Mary Hardin

Posted in group: Clerk-PLUM-Committee

Aug 13, 2018 9:39 AM

Dear PLUM Committee,

I'm writing to urge you to stop the proposed Legado development at 138 Culver Blvd in Playa del Rey and save our sleepy, little, quiet beach town from being ruined.

As a 12-year-old growing up outside of Boston, I made a promise to myself that one day I would live in Los Angeles. A few years later, I had an epiphany that I could go to college in LA and kill two birds with one stone. As a freshman at USC, friends brought me to their home for my first California Thanksgiving. When the car made its way down Culver Blvd, turned right on Pacific Ave in Playa del Rey and I saw the ocean, I knew my California dream was a reality. Playa del Rey was, and still is, the quintessential California beach town.

When the time came to get my own apartment, I looked in Playa del Rey. Yes, the apartments are smaller and pricier than places in other parts of Los Angeles, but I was in love with the Playa and couldn't be swayed elsewhere. Even during the 15 years, I worked in Pasadena, dealing with the daily nightmarish commute, I still lived in Playa del Rey. I finally left the job instead of my home. I've worked very hard to stay here and was eventually able to buy a condo in this laid-back neighborhood. Now the sanctuary of my community and my quality of life is threatened.

I'm grateful that Mike Bonin and his staff for their support of the residents and their understanding that the proposed Legado development of a monstrous 48-foot tall complex is completely **out of scale and out of character** to everything else that exists in our neighborhood. Make no mistake, if this development is approved the look and feel of this unique community will be destroyed. Please don't allow Playa del Rey to be turned into Manhattan Beach. Require that developers follow the long-standing 37-foot height limit and provide adequate parking as required by the California Coastal Act.

In addition, the proposed underground parking WILL have unforeseen and damaging environmental impacts. Anyone who has ever made sand castles at the beach knows how precarious it is to build near the ocean. Yet, Legado asserts it can safely dig down below sea level to construct their underground parking. I believe this developer is being disingenuous about environmental realities related to this project. Before anything is built on this site **we need a full Environmental Impact Report** to inform the community about the risks posed by the toxic plume underneath the old Del Rey Cleaners. Do you want to be responsible for the environmental disaster that's waiting to happen if this project breaks ground?

I urge the PLUM committee to support Councilman Bonin and require the Planning Department to include the preparation of the Local Coastal Plan as part of the General Plan Update.

Please save our community from this irresponsible development. If something must be built here, please approve a smaller project that fits the aesthetic of our community in both size, character and is environmentally responsible for the coast.

Sincerely,

Mary Hardin Secretary Emeritus/Playa del Rey Villas Homeowners Assn. 328 Culver Blvd Playa del Rey, CA 90293

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Thank you for understanding that developers who are working in good faith, and adhering to the standards and regulations, do not need to create false narratives of racism; they do not need to tell people they are collecting signatures for affordable housing when it's really a petition for their building; and they do not need to trash the community on social media. More than anything, thank you for being a voice and power for sanity in a world where both local and national politics has so little.

As someone who works for herself, it is no small feet (and cost) to take an afternoon off of work for the hearing. But, we must stand for our values, and that is what I intend to do tomorrow. Playa del Rey is worth it, and witnessing you standing by the community and responsible development is ABSOLUTELY worth it!

In gratitude, Sara Kay Resident of Playa del Rey

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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ADAM HAUSSMAN

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for collecting feedback from your community regarding Council File 18-0686, 18-0686-S1, DIR-2012-3537-CDP-DB-SPR-MEL-1A, and TT-70786-REV-1A pertaining to 138 Culver Blvd in Playa Del Rey. As someone who has worked on the plumbing side of the construction industry for over 18 years, I am an advocate daily for smart development throughout Los Angeles and Southern California. I wrote to the City in September 2014 and June 2018 to voice my concerns over environmental conditions and site conditions that were being taken for granted. I am writing today to renew my concerns, as the project has failed to adequately address those concerns.

My understanding is that the underlying case documents and reports are being submitted into the record in one coordinated folio with bates numbers in the lower left hand corner. References to LEG in my letter are to that bate stamped record so you can easily find the materials to which I am referencing. I have reviewed the IS/MND issued by the City, the Technical Data Memorandum of Kimley Horn dated December 9, 2014 LEG 920-929, the Project Plans which are Exhibit A to the Director's Determination dated February 5, 2018, and the Geotechnical Investigation of Geocon West, Inc. dated December 9, 2009 (the "Geocon Report") and responses to Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety comments LEG 946-1078, as supplement by materials filed subsequent to March 2015.

The continued presence of a subterranean parking garage demonstrates that the project does not take seriously the risk of flooding damage to the streets, parking lots and businesses of Playa Del Rey. The parking garage removes 14-16 feet of soil from downtown Playa Del Rey, which already experiences flooding during 1-2 inches of rainfall. The pictures at LEG 735-754 and my personal experience as a resident leave no doubt as to the pre-project flooding state. Displacement remains an issue, regardless of the number of subterranean parking levels. The water must go somewhere – and the soil that collected the water is now missing. The nearly one acre of pervious surface which used to exist at the project site has been rendered impervious. All this will enhance flooding in what is already a very flood challenged community.

The logical destination for the water remains the street. There are only two storm water catch basins at this location – one on Culver Blvd and one on Vista Del Mar. Rainfall of 1-2 inches has overwhelmed both catch basins in the past. Addressing flooding issues is a priority for Playa Del Rey. On January 16, 2018 representatives from the County Public Works Department met with residents of Playa Del Rey to discuss plans to mitigate flooding on the corner of Culver Blvd and Trolleyway. For now, the plan appears to be trying to maintain the drain lines open by periodic sand removal. But one can only expect that at some point the drain lines will again be inadequate as they were during the floods documented at LEG 734-754. Water displacement due to soil removal for this project will further undermine our storm water collection abilities, and directly undermine the plans of Playa Del Rey and the county to mitigate flooding.

Another issue is water run-off from the building itself, which will be directed into the storm water catch basins. This concern was brought to the developer's attention in a Preliminary Storm Water Analysis memo drafted by the agency Kimley Horn on December 9, 2014. In the memo, Kimley Horn recommended a rain water harvesting system capable of holding 2, 124 CF of water to help mitigate the impact of storm water building run-off. A rain water harvesting system is not a comprehensive solution to the issue of building run-off. That said the architectural drawings from February 5, 2018 show no indication of the installation of a rain water harvesting system on the roof top of the project or an adequate tank anywhere else at the project. It is very disappointing that the project did not follow the recommendation of the Preliminary Storm Water Analysis memo and is not complying with the mitigation the project's own consultant found to be necessary to reach the conclusion that the building would not increase flooding in lower Playa del Rey by increasing impermeable surface area. This demonstrates once again that the project does not regard flooding in downtown Playa Del Rey as a concern.

Even assuming the rain water harvesting system is a real mitigation, presumably because the City imposes a condition requiring the same, the Kimley Horn Memorandum needs to make some counterfactual assumptions to reach the conclusion that the project would not exacerbate flooding in lower Playa del Rey.

First, the memo assumed 14% of the project will be pervious for calculation purposes. LEG 925. Geocon West's Geotechnical Investigation, however, specifically states that infiltration is not feasible at the site and required collection of water and drainage to the street. "8.25.1 Proper surface drainage is critical to the future performance of the surface improvements. Uncontrolled infiltration of irrigation excess and storm runoff into the supporting soils can adversely affect the performance of the planned improvements. Saturation of supporting soils can cause it to lose internal shear strength and increase compressibility, resulting in a change in the original design properties. . . 8.25.2 All site drainage should be collected and transferred to the street . . ." LEG 981.

Second, the Kimley Horn report admits that flooding could be occurring "due to events outside the projects[sic] control." In other words, the mathematical assumptions used by the memorandum might be disrupted by the reality of lower Playa del Rey, resulting in flooding exacerbated by the project. The conditions listed by the Kimley Horn memorandum included downstream storm system clogging, sea level rise and the County Storm Drain System not able to accommodate unusually high (100-Yr or over) storm event." The first two, events are the status quo in lower Playa del Rey. The County has a plan to prevent clogging in the storm drain pipe but we have no indication that the chronic clogging the residents have told the City about at prior hearings, the clogging which produced two floods in one month in lower Playa del Rey immediately prior to the first round of hearings will not recur. The County's dredging efforts will not be, as they historically have not been, perfectly timed to ensure the drain pipe is clear for every storm event. Kimley Horn also lists Sea Level rise as a factor excluded from their report as not under the project's control. And, last I checked we are not living in climate change denial in California. Sea level rise is a fact and should be assumed for the life of the project in any analysis which attempts to demonstrate there will not be extreme flooding in lower Playa del Rey, to which the project will contribute.

There is also the issue of storm water collecting in the subterranean parking garage, and how the project intends to remove the water from the garage. The plans indicate that two small mechanical rooms will be in the parking garage. Neither room appears to be sized adequately to house the pump station needed to remove storm water from that section of the parking garage. Regardless, the plans do not indicate that storm water storage tanks will be installed on site to collect storm water from the parking garage. If the plan is to remove storm water from the garage by pumping it into the storm water catch basins, then the project is undermining our storm water collection abilities in yet another way.

Combined – the water displacement, the building run-off, the garage storm water - the inevitable outcome is water collecting in the streets, parking lots and businesses of downtown Playa Del Rey. Los Angeles taxpayers will be accountable for the costs of repairing the damage to Playa Del Rey.

It is critical to remind everyone that this project was not required to file an Environmental Impact Report; as a result, the risk of excavating this site has not been properly vetted. This site previously featured a gasoline station; a study of the soil would seem to be a logical investment, yet no such study was conducted. Studying the soil would have also given us an understanding of the impact of the excavation on the surrounding infrastructure. We do not know how drilling at this location will affect the water main, sewer piping, and natural gas piping – much of which has been installed for decades.

In addition, the construction phase of the Venice Dual Force Main Project has begun in Playa Del Rey. The microtunneling runs directly adjacent to the project site. Jeopardizing the brand-new Venice Dual Force Main Project by excavating a site that has not been properly vetted seems a completely reckless course of action.

Thank you again for collecting feedback from your community regarding Council File 18-0686, 18-0686-S1, DIR-2012-3537-CDP-DB-SPR-MEL-1A, and TT-70786-REV-1A. We appreciate your thoughtful and impartial deliberations regarding this project.

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PLAYA DEL REY ZIP CODE & PARKING SURVEY

Over a 3 day period (on the weekends, when the beach is most popular) several Playa del Rey residents engaged ou beach and adjacent beach park visitors by taking an informal survey.

The purpose was to determine where Playa del Rey beach visitors are coming from and what their parking experience was like.

Attached is a spreadsheet detailing the results of the survey. The spread sheet also details whether the visitors were from the City of Los Angeles and if so which Council District they reside in.

Also attached are the original forms used by the survey takers to verify the authenticity of the data.

ZIP CODE SURVEY

Of the 366 people surveyed 288 reside in the City of Los Angeles.

Of those 288, 67 were from Playa del Rey, accounting for 24% of the beachgoers. 76% of the beachgoers were not from Playa del Rey, a roughly 3 to 1 ratio.

Out of 366 beachgoers 78 (21%) do not reside in the City of Los Angeles. They came from:

Norwalk, Pasadena, Burbank, Culver City, Whittier, Montebello, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills and as far away as Michigan, Texas, Arizona and Florida.

ABOUT PARKING

Playa del Rey's severe lack of parking has long been determined and documented both by the City of Los Angeles an the California Coastal Commission. There are two public parking lots in all of Playa del Rey totaling 88 spaces, both lots are free. With insufficient public parking one local business owner opens their beach adjacent parking lot to th public for \$20 per day. Of the 36 spaces approximately 25 are made available.

PARKING SURVEY

This is a bit more difficult to extrapolate data from since parking at the beach can be an emotional experience for people, especially on a hot crowded summer day.

I will attempt to give an overview and summary and encourage the reader to view the original comments sheets attached.

Easy. Got lucky. Got dropped off. No problem, got here early (this is an often heard reply, people are clear that in order to park near our beach you have to arrive early, typically by 10:00-11:00 AM). Great, paid \$20 and parked. Drove around for a long time finally found a spot. 30 minutes, still circling 35 minutes, still circling 25- 40 minutes (this was heard frequently). Had 3 cars, drove around for ½ hour, then paid \$20 each. Horrible, 1 hour for 2 cars. Parked up on the hill in the neighborhood. Adventure of 1 hour (visitor from Austin, TX.) \$20 for 3 cars xxxxxx sucks. Walked, but don't go out of the area on the weekends due to inability to find parking again (this is a typical and ofte heard response from residents in the area).

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ZIP CODE	CD	DATE	TIME	PARTY		PARKING EXPERIENCE
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		PDR	TAKEN			
90293	11	BEACH	3PM		4	LONG TIME SEARCHING
90057	1				3	LONG TIME, STREET PARKED

00001	0		
90001	9	8	EASY, EARLY, STREET PARKED
90056	11	2	GOT LUCKY, STREET PARKED, COMING
90025	5	4	PARKED UP ON THE HILL IN NEIGHBOF
90293	11	2	LIVE HERE WALKED AND DON'T LIKE T
90293	11	10	PARKED UP ON THE HILL IN NEIGHBOF
90045	11	4	VERY BAD, WAITED LONG TIME TO PA
90301	11	3	GOT LUCKY, ARRIVED AT 2:00 PM
90032	1	5	2 CARS, HAD TO PAY \$20 EA TO PARK
90045	11	5	NOT TERRIBLE, PARKED ON STREET
90066	11	15	1/2 HOUR, FINALLY PARKED IN LOT. 3
90293	11	3	LONG TIME TO FIND PARKING
90034	5	4	WAS OKAY, GOT HERE EARLY
90038	4	5	PAID \$20, GOT HERE EARLY
90036	4	7	GREAT PARKING \$20
90025	5	5	PAID \$20, UBER SOMETIMES
91325	12	4	WAITED 15 MIN
90012	1	5	WAITED FOR SOMEONE TO LEAVE
90250	11	4	HARD TO FIND, REFUSED TO PAY
90038	5	2	GOOD
90293	11	5	NOT ANY TROUBLE
90022	EAST LA	7	EASY, ARRIVED EARLY
90066	11	2	PAINFUL, WOULD NOT PAY
90293	11	6	GOT DROPPED OFF
90031	1	7	HORRIBLE, 1 HR TO FIND FOR 2 CARS
90008	8	12	LONG TIME, 4 CARS, WAITED FOR SPO
90293	11	15	GOT HERE EARLY
90404 &90066	11	5	TOOK UBER
90293	11	7	LUCKY, WALKED
90293	11	2	CONGESTED
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	NON LA		
90650	NORWALK	4	LONG TIME
78749	AUSTIN, TX	4	ADVENTURE OF 1 HOUR
91101	PASADENA	5	EASY TODAY
	PHOENIX,AZ	2	PAID \$20
90232	CULVER CITY	4	TIGHT
90605	WHITTIER	4	DROVE AROUND, FINALLY FOUND A SI
91106	PASADENA	5	PARKED AFTER SOMEONE LEFT
	MICHIGAN	3	VERY LONG TIME
95630	NO CAL	5	GREAT, LUCKY TODAY
90232	CULVER CITY	2	LUCKY, 11:00 AM
90640 & 92376	RIALTO/MONTEBELLO	8	LONG TIME

17406	ΡΑ	3 TOOK UBER
92081	SAN DIEGO	7 PAID \$20
91502	BURBANK	3 EASY CAME LATE
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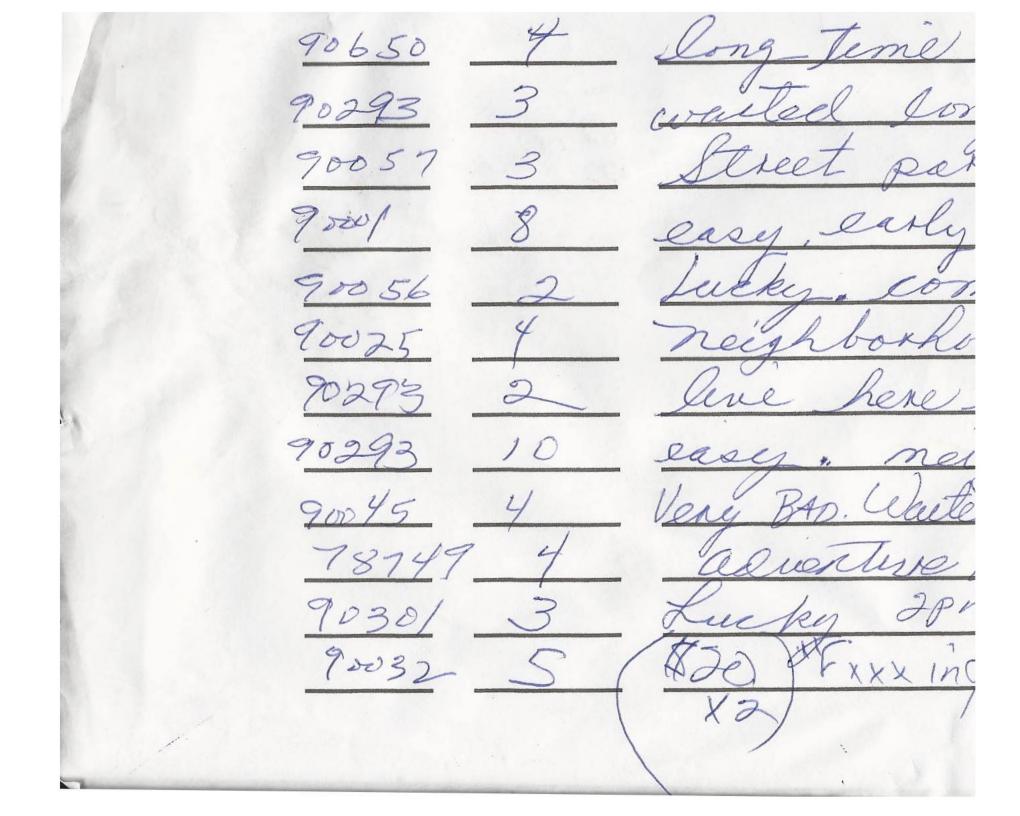
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90045	11				GOT LUCKY AFTER 40 MINUTES
90044	15				20 MIN
90045	11				CIRCLED A FEW TIMES
90046	4				TERRIBLE, DEPENDS ON TIME
90016	10				TERRIBLE, DROVE AROUND SEVERAL T
90036	4			3	GOT LUCKY, 7 MINUTES
90291	11			3	30 MIN , STILL LOOKING
90012	1			4	
90048	4			2	2 0 MIN
90056	8			4	50 MIN, TRYING TO GO TO RESTAURA
90045	11			3	45 MIN, BEFORE 10AM IS OK, AFTER TI
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90293	11			1	HOME.
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91101	PASADENA			3	30 MIN
90401	SANTA MONICA			1	STILL LOOKING
90787				5	EASY, EARLY 8AM
DIDN'T SAY				2	30 MIN, STILL LOOKING
90403	SANTA MONICA			2	30 MIN, STILL LOOKING
90210	BEVERLY HILLS			1	25 MIN, PARKED FAR UP ON HILL
90016	CULVER CITY			1	20 MIN, PARKED UP ON HILL
INLAND				2	4 HOURS, ALMOST GAVE UP
90016	CULVER CITY			4	30 MIN
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BEACH

90045	11	5 Two cars drove around, 25 minutes		
90230	11	3 Paid \$20, didn't want to wait		
90305	8	4 Double parked in Jungle tandem		
90034	5	6 Parked 2 cars on streets in the neighbo		
90291	11	4 Not fun. Waited for a space to open		
90293	11	3 Parked in Outlaws		
90045	11	6 Prked our van next to Lagoon, got luck		
90230	11	2 Hard to find a space, waited 20 minute		
90066	5	4 Ubered, traffic and parking sucks		
90056	8	2 No fun finding a spot, waited a long ti		
90245	11	3 Easy, came early		
90250	11	4 \$20 in lot, hated it!		
90004	10	2 On the street, got here early 10:30 AN		
90248	15	6 Parked at Outlaws		
90008	8	7 2 cars, waited a long time. Very hard t		
		61 Los Angeles Visitors		
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32819	Orlando, FL	2 Took the city bus		
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