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Fwd: Comment regarding 2130-2148 E. Violet St / CPC-2016-1706-VZC-HD-SPR & ENV-2016-177-MND; Council File # 17-0025

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Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

From: **Brenna Norton** <bnorton@fwwatch.org>

Date: Fri, Mar 17, 2017 at 1:15 PM

Subject: Comment regarding 2130-2148 E. Violet St / CPC-2016-1706-VZC-HD-SPR & ENV-2016-177-MND; Council File # 17-0025

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Cc: "Clare.Eberle@lacity.org" <Clare.Eberle@lacity.org>, Martin Schlageter <martin.schlageter@lacity.org>

Dear Mr. Pewsawang and Ms. Dickinson,

Food & Water Watch is writing to urge the Planning and Land Use Commission require a full Environmental Impact Report for Lowe Enterprises' proposed 9-story office building at 2130-2148 E. Violet St, a former metal recycling facility.

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Attached please find our full comments to be added to the Council file. Please confirm receipt.

Regards,

Brenna

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March 17, 2017

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Los Angeles City Planning and Land Use Management Committee
200 N. Spring Street, Room 340
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Comment regarding 2130-2148 E. Violet St / CPC-2016-1706-VZC-HD-SPR & ENV-2016-177-MND; Council File # 17-0025

Dear Mr. Pewsawang and Ms. Dickinson,

We are writing to urge the Planning and Land Use Commission require a full Environmental Impact Report for Lowe Enterprises' proposed 9-story office building at 2130-2148 E. Violet St, a former metal recycling facility.

As detailed in the environmental documents submitted by Lowe's consultant, the site has levels of lead, PCBs, TPH-d above the levels set by the Regional Water Quality Board for commercial/industrial uses and residential uses. To date, Lowe has not presented a clean-up plan, instead the company has proposed deferred mitigation that would foreclose the public's right to review their plan prior to approval. Additionally, Lowe has not identified any regulatory oversight of the cleanup.

Lowe should engage the Department of Toxic Substance Control through a voluntary clean-up agreement. The Department of Toxic Substance Control has overseen the clean-up of other sites in the Arts District including a retail and office development at 555 Mateo St contaminated with some of the same materials found at this site, including lead and TPH-d. Lowe Enterprises should be subject to the same standard.

Additionally, the greenhouse gas analysis presented in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is insufficient and requires a full Environmental Impact Report be conducted. As an Administration full of climate deniers wages a wholesale war on environmental regulations, Californians must use all the legal tools available to be good environmental stewards, not undercut our rules. The analysis fails to evaluate all sources of greenhouse gas emissions and the project's cumulative greenhouse gas impact. It thus requires further study and mitigation measures.

As Downtown in general, and the Arts District, in particular, are undergoing a development boom, we urge the City not to set a poor precedent by rushing through this development without full environmental review. We urge the Planning and Land Use Commission to reject the IS/MND for 2130-2148 E. Violet St and require a full Environmental Impact Report.

Sincerely,

Brenna Norton, Senior Organizer, Food & Water Watch

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Sharon Dickinson

Mar 17, 2017 7:45 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

From: **Georgianna Allen** <gallen@communeadvertising.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 16, 2017 at 5:00 PM

Subject: Comment Letter for 2130 E. Violet St / CPC-2016-1706-VZC-HD-SPR / Council File # 17-0025

To: jojo.pewsawang@lacity.org

Cc: sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Dear Mr. Pewsawang and Ms Dickinson,

I am writing in opposition to the 2130 E. Violet St project. I live and run a business at 2121 E. 7th Pl, parallel to the site of Lowe Enterprises' proposed 9-story office project. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the Planning and Land Use Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for March 21st but wish to express the concerns I have about the project, including the issues raised by attorney Gideon Kracov's letter of 3/7/17 regarding insufficient analysis of hazardous materials, greenhouse gases, an insufficient traffic study, and the project's inconsistency with existing uses on Violet St.

I join with many of my neighbors in concern regarding Lowe's lack of a cleanup plan for 2130 E. Violet St. As detailed in the environmental documents submitted by Lowe's consultant, the site has elevated levels of lead, chromium, PCBs, and other hazardous materials. It is totally perplexing that Lowe has not submitted their plan on how they will clean up the site, or what sort of regulatory oversight they will be under to make sure this clean up occurs. We need to be able to study and evaluate Lowe's plan before this project moves forward. Many of us who live in the Arts District have respiratory and other ailments as a result of industrial pollution in this area. That's why we need a full environmental impact report for 2130 E. Violet St. I encourage Councilmember Huizar and the members of the Planning and Land Use Committee to reject the mitigated negative declaration and require a full environmental impact report for 2130 Violet.

Considering that many people are now having babies in my building (5 so far) and some of them work in film and entertainment industries, if health problems become rampant due to increased toxic exposure it is likely they will publicize the oversight by the city council to take effective action. I've heard some residents are filing lawsuits already over environmental toxin exposure due to negligent disposal practices on surrounding sites. Violet has the potential to become litigious for the city and the developers involved. I hope you'll see to it that the matter is resolved before it becomes a high publicity issue and more people get hurt.

Regards

Georgianna Allen

2121 E. 7th Pl

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