

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bettina Tendler Omara

**Date Submitted:** 08/13/2019 06:09 PM

**Council File No:** 18-1101

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members, Due to parking issues downtown I arrived about three minutes too late to speak at today's meeting but wanted to go on record with my support for the creation of amendments to the Specific Plan. I have been a resident of Westwood for 50 years. I went to elementary, middle and high school in Westwood as well as obtaining my undergraduate degree at UCLA. I enjoyed Westwood during it's so called "Hay Day". I was dropped off every weekend before I could drive to hang out, eat and shop with friends. I have watched sadly as Westwood has been run into the ground and turning into a ghost town by an outdated specific plan that restricts new business from being attracted to this wonderful area. Enough is enough. We need to amend the plan, if not completely overhaul or delete it, to allow for businesses to come in and bring back the vibrancy we once experienced. I thank you for changing the food use and parking restrictions to allow for improvement and change in Westwood. Most sincerely, Bettina Tendler O'Mara

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**Name:** Yudai  
**Date Submitted:** 08/12/2019 11:57 PM  
**Council File No:** 18-1101  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sharon Lee

**Date Submitted:** 08/13/2019 12:21 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council: I am a UCLA alumna and have always been concerned about the chronic vacancy in Westwood Village. It is undeniable that the high vacancy rate as well as pathetic neighborhood character is partly due to the outdated Westwood Village Specific Plan. I am in favor of amending the plan to eliminate the definitions of fast food establishments and restaurants as well as eliminating their use ratios. I also support the Planning department's suggestions for removing overly restrictive parking requirements and allowing businesses to obtain parking leases in lieu of covenants. Westwood Village is a haunting shell of what it was during its heyday, and it would be beneficial for the area to bring those elements back. UCLA has consistently been rated as one of the top universities in the US and the world, and the college town should accordingly be inviting and safe for prospective students and families. Additionally, the Olympics are coming in 2028, and the purple line extension should be completed within the next 5-7 years. These changes to the Specific Plan are a small, but impactful first step forward in the process to revitalize Westwood.