

May 18, 2017

Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File No. 17-0401 (17236 S. Hoover Street)

Dear City Clerk:

I support upholding the decisions of the Harbor Area Planning Commission in reference to Council File No. 17-0401 (VTT-73816-2A) and for APCH-2015-3175-ZC; ENV-2015-3749-MND, relating to 17236 S. Hoover Street for the following reasons:

The former Caltrans property on which the homes are proposed to be built was intended to remain as a buffer zone for the interchange of the 110 and 91 freeways and open space linking the area to the remaining open bottomed section of the Dominguez Channel which contains native willows and to the nearby Gardena Willows Wetland.

Most of the proposed homes would be located very nearly under the bus transit viaduct to the Harbor Park and Ride center, placing many of the homes and future homeowners in danger from any vehicle which might crash through the roadway barrier

The proposed homes are located too close to the 110 and 91 freeways so that use of the new homes' outdoor space would mean increased exposure to high levels of air pollution from particulate matter and very loud traffic noise for the new residents.

The proposed of 15, two-story single family homes is out of character with the existing mostly one-story Merit Tract which is next to the project site

The subdivision is designed as a separate gated community. However, the tentative tract map approval does not require a homeowners' association with requirements for future upkeep of the subdivision which would lead to future problems with the upkeep and maintenance of the private roads, lighting, and landscape maintenance.

The proposed project would have only one entrance and exit via a private street, which would lead onto Hoover Street and is where 173rd Street also intersects. This is a location which has already seen vehicular crashes due to poor visibility at the intersection and would create a worse traffic safety hazard

Sincerely,



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