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

Mari Umekubo

Posted in group: Clerk-PLUM-Committee

Jun 22, 2017 5:56 PM

Hello Councilmember Buscaino,

I hope that this email finds you and your staff very well! I spoke with one of your kind staff members at the LA City Hall this evening to express my concern over the proposed housing project in the former Cal Trans Lot. Your assistant asked me if I sent you an email or a letter as she could not find my name among the list of Merit Tract residents concerned over this important issue. She was not able to find the email that I sent to you earlier this month and asked me to resend it. I realized that the letter I was thinking of was addressed to the City Clerk! I modified it and attached it as well as copied and pasted it below this email.

Thank you again for your consideration of this matter and for everything that you are doing to help make and keep our city a safe and wonderful place to live!

Best to you always, Mari Umekubo June 22, 2017

Honorable Counclimember Buscalno City Hail, Room 395 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

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

Sincerely. Jackton Mari Umekubo

Resident of the Merit Tract Neighborhood

On Sat, Jun 3, 2017 at 1:33 AM, Mari Umekubo <mari.5418yks@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello....

I am sending my letter this time via attachment.

Thank you.

Kindest regards,

Mari Umekubo

2017-06-03 0:53 GMT-07:00 Mari Umekubo <mari.5418yks@gmail.com>:

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