** <info@werockthevote.com>

Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 3:58 PM

To: Clare.Eberle@lacity.org, Lynell.Washington@lacity.org, Gerald.Gubatan@lacity.org, Hannah.Lee@lacity.org  
Cc: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.englander@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

Greetings Member of the Planning and Land Use Committee and to the Planning Deputy Chief's.

Rather than send you another document to read that will be similar if not identical to what is already there, I will respectfully ask the recipients of this email to please visit the Council File Link .

The evidence that has been submitted into this case file is overwhelming.

The opposition is in abundance.

There is not a single resident or letter of support to the proposal.

In fact, it seems the only ones who found this project to be in somewhat compliance to even get this far is the same planning employee who has personal and special interest with the applicants.

The Area Planning Commission (south valley) supported the appellants by 2 votes. Those 2 votes came from the only individuals who were familiar with the area.

It is easy to vote down what you have never seen and do not understand.

Thankfully, we are a democracy that has allowed us to elect who we think the best person for the job is. The ones who can take all of these letters and see what the majority has said.

To everyone else the decisions is simply. You either comply with the requirements or you do don't.

Please take the time to review the files provided to support the appeal.

Thank you very much

Janet



Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

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## Case Number VTT 73704-SL and ENV-2015-2618-MND

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Anne Hars <annehars@me.com>

Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 4:58 PM

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.englander@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org

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Dear Plum Committee CouncilMembers,

I am emailing to urge the Councilmembers 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 am aware that many people active in housing issues have written you in regards to this case. I know that recently you may have received information about the developers and their current legal battle against two elderly property owners in order to realize this scheme. I understand that you often defer to the councilmember who represents the location of the project. In this case, the members of PLUM may be better informed about this case than Councilmember Krekorian who we believe is not fully informed about the legal quagmire surrounding this case. We are deeply concerned that Councilperson Krekorian may have been told a very different story from the developers and is therefore supporting them.

I urge you to ask Councilmember Krekorian to withdraw his support for this project and to uphold the appeal.

Thank you!  
Anne Hars

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## Uphold the appeal for Case Number VTT 73704-SL and ENV-2015-2618-MND

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**Kathleen Klein-Wakefield** <wakefieldklein@gmail.com>  
To: sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, etta.armstrong@lacity.org

Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 4:55 PM

Dear Plum Committee CouncilMembers and City Employees, Sharon Dickinson and Etta Armstrong,

I am emailing to urge the Councilmembers 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.

We need you to stand up to Greedy Developers who bully and harass tenants, destroy our architectural legacy and demolish the last of our rent stabilized homes.

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

Thank you very sincerely.

Kathleen Wakefield

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## Case Number VTT 73704-SL and ENV-2015-2618-MND

2 messages

**Bill Wheelock** <billwheelock@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 4:25 PM

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Cc: Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>, etta.armstrong@lacity.org

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Please do not support developers who engage in fraud, bullying and elder abuse to steal land and drive out rent controlled tenants to build luxury housing no one needs or can afford. Please Do not support Urban Blox, a company currently suing two elderly ladies FOR their property in order to build this development. It should never have gone through the DCP with the land ownership disputed as is in a legal quagmire. This is one of the most egregious cases of developer bullying we active in the community housing have seen in a long time. Please stand with the people of LA on this one. We need to know you care.

Thank you!  
Bill Wheelock

The Hermitage Story  
5303 Hermitage Avenue  
VTT-73704, END-2015-2618-MND

- A woman builds a group of small houses on a property in Valley Village.
- It becomes an active center for the community.
- When she dies at 100 she leaves her property to her two aging children.
- They sign a right of first refusal with 20 year property manager Jennifer Getz.
- Getz continues to run the urban farm on the property that teaches kids about Urban wildlife continuing the legacy of the original owner.
- One of the 2 co-owners dies. A young relative appears fresh out of law school.
- **He instigates a sale without owners permission with developers Urban Blox and agrees to sell the property to the developers without the agreement of the actual property owners.**
- All tenants are ellis act evicted. Jennifer refuses to leave. She reminds her aging landladies she has right of first refusal.

- The landladies attempt to get out of the agreement with Urban Blox.
- **Urban Blox sues the elderly ladies for the property. Turns out Urban Blox has already submitted an application to the DCP and had it approved EVEN THOUGH THEY DIDN'T OWN THE PROPERTY!**
- Jennifer, along with many neighbors appeal the DCP decision through the APC.
- Urban Blox hired a very pricey law firm and the residents lose their appeal.
- Meanwhile the property has filled up with squatters. Jennifer is constantly threatened and harassed physically and with bogus law suits.
- **The elderly ladies are set to lose their property to Urban Blox without any payment!**
- The appeal is now heading for the Plum (Planning and Land Use) Commission.
- **We need the PLUM commission to take a stand! It is not alright to support the shenanigans of Urban Blox- one of the worst developers around. UPHOLD THE APPEAL ON OCTOBER 25!**

[Here is a link](#) to a story about the history of the Hermitage and the original owner.

Anne Hars <annehars@me.com>

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