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Re: Council File No. 16-1458-S1

To whom it may concern:

I have lived and worked in west Los Angeles for the last 30 years and remember that about 20 years ago the owners of Barrington Plaza applied for a permit to build a high rise at the corner of Wilshire Blvd and Barrington Ave which was denied because of traffic problems it would have created for the neighborhood. Twenty years later, traffic has gotten a lot worse. How difficult is it to see the mess this project will create for the west Los Angeles traffic. All you have to do is to observe the traffic at the corner of Wilshire and Barrington 8 am to 8 pm any day of the week. If Douglas Emmett is serious about building a mixed-use building, why not at least build it on Barrington Plaza lot which already consist of 3 residential high rises. Doesn't that make more sense? If Douglas Emmett is still serious about developing at 11750 (X-Pavilion Supermarket) they can replace it with a 3-4 stories building with a supermarket at the street level which is badly needed in this neighborhood specially after closing down of Vons on Santa Monica Blvd.

Considering the fact that there are other major projects being proposed in this area (Brentwood School, Archer Scholl and ST. Mary College) can you imagine the chaos it will create in traffic when they are being built Simultaneously. The least city can do is to postpone this project until after the underground subway is built to ease the traffic congestion.

Sincerely

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