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May 22, 2018

## VIA ELETCRONIC MAIL AND PERSONAL DELVERY

Homelessness and Poverty Committee City of Los Angeles 200 N. Sprint Street Los Angeles, CA Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org

Re: Environmental Objection to Proposed Temporary Homeless Shelter Proposed at 682 S. Vermont, Los Angeles, CA; Council File No. 18-0392

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

This firm represents No 682 Vermont, a group newly formed to protest the proposed location of a temporary homeless shelter on a City-owned parking lot at 682 Vermont in Koreatown ("Project"). The group is particularly concerned with the lack of notice, the failure to allow public input and the inadequate alternatives evaluation conducted by the City. Moreover, my client is gravely concerned that the City is moving forward with the Project without complying with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").

### I. The Proposed Actions

The City is considering taking the proposed actions today:

#### Action No. 1

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, the Bureau of Engineering, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and any other affected City stakeholders, to evaluate the City-owned LADOT Parking Lot located at 682 S. Vermont Avenue (Lot 691) to determine if the property is suitable for development as a crisis and bridge housing facility.

#### Action No. 2

I FURTHER MOVE that if the property is determined to be suitable for development as crisis and bridge housing facility, the City Council instruct the City Homeless Coordinator to coordinate with Los Angeles County to identify funds for operations at this site, including, but not limited to County Measure H revenue.

## II. The City has Failed to Undertake Any Environmental Analysis Whatsoever

The City has failed to do any analysis for the proposed Project. The law is clear that a public agency cannot defer environmental review until after a decision is made on a project – this applies to any approval. CEQA Guidelines, section 15004(a), entitled "Time of Preparation," states as follows: "Before granting any approval of a project subject to CEQA, every Lead Agency or Responsible Agency shall consider a final EIR or Negative Declaration or another document authorized by these Guidelines to be used in the place of an EIR or Negative Declaration." (emphasis added). This was long ago established by the California Supreme when it stated "If postapproval environmental review were allowed, EIR's would likely become nothing more than post hoc rationalizations to support action already taken." Laurel Heights Improvement Ass'n v. Regents of Univ. of Cal. (1988)

An agency has no discretion to define approval so as to make its commitment to a project precede the required preparation of an EIR. Save Tara v. City of West Hollywood (2008) 45 Cal.4<sup>th</sup> 116, 132. CEQA Guidelines Section 15352(a) states that "Approval' means the decision by a public agency which commits the agency to a definite course of action in regard to a project intended to be carried out by any person. The exact date of approval of any project is a matter determined by each public agency according to its rules, regulations, and ordinances. Legislative action in regard to a project often constitutes approval."

There is no question that the City is poised to commit itself to a definite course of action by adopting the proposed Motion. Therefore, CEQA is triggered.

## III. The California Environmental Quality Act

#### a. Purpose of California's Environmental Protection Statute

The California Environmental Quality Act is California's broadest environmental law. CEQA helps to guide public agencies such as the City during issuance of permits and approval of projects. Courts have interpreted CEQA to afford the <u>fullest protection of the environment</u> within the reasonable scope of the statutes. CEQA applies to all discretionary projects proposed to be conducted or approved by a City, including private projects requiring discretionary government approval. *See* California Public Resources Code, sections 21000 - 21178, and Title 14 Cal. Code Regs., section 753, and Chapter 3, sections 15000 - 15387.

### b. CEQA's Broad Definition of a "Project" Includes All Phases of a Development

"CEQA broadly defines a 'project' as 'an activity which may cause either a direct

physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and ... that involves the issuance to a person of a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement for use by one or more public agencies.' [Citation.] The statutory definition is augmented by the [CEQA] Guidelines [Cal.Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.], which define a 'project' as 'the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment...." Tuolumne County Citizens for Responsible Growth, Inc. v. City of Sonora (2007) 155 Cal.App.4th 1214, 1222, 66 Cal.Rptr.3d 645 (Tuolumne County). This includes all phases of a project that are reasonably foreseeable, and all related projects that are directly linked to the project. (CEQA Guidelines section 15378).

## c. CEQA Has a Strong Presumption in Favor of EIR Preparation

A strong presumption in favor of requiring preparation of an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") is built into CEQA which is reflected in what is known as the "fair argument" standard, under which an agency must prepare an EIR whenever substantial evidence in the record supports a fair argument that a project may have a significant effect on the environment. No Oil, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles (1974) 13 Cal.3d 68, 75, 82; Friends of "B" St. v. City of Haywood (1980) 106 Cal.App.3d 988, 1002.

"The EIR is the primary means of achieving the Legislature's considered declaration that it is the policy of this state to 'take all action necessary to protect, rehabilitate, and enhance the environmental quality of the state.' [Citation.] The EIR is therefore 'the heart of CEQA.' [Citations.] An EIR is an 'environmental "alarm bell" whose purpose it is to alert the public and its responsible officials to environmental changes before they have reached ecological points of no return." Laurel Heights Improvement Assn. v. Regents of University of California (1988) 47 Cal.3d 376, 392.

Under CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, if a project is not exempt and *may* cause a significant effect on the environment, the agency *must* prepare an EIR. PRC §§ 21100, 21151; 14 Cal. Code Regs. §15064(a)(1), (f)(1). "Significant effect upon the environment" is defined as "a substantial or potentially substantial adverse change in the environment." PRC §21068; 14 Cal Code Regs §15382. A project "may" have a significant effect on the environment if there is a "reasonable probability" that it will result in a significant impact. *No Oil, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles* (1974) 13 Cal.3d 68, 83 n.16; *Sundstrom v. County of Mendocino* (1988) 202 Cal.App.3d 296, 309, 248 CR 352. This standard sets a "low threshold" for preparation of an EIR. *Pocket Protectors v. City of Sacramento* (2004) 124 Cal.App. 4th 903, 928; *Bowman v. City of Berkeley* (2004) 122 CA4th 572, 580; *Citizen Action to Serve All Students v. Thornley* (1990) 222 CA3d 748, 754; *Sundstrom v. County of Mendocino* (1988) 202 CA3d 296, 310.

# IV. There are Potentially Significant Impacts Associated with the Proposed Temporary Homeless Shelter.

While the City's goals to provide shelter for the homeless is laudable and supported by my client, there is no dispute in the environmental community that there are environmental impacts associated with such shelters. This is because they intensity many of the environmental

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See, for example, <a href="http://www.piercecountywa.org/DocumentCenter/View/44600/Environmental-Impacts-of-Homeless-Encampments">http://www.piercecountywa.org/DocumentCenter/View/44600/Environmental-Impacts-of-Homeless-Encampments</a> which describes the environmental impacts of encampments in just one study location.

harms associated with homeless (unsanitary conditions, refuse, trash, etc.) and necessarily relocate said impacts closer to the shelter. There may be measures that the City can undertake to mitigate these impacts under CEQA, but that does not excuse conducting the required analysis, providing public comment and adopting appropriate mitigation measures. The typical environmental factors that should be evaluated in such a study are shown below.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:**

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

	Aesthetics	Agriculture Resources		Air Quality	
	Biological Resources	Cultural Resources		Geology/Soils	
	Hazards & Hazardous Materials	Hydrology/Water Quality		Land Use/Planning	
	Mineral Resources	Noise		Population/Housing	
	Public Services	Recreation		Transportation/Traffic	
_	Utilities/Service Systems	Mandatory Findings of Significance			

## V. Conclusion

The City must comply with CEQA before adopting the proposed Motion. I may be contacted at 310-982-1760 or at jamie.hall@channellawgroup.com if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jamie T. Hall



### 18-0392

1 message

Casey Lee <caseylee239@gmail.com>

Tue, May 22, 2018 at 7:30 AM

To: "cityclerk@lacity.org" <cityclerk@lacity.org>, "patrice.lattimore@lacity.org" <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>

Dear City Council and Councilman Wesson:

I demand public hearing. Please hear and respect my voice.

I am a citizen of the United States. I am a Korean American who resides in Korea Town and works in Los Angeles.

Thank You.

Pastor Casey Lee Blessings to you always!



## File # 18-0392 CD10

1 message

Carrie Choi <ecarriechoi@gmail.com>
To: patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

Mon, May 21, 2018 at 3:21 PM

To. LA city Council and Councilman Wesson

Re: File # 18-0392 CD10

First of all, I want to thank you for all the hard work you do for the city of Los Angeles.

I am writing to echo what Ron Kim, the spokesman for "No Shelter in 682 Vermont" has said,

"...I think we could all agree the problem of the situation with the homeless is real and a national tragedy. But, it calls for a really comprehensive solution. It does not call for targeting one portion of one city council person's district, CD 10 of Herb Wesson's district, the Koreatown portion of his district. Not the South LA portion of his district or other portions of his district, but to focus only on Koreatown and in effect, ambush us by subjecting us to an unfair process where we have not been allowed a single public hearing for our concerns to be voiced. It's a fundamentally unfair process."

Sincerely, Eun Jung Ahn



Fwd: RE: File No. 18-0392 CD10

1 message

**seonghye.kim** <seonghye.kim@gmail.com> To: patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

Mon, May 21, 2018 at 3:27 PM

To whom may it concern;

According to KPCC's investigative journalism report on May 9, 2018, more than 1000 beds in homeless shelters are vacant every night because of its poor condition due to lack of resources to existing homeless shelters. However, instead of funding and fixing the problems we face with existing shelters, LA city ANNOUNCED that it will build 15 emergency shelters throughout LA.

As a part of the community I demand due process of notice and hearing before city council spends millions of dollars of hardworking Angelenos tax dollars.

I do not believe putting 65 beds and a few containers in a parking lot will miraculously solve the problem we Angelenos face daily.

I would like to see the in depth plan, before councilmen Wesson wastes precious tax dollars.

In short, as a part of the community I demand proper hearing regarding emergency homeless shelters.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration,

Seong Hye Kim



## Attn: LA city council and councilman wesson (File No. 18-0392 CD10)

1 message

Jeeeun Lee <leejeeeun@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Jeeeun Lee <leejeeeun@yahoo.com>
To: "patrice.lattimore@lacity.org" <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>

Mon, May 21, 2018 at 3:34 PM

Dear LA city council and councilman wesson,

I can not understand why the LA City council and councilman Mr. Wesson is decided to build a shelter in KTwon without consent of people who living there.

Mr. Wesson can not build a shelter without public hearing. Please respect the people who living there and democratic procedure

Jeeeun Lee



## File Nimber: 18-0392 CD10

1 message

Annie Min <finaltouch123@gmail.com>
To: cityclerk@lacity.org, patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

Mon, May 21, 2018 at 3:37 PM

File Nimber: 18-0392 CD10 Annie Yun Min 24220 Bryn Athyn Way Diamond Bar Calif, 91765

Dear LA city council and councilman Wesson,

We desperately need a public hearing for the homeless shelter in K town. Please hear and respect our voice. I understand that this shelter is for public needs and you should hear everyone's voice altogether. Please reconsider the plan because it is a middle of school zone and it is not safe for kids. (I pass by the location everyday) Thank you for a hard work and I really appreciate your efforts.

Annie Min



**FILE NUMBER: 18-0392 CD10** 

1 message

I C <thecla.iris@gmail.com>
To: PATRICE.LATTIMORE@lacity.org

Mon, May 21, 2018 at 3:43 PM

Dear LA city council and councilman Wesson,

My name is Na Lee and my address is 525 S Ardmore Ave #254 File#: 18-0392-CD10

Please hear our voice before proceeding any further.we demand a public hearing.

Thank you



## Council File No. 18-0392 / 682 S Vermont Ave

1 message

Aeran Yu <aeran@primaescrow.com>
To: cityclerk@lacity.org, patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

Mon, May 21, 2018 at 3:44 PM

Dear Councilmember,

Please find the attached 15 letters regarding council file no 18-0392.

Thank you.

**AERAN YU** 

213-364-1160





## Re: File #(18-0392 CD10)

1 message

SUNHEE HAN <chanyangur@yahoo.com>

Mon, May 21, 2018 at 3:53 PM

To: "cityclerk@lacity.org" <cityclerk@lacity.org>, "patrice.lattimore@lacity.org" <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>

My name is SunHee Han and I leave in city of Downey, but my Church in Los Angeles. So, we demand public hearing. please hear and respect our voice.

SunHee Han 9220 Telegraph Rd. Downey CA, 90240



# File No. (18-0392 CD10), LA city council and councilman wesson 1 message

이래이 <leeraeyee@daum.net> To: patrice.lattimore@lacity.org Mon, May 21, 2018 at 3:55 PM

Dear LA city council and councilman wesson,

Who give the right to Mr. Wesson to build a shelter in KTown without public hearing?

It is not only a defying democratic procedure but also disrespect the people who live in Ktwon. Please respect the people who live there.

I demand public hearing and reconsider the plan.

Ray Lee



## To Herb Wesson, case 18-0392 CD10

1 message

Jaehee Kim <jkim3066@gmail.com>
To: cityclerk@lacity.org, patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

Mon, May 21, 2018 at 4:00 PM

To LA city council and councilman Wesson,

I oppose building a homeless shelter without first getting citizen input.

We demand a public hearing!

Jaehee Kim 3701 N Hermosa Pl. Fullerton CA 92835



## FILE # 18-0392 CD10

1 message

???? ? <microjenny@hotmail.com>

Mon, May 21, 2018 at 4:00 PM

To: "cityclerk@lacity.org" <cityclerk@lacity.org>, "patrice.lattimore@lacity.org" <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>

Hello,

We demand public hearing. please hear and respect our voice.



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1 message

min jae bae <babyshark2002@hotmail.com>
To: "patrice.lattimore@lacity.org" <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>

Mon, May 21, 2018 at 4:27 PM

File number 18-0392 CD10

we demand public hearing. please hear and respect our voice

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



## RE;File no;18-0392CD10

1 message

Jennifer Sung <jsung0011@gmail.com>
To: cityclerk@lacity.org, patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

Tue, May 22, 2018 at 7:41 AM

Hi!

We demand public hearing.
Please hear and respect our voice...

Bongsook Sung 1114 s bronson ave #F la ca 90019



## we demand public hearing.

1 message

paul cho <paulcho369@gmail.com> To: "patrice.lattimore@lacity.org" <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org> Tue, May 22, 2018 at 7:41 AM

Please hear and respect our voice. Please hear and respect our voice.

Paul DukHee Cho Ivy Realty Cal BRE #01379549

Tel: 213-422-9966

eMail: paulcho369@gmail.com



# RE: LETTER OF CONCERN - TEMPORARY HOMELESS SUPPORT HOUSING IN KOREATOWN, 682 S. VERMONT AVENUE - COUNCIL FILE NO. 18-0392

1 message

Patty Kang pkang26@gmail.com>
To: cityclerk@lacity.org, patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

Tue, May 22, 2018 at 7:48 AM

The Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr. President, Los Angeles City Council Councilmember, 10th District 200 N. Spring Street, Room 430 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Dear Council President Wesson:

Let this go on record that over 9,260 people (as of the time of this email) who signed the petition and linked below, do not support the proposed temporary homeless shelter in Koreatown, located at 682 S. Vermont Ave (CF No. 18-0932). Not only do we feel the location is not the best suitable for the effort, but we also feel, this administration should have involved those stakeholders who are directly affected by this decision.

https://www.change.org/p/mayor-garcetti-lacity-org-stop-city-of-los-angeles-from-building-the-temporary-homeless-shelter-on-682-s-vermont?recruiter=874089209&utm\_source=share\_petition&utm\_medium=copylink&utm\_campaign=share\_petition

Sincerely,

Best Regards,

Patty Kang



## Regaeding file#(18-0392 CD10)

1 message

Jane Chung <freshblue00@gmail.com>
To: patrice.lattimore@lacity.org, cityclerk@lacity.org

Tue, May 22, 2018 at 7:56 AM

LA city council and councilman wesson,

Regarding file# (18-0392 CD10)

we demand public hearing. Please hear and respect our voice.

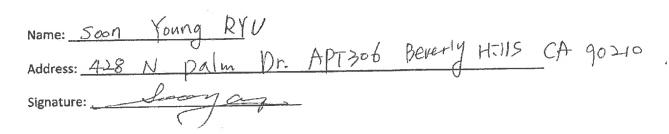
No hearing, No shelter.

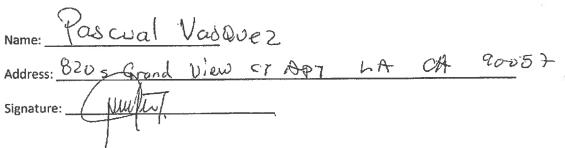
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As you might have seen on the news, the community members living and/or working in the area including Korean Americans, Latinos and African Americans expressed their concerns through a number of rallies. We do agree that; (1) there are over 35,000 homeless people in the City of Los Angeles; (2) this has been a big issue for the city and our community; (3) we need to do something and want to resolve this issue. We are in fact glad that the City pays attention to this issue, and will spend 20 million dollars for emergency homeless shelters and 1.2 billion dollars for supportive shelters.

We are aware of SB2 that provides cities may choose not to have a public hearing for this kind of shelters. However, skipping public hearing is not a sound solution as homeless shelters bring other critical consequences. We have to discuss why we could not resolve this issue any earlier than today. We have to discuss why homeless people did not use the existing shelters. We have to discuss what the shelters should provide to truly help the homeless. We have to discuss what potential impacts the homeless shelters could bring to the neighboring community such as children walking by the shelter to go to school and elderly people walking by the shelter to go to market or retail shops. Further, the community members should be clearly informed about what is going on. The community members should be given proper procedure to be heard. In this case, this plan to build a shelter at 682 S. Vermont Ave. shows that the City and Councilman Wesson simply failed to consider any of the above-said discussion factors and take any of the aforesaid procedure.

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Member of L.A. GCEO 3435 Wilshire Blvd, #1990, Los Angeles, CA 90010

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Name: Anni Lora
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Member of L.A. GCEO

Brian Kim

3435 Wilshire Blvd. #1990, Los Angeles, CA 90010

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1 message

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Tue, May 22, 2018 at 7:19 AM

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LA city council and councilman wesson

From: Elizabeth kim 812 Ride out way Fullerton CA 92835

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I think Open the hearing is fair and Right step for the Shelter.

Please.....Review the plan.

thank you.

Elizabeth Kim 213-999-0991

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#### **DUE PROCESS REQUEST - 682 S VERMONT**

1 message

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Mon, May 21, 2018 at 4:30 PM

Dear City Of Los Angeles,

I am writing this letter to share my concern on your homeless shelter project made on 682 S Vermont. My heart really cries for those homeless people being honest and agree to support them. No one should be left out on the street!

However, I did not see a clear point why Mr. Wesson selected the 682 S Vermont without due process. His claim sounds clumsy with the following reasons:

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Best.

Jessica Lee LA Resident/Mother

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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