

## Communication from Public

**Name:** ANNE MITCHELL

**Date Submitted:** 02/17/2020 08:23 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0087

**Comments for Public Posting:** Council Case File #20-0087 Honorable Members of the City of Los Angeles Planning and Land Use Management Committee C/O Leyla Campos, PLUM Committee Clerk 200 North Spring St.. Room 272 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Honorable Members, I am writing to oppose the proposed project at 738 S. Normandie Avenue. As a continuing visitor to this area, I am vitally aware of the historical value the existing street contributes to a viable commercial environment that sustains an affordable residential area in Koreatown, Los Angeles. Normandie Street of the “Normandie-Mariposa Historical Apartment District...displays a uniformity of mass...with designs...stylistically from Art Deco to Classical Revival...of similar height, width and density” (1994 Historical Assessment Report on the District) The parking lot being proposed for the site of an 80 foot high building, is available as the result of demolition of a building out of character with design of other buildings on the Street when the Historic landmark of Normandie Street was established. The over sized, high density, unaffordable, modern style architecture building with parking lot would destroy the historic character of the street. It would damage the neighborhood environment with more carbon emissions, increased traffic and decreased sunlight for surrounding residences and pedestrians. The current neighborhood offers safe walking for working class families and their children, and young single low income residents. Importantly, the historical character of the neighborhood supports filming and artistic economic endeavors that provide jobs and economic support for neighboring businesses and locals. Those projects depend on the historic NYC style of the buildings. The 8 story building in the middle of the block would make most of the filming untenable. The proposal will definitely cause substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, against CEQA Guidelines (15300.2(b) & (f)). The damage on the historic resource for ongoing business activity, as noted above would be significant. Use of the “Proposed entitlements are sought with Transit Oriented Communities affordable housing incentives, for which the project would include five units priced and reserved for extremely low-income households, would allow for a 70 percent increase in allowable density, as well as reductions to open space and setback requirements. Additionally, the project would be permitted to

provide 25 parking spaces...”. The project only provides 5 affordable units. The impact of developer incentives would lead to displacement of an affordable, stable, family oriented community with many more affordable units in use. This use of density bonuses to damage affordable housing is in direct opposition to local and state policies to increase affordable and sustainable living spaces. Please approve the appeal. Ms. ANNE MITCHELL 575 SOQUEL AVENUE SANTA CRUZ, CA 95062

## Communication from Public

**Name:** The Yard Theater

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Adding this modern contemporary designed 7 story building will make it one of the tallest in the neighborhood and permanently impact our historical neighborhood for the worse. On behalf of the neighborhood we love and which I have been a part of for the last 10 years and love with all my heart, please consider its worthiness to remain as it is in all its historical romance and continuity. Please reconsider your approval of this project. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** michael a clayton

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose this large scale project in my neighborhood!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** DEAN HOVEY  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE MATCH THE ARCHITECTURE STYLE TO THAT CURRENTLY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please save the historical street!