

September 25, 2018

City Clerk and Planning and Land Use Committee
Room 395
City Hall
200 North Spring Street,
Los Angeles, CA 90012

By email to: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

Re: Council file No. 18-0868, Council District 4

Dear Clerk and Planning and Land Use Committee, City Council

I am writing to you regarding my concerns about the project at 1565 Haslam Terrace. My home is located at 1570 Haslam Terrace, adjacent to the project site. The City approved a Haul Route permit for this project based upon a Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The limited environmental review failed to consider the project-specific and cumulative impacts associated with the use of Haslam Terrace, a private drive.

I support and join the efforts of the property owner to remove the current eyesore at the property site, the proposed design and massive excavation will cause localized and cumulative environmental concerns which the City has not yet considered.

I support the efforts of the other Haslam neighbors and the Doheny Sunset Plaza HOA.

Our private street, Haslam Terrace, is an older and narrow road. It provides the only access to our homes. We anticipate that the proposed haul project may cause the road to collapse, given the proposed heavy construction traffic and use of heavy equipment. The City has seen the results of roadway collapse in the past, such as that which occurred at 1680 Sunset Plaza Drive in 2016. If the use of heavy equipment and trucks on Haslam Terrace causes road damage or collapse, the residents will not have any alternative access routes. It would be possible and preferable for the property owner to avoid the massive excavation at the site; a more compatible design would avoid the massive project-specific and cumulative impacts related to this project.

I am sorry that prior commitments will prevent me from attending the hearing on September 25, 2018. I request that the City comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and provide an analysis of the project-specific and cumulative impacts related to the 1565 Haslam Terrace project as well as an opportunity for public review and comment so that these issues can be fully addressed.

Yours truly,

Peggy Lessinger
1570 Haslam Terrace