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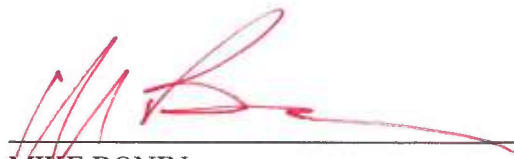
Tentative Parcel Map No. AA-2012-3560-PMLA-SL was approved as a four-lot, small-lot subdivision at 3621 Centinela Avenue on August 27, 2013. The section of Centinela Avenue near the project site is primarily characterized by multifamily residential uses, and the street, which is two lanes in either direction with a center turn lane, is generally a consistent width in the vicinity of the project site to both the north and the south. This is an area in which the pedestrian experience should be enhanced, and facilities such as improved parkways and widened sidewalks should be encouraged.

In connection with the project approval, the City's Bureau of Engineering included a requirement to dedicate 9 feet of land from the project site along Centinela Avenue. The condition included the standard requirement to widen the street and perform any necessary removal and reconstruction of existing improvements such as traffic signals in connection with the street widening.

Our streets should be developed and maintained to accommodate multiple modes of use, including pedestrian use. Street widening should not take place in this area if it does not improve vehicular travel without degrading the experience for users of other modes of transit. The requirement to widen the section of Centinela Avenue along the project frontage will do little to improve traffic flow or otherwise enhance vehicular travel, particularly given the fact that it is unlikely the portions of Centinela Avenue adjacent to the project site to either the north or south will be widened within the foreseeable future. Additionally, widening Centinela Avenue in this area would potentially degrade the pedestrian experience because the sidewalk would not be in a consistent location, and it would not enhance the cycling experience because it would create uneven street width. Further, widening here would unduly burden the project, which provides opportunities for homeownership, by adding on the expense of relocating two traffic signals to allow for the widening without any benefits from such widening.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Departments of City Planning and Building and Safety, as necessary, waive the roadway widening requirements along Centinela Avenue, as provided under LAMC Section 12.37 I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, for the project located at 3621 Centinela Avenue, in that such widening would do little to enhance traffic flow along Centinela Avenue and would unduly impact the ability of the applicant to successfully complete the project.

PRESENTED BY:


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