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September 23, 2016

Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian
6150 Van Nuys Blvd, Suite 300
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RE: Case Numbers VTT-73704-SL, DIR-2015-2697-SPP, ENV-2015-2618-MND / AFFECTED ADDRESSES: 5261, 5263, 5303, 5305 Hermitage Ave., 12300, 12301, 12302 Weddington St., Valley Village, CA 91607

Dear Assemblymember Nazarian,

Earlier this month, I met with a group of my constituents as well as your constituents regarding the matter of a street vacation which was triggered by a request to change a tract map. As the residents and affected area fall within your Assembly District, I wanted to take the time to voice the concerns that were raised during the aforementioned meeting.

On September 6th I met with about 14 people who all were visually upset and frustrated that a developer has applied for a small lot subdivision and as a result of this development project the community's public street will be vacated. Residents in the affected area have followed and participated in the process with strong opposition by submitting opposition letters, meeting with local and state government officials, attending all public hearings, and lastly filed an appeal on the decision to grant this development project and street vacation. Furthermore, residents contend that this project conflicts with the Valley Village Specific Plan and that some state laws have been violated.

Residents are concerned and opposed to this development for several reasons because loss of the street means loss of its use. Residents of this community state that they have submitted evidence which outlines the active use of this street for parking and numerous types of community gatherings. Young residents also use the sidewalk to safely ride their bikes, to play, and explore the local wildlife living in the trees. Additionally, residents are concerned about this development because it removes existing affordable housing, destructs open and green space, which is home to wildlife and mature trees, and lastly it will forever change the community identity and neighborhood character.



On behalf of my constituents, I will continue to support their opposition to this development project and urge the City Council and the Planning and Land Use Management Committee to thoroughly consider the community's request to appeal the project's approval.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patty López". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patty López
Assemblywoman, 39th District

CC: Los Angeles City Council Members
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