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Summary: Our Neighborhood Council supports our stakeholders of the Merit Tract who are overwhelmingly opposed building 15, two-story single family homes on a former Caltrans Property at 17236 S. Hoover Street. We oppose the developer's appeal of the Harbor Area Planning Commission's decision on this matter.

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May 22, 2017

Councilmember Jose Huizar, Chair
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File 17-0401 (Appeal of Harbor Area Planning Commission decisions on 17236 S. Hoover Street tentative tract map and zone change)

Dear Councilmember Huizar:

On July 23, 2016, our Board voted 8-0-2 to oppose the proposal to build fifteen, two-story single family homes at 17236 S. Hoover Street on a former Caltrans property, as recommended by our Planning and Land Use Committee. We attended the July 13, 2016 and September 22, 2016, hearings on the tentative tract map before the Deputy Advisory Agency and then the December 20, 2016 and January 17, 2017 hearings before the Harbor Area Planning Commission, which considered the appeal of the tentative tract map and the proposed zone change to R1.

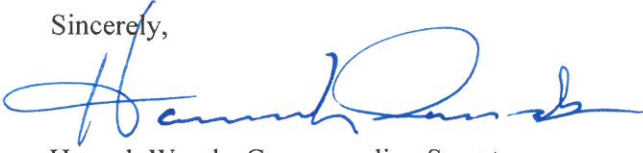
At this time, we wish to reiterate our opposition to this project and state our support for the decisions made by the Harbor Area Planning Commission. We are opposed to the appeal made by the applicant.

The former Caltrans property was intended to serve as a buffer between the residents and the 91 and 110 freeways. The project would expose new residents of the homes to an unacceptable level of fine particulate matter and noise from the adjacent 91 and 110 freeways. The project as designed is also incompatible with the existing Merit Tract neighborhood. The one entrance and exit onto Hoover Street would be located where 173rd Street also intersects, thus creating an even greater traffic hazard at this location. And there is also potential danger to the future residents from a vehicle going over the side of the transit way and falling onto homes and/or people directly below the viaduct overpass, as nearly happened when a car went over the side of the Third Street bridge onto the 110 freeway on December 29, 2016.

We also wish to note that the applicant has never met with the Neighborhood Council or residents to discuss the project or to gain our input on it, with one exception. His representative did attend one Planning and Land Use Committee meeting after the September 22, 2016, hearing, but met all objections and suggestions by saying that the project had been approved and that comments made by the Neighborhood Council and residents regarding a previous proposal for the site had been incorporated into this new proposal.

On behalf of our stakeholders living in the Merit Tract area next to this proposal, we ask that you deny the appeal and uphold the decision of the Harbor Area Planning Commission after they heard testimony from residents and also visited the site.

Sincerely,



Hannah Woods, Corresponding Secretary
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

cc: Michelle Singh, Harbor Area Planner – Department of City Planning
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