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## Haul Routes and Movement of Dirt from Caruso Project to Potrero Canyon

1 message

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Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 8:05 AM

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Deal Land Use and city Planning Officials:

I am writing to express my strong support for the movement of dirt from Rick Caruso's Village Project in the Palisades to the Potrero Canyon site. Not only will it be environmentally positive, as the trucks will not have to transport all those tons of dirt to other parts of the county, but also, Potrero Canyon needs that dirt. The icing on the cake is that it will save the City of LA over \$3 million. It's a win-win in every sense of the word.

I have lived in the Palisades for more than 25 years, and we have been waiting for the completion of Potrero for all that time, and longer. We were always told it was "in progress" but there can be no progress until dirt is delivered and then dealt with. Potrero Canyon is a fabulous area/resource for the Palisades community as it is adjacent to our rec center and will be used by families, children, hiking groups - literally everyone.

While I know that the haul routes are under discussion and will require extra crossing guards at certain intersections, I support whatever routes will be safe and will get the job done as quickly as possible. There is no way to accomplish this job without some disturbance of traffic patterns, but I hope that it can be completed quickly so that our community will reap the benefits of Potrero in my lifetime!

Thanks very much for your consideration,

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## Pacific Palisades Park - needed fill dirt

1 message

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Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 9:35 AM

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PLUM committee members;

Our family is a 20 year resident of Pacific Palisades. We closely followed the Caruso Affiliated Pacific Palisades Village Re-design and appreciate how thoughtful

the organization has been about the project. Here is another example of a community minded action!

We understand that a Haul Route appeal will be heard by your committee tomorrow, October 25, 2016. In the event I am unable to

reschedule a current scheduling conflict, we wanted to weigh in on the matter.

The extension of the Palisades park and completion of the Portero Canyon Park is of the utmost importance to the community. We all know too well the time delays and

cost over-runs that have prevented the park from becoming a reality. We now have an opportunity to make progress on completing the park and

reducing some of the cost over-runs.

I support the Caruso Affiliated clean earthwork disposal from the Village underground parking, into the Portero Canyon Park area, along with the proposed haul route. I ask for your support and approval for the following reasons:

- Private enterprise is helping save approximately \$3 million in public funds.
- The City's application to receive the soil should be granted since:
  - The soil reports show clean soils.
  - Soil imported from virtually anywhere else would use segments of the same proposed haul route.
- Use of the Portero Canyon Park site is the shortest distance from the village, allowing:
  - The round-trip-haul route is under 5 miles! This is remarkably short distance.
  - Quicker completion and,
  - Will minimize impact on clean air, compared to longer haul routes.
  - Mainly right hand turns to minimize cross traffic.

- o Privately funded crossing-guards will allow smooth haul-route operations and help assure public safety.

Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration!



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## Support for the city to receive dirt from Palisades Village site

1 message

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Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 10:50 AM

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Hello -

Unfortunately I can not make the hearing for the city "accepting dirt from the Palisades Village" site but I am in STRONG support of the city taking the dirt. Immediately.

I have lived on the rim of Palisades park for 19 years. I have had to stare at the never, ever ending City of Los Angeles project to fix, clean up and finish what is outside my window. It is a horrible example of what our city can do. We should have finished the canyon park many years ago and were promised as residents our kids could play there years ago. My first child is already at college, so she did not get to use the proposed park. Please expedite the city's application to accept the dirt without hesitation. Accepting dirt would save the city \$3 million which is the right fiscal thing to do.

The park would FINALLY get completed

The city would save \$3 million dollars

The haul routes are more than acceptable to us in the community

Hearing that there will be extra crossing guards during the haul is acceptable and something we wish happened at the beginning of the park fill

Please expedite the acceptance of the application.

Sincerely,

Peter Longo  
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## Support for the city to accept dirt from the Palisades Village project

1 message

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**CATHLEEN LONGO** <c.longo@me.com>

Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 10:58 AM

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It is frustrating to even have to write a letter urging our city council to save \$3 million dollars! Please expedite the city's application to accept the dirt from the village project.

I have lived on the rim of the Palisades Canyon Park for almost 20 years and bared witness to numerous start and stops in completing the park. The city should be bending over backwards to accept an offer to help complete something the city should have completed years ago. Failure to accept this offer of help would just add to our frustration of having to live even longer, on the edge of a city project that is failing.

The city will save money, the park project will get closer to completion, the trucks will make right hand turns which is safer and the Caruso team will provide crossing guards! This is a win for everyone.

Please expedite this proposal and spend time on more important issues, like where the city will get the remaining money to landscape the park! Or money to clean up the graffiti in the park reservoir.

Sincerely,

Cathy Longo

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## Free Dirt to Potrero Canyon

1 message

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Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 11:59 AM

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To Whom it May Concern at Planning and Land Use Management,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email regarding the support of the hauling route and free dirt to the long awaited park in Potrero Canyon.

As a sixteen year resident of the Palisades, I can honestly say that I've witnessed many things in my beloved town, including the continual dragging out of proposed improvements. Thank goodness the Caruso Affiliated project in the village is FINALLY underway. My family spent way too many years looking at a very run-down Sunset and Swarthmore and look forward to the new park, movie theater, shops and restaurants. The Village Project will only help our town and should have been started months and months ago. Unfortunately a few 'squeaky wheels' held up an otherwise amazing project. I am continually impressed by the leaps and bounds the Caruso Team makes to overcome each and every objection (e.g., a complaint of losing a few overgrown, sidewalk and pipe damaging ficus trees was overcome by the planting of dozens and dozens of trees indigenous to the area; a complaint of potentially lost parking spaces was overcome by adding significantly more parking than what was previously there). It is evident Mr. Caruso and his team actually LISTEN to our concerns and address each and every one of them with solutions that go significantly above and beyond what they need to provide. The project team even provided multiple crossing guards throughout the village to aid in the safety of residents and their families during the construction process.

Therefore, I find myself perplexed, again, by the delay in allowing the Caruso construction team to donate and deliver dirt for the long awaited Potrero Canyon park project. Hello. They're not only donating the dirt, but they're delivering it too, helping a project riddled with delays move forward. My understanding is that the generosity of Caruso Affiliated is saving approximately \$3M from the budget. In the sixteen years I have lived in the Palisades, the canyon has been wasted space. Residents get a view of nothing. As a mother of a young child, I'm looking forward to having another park in the neighborhood and better use of the space behind the Recreation Center. This park will be a natural extension of an existing park that is already VERY overcrowded.

With regard to the proposed hauling route, my family is in full support. It's clear to anyone driving up and down Sunset Blvd through the village that the Caruso team is wasting no time in completing the construction project. Fences were erected, demolition started and hauling began as soon as the project received a green light. Our family is very impressed with the speed with which construction activities are occurring, thus has every reason to believe the same principles will hold true for the hauling away of dirt to the park site. We are certain the hauling process will be as efficient as possible and the impact to traffic on the hauling route will be minimal. The benefits FAR outweigh the consequences. All improvements in life take time and effort. Any minor inconvenience is worth the end result (a fantastic park in a space bare the past sixteen years I've lived in the area). And let's not forget the \$3M savings!

Please consider approving the application to haul this free dirt.

My family is available for any questions.

Respectfully,

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Palisades Resident Since 2000  
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## The Caruso Hauling of Free Dirt to the Protrero Area

1 message

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Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 5:20 PM

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Dear PLUM Committee,

I am contacting you to express my support of the City of Los Angeles application to receive free dirt from the Caruso Affiliated Palisades Village project for use in the Potrero Canyon project. Mr. Caruso's Palisades Village project has overwhelming support among Palisades residents like myself and we are eager for this project to be completed as soon as possible. I also think it is an excellent use of Caruso's dirt to be used nearby for the long-awaited Potrero project that will save taxes, time, and resources. I live directly across from Mr. Caruso's Palisades Village project and so far, his workers have been as respectful, quiet and as neat as possible with less noise than I expected. I have confidence that his truck drivers and transporters will follow the same example and be extremely mindful of speed limits, crosswalks, and congestion times on their route. I hope this efficient transfer of local soil can be effected and I imagine that having such a local dump site of the soil will make the Palisades Village and the Potrero project go faster and use less gas and energy to complete the same task.

I am in full support of Mr. Caruso's plans for making this dirt transfer as he has outlined.

Sincerely,

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