



September 20, 2017

Subject: File #17-0025, 2130-2148 E Violet St.
RE: Comment Letter & ENV 2016-1707-MND

Dear Councilmember Huizar,

We join Food & Water Watch and the Natural Resources Defense Council in concern over the 2130 Violet St project. Thanks to your leadership, Lowe Enterprises committed to Department of Toxic Substances Control oversight for the Violet St project. However, despite its June 1st commitment to subject the 2130 Violet St cleanup to state oversight, as of September 8th, Lowe Enterprises has not yet contacted the DTSC. The City must hold Lowe Enterprises accountable prior to Council consideration of the project.

Votes must be held on the project only after the public has had a chance to weigh in on an adequate cleanup plan and the Department of Toxic Substances Control has certified a comprehensive cleanup plan for the site (known as a Remedial Action Workplan by the Department of Toxic Substances Control) within the context of a complete and adequate EIR.

The City must follow precedents set by other projects in the Arts District, including the AtMateo development in ensuring a cleanup plan is available for public review prior to Council action.

Additionally, we believe the current MND is inadequate and incomplete and must be rescinded and replaced with an Environmental Impact Report for this major project to ensure all impacts are addressed and comprehensive mitigation and alternatives are reviewed and assessed. An alternative must be assessed for rail and bus/shuttle services to make the project more transit-friendly.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Regards,

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