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Palisades Village Hearing and Haul Route

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Dear City Council and Planning Committee members:

I am writing you to urge your approval of the proposed Haul Route for the Caruso Affiliated park project that is scheduled for discussion on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. As proposed, the route that involves a round trip route from the Project eastward on Sunset, south on Chautauqua Blvd, west on PCH to Potrero Canyon and continue west to the northbound Temescal Canyon makes the most sense. I have read many of the comments online on the pros and cons. Like everything else in life, there is no perfect solution. And there are always going to be some vocal opponents who don't like change or inconvenience.

I think the two most driving forces that make a compelling argument for the route as planned are (1) Safety and (2) Performing the project as quickly as possible to minimize the duration of inconveniences. Both of these compelling factors are related. First of all, anyone who ever drove a car knows that making right turns is easier than making left turns across traffic. Having driven on PCH since 1963, I know for a certainty that speeding and inattention are common on PCH, and a different route than proposed would almost certainly lead to more accidents. To alleviate congestion on Chautauqua, I read suggestions online that the time of the traffic light for downhill traffic might be extended. That is an excellent suggestion, and one that is very easy to implement by CalTrans and City officials. The extra time of green lights for downhill traffic should be implemented regardless of the project, and it would significantly help alleviate congestion.

Another critical factor that supports using the proposed route has to do with the weather, which I know more than something about. During periods of dense fog and any rain, any alternative suggestion that results in the need for trucks to make left turns (vs right as presently planned) would greatly increase the chance of accidents that could be much more costly and hazardous to PCH traffic. The weather impacts both safety and speed of completion. In addition, it has been suggested by some that doing some of the hauling at night would speed up the project and lessen the traffic. Opponents said the noise would be a major issue for homeowners since sound tends to propagate more at night than in the daytime. However, the atmospheric conditions that promote inland propagation of sound do not normally become effective until much later at night when the inversion strengthens. So a brief use of hours from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. might be useful.

In short, there are many benefits to keeping the proposed haul route as planned.

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