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Council File No. 17-0401, 17236 S. Hoover Street letters of opposition (Wanda Higaki, Yvonne Munoz)

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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)

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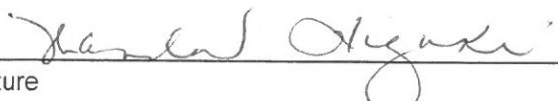
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Sincerely,


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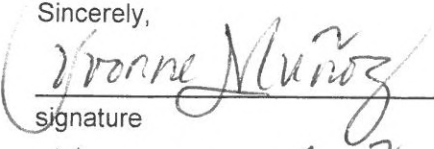
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Dear City Clerk:

Thank you to you and to the Honorable Councilman Buscaino, Mr. Romero-Navarro and Mr. Lum for making Los Angeles a safer, healthier, more fun and exciting place to live.

I along with many others in our Harbor Gateway and surrounding communities greatly appreciate the many wonderful improvements that you have worked hard to make a reality for all of us to benefit from.

We are all very grateful for your pedestrian safety improvements, the new community gardens in Watts, the installation of exercise equipment at the LA Waterfront, your comprehensive sidewalk repair policy, street repair and community clean up assistance, your compassion for the homeless, for your commitment to the people of our city and of our Harbor Gateway area, and for creating a better quality of life for all our residents of our city of angels among many other excellent deeds!

Unfortunately, the proposed project, by the developer Mr. Ali Awad, I agree, will not create a better quality of life for our community, nor would it for anyone who would choose to live in one of his 15 homes on the tiny plot of land directly next to the freeways that the he is eager to build upon. To live under and directly next to the 91 and 110 freeway would pose a major safety hazard for the residents just by virtue of the fact of its proximity to the freeways. The land that he would like to build homes on was not zoned for residential use. That, many of us believe, was a wise decision. We hope that it will stay as such.

Individual comments /testimonies of my neighbors were delivered personally to the Honorable Harbor Area Commissioners last January 17th, one of which brought me to tears. I hope that you will also have a chance to listen to their voices.

We (and I say we, as many of us living in the Merit Tract) hope and pray that you will be able to continue to keep our city and community safe and will continue to make it a great place to live!

Thank you very much for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



Mari Umekubo
Resident of the Merit Tract Neighborhood
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