Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan - OPPOSE City Planning Commission Modifications

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Mon, Jun 25, 2018 at 4:08 AM  
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I oppose the CPC modifications because:

- They contradict the City Planning Department’s recommendations (the Proposed Plan dated October 2017), which were based on four years of careful research, study and significant community engagement.

- They completely ignore input from the residential and business communities, gathered at numerous community meetings, and via hundreds of comments, letters and petition signatures. In short, they undermine a democratic process.

- Most importantly: They are not justified. The Planning Department’s Proposed Plan (October 2017) met all the objectives of the ECTNP and exceeded all housing and jobs goals by many thousands each.

I therefore urge you to vote to remove the CPC modifications, including Sub-Areas 25 and 26, from the ECTNP.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sonja Berrios
Fwd: Item 18-0437 for 6/26/18

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Mon, Jun 25, 2018 at 6:04 AM

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Please register my email as SUPPORT for the TPN and as a request for the members to vote in favor of adopting the plan as it is currently drafted.

I am an employee of the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning and a board member of my local neighborhood council (Northridge South) but I address the committee in neither official capacity, rather, as a concerned citizen over the devastating housing crisis affecting our city. The TPN will allow for critically needed increased zone capacity for housing and encouraging increased residential development along transit corridors is key to sensibly increasing our city’s housing supply.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tiffany Caldwell
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Hello,

I live in the community and I support the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) which was presented by the Planning Department as the “Proposed Plan” in October 2017. The Planning Department’s staff’s dedication to overseeing an inclusive and democratic process is to be commended. I also look forward to revitalization of this area!

Pico does need a face lift, and I support the inclusion of the community to come up with a plan. I do not support allowing lobby groups to influence the last phase of the process by the CPC without a rebuttal or input from the community.

I strongly OPPOSE the modifications made to the Exposition Plan by the City Planning Commission in November 2017. Those changes include upzoning of Pico Boulevard between Sepulveda and Overland (Plan Sub-Area 26) and upzoning of existing residential R2 properties on Exposition Boulevard (Plan Sub-Area 25). Perhaps I would agree with Area 26, and not 25... the neighborhood needs our say!

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I AM ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT TO OUR SCHOOLS AND DO NOT SEE MUCH CONSIDERATION OR A PLAN AROUND OUR ALREADY FULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE AREA.

Thank you for your consideration,

Maryam
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Dear Councilperson,
I live and own properties in the community adjacent to the Westwood and Sepulveda Expo Light Rail stations and I  
SUPPORT the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) Proposed Project as presented to the  
City Planning Commission October 2017 by the Planning Department.

The Planning Department's staff's dedication to overseeing an inclusive and highly participatory process is to be  
commended.

I strongly **OPPOSE the modifications made to the Exposition Plan by the City Planning Commission** in  
November 2017. Those changes include additional upzoning of Pico Boulevard between Sepulveda and Overland  
(Plan Sub-Area 26) and upzoning of existing residential R 2.1 properties on Exposition Boulevard (Plan Sub-Area 25).

I oppose the CPC modifications due to the following:

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which were based on four years of careful research, study and significant community engagement which I participated in.

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community meetings, and via hundreds of comments, letters and petition signatures. In short, they undermine  
a democratic process, which could be challenged in court.

- The modifications are not justified. The Planning Department's Proposed Plan (October 2017) met all the  
objectives of the ECTNP and exceeded all housing and jobs goals by many thousands each.

As a taxpaying, voting resident, I urge you to vote to remove the CPC modifications, including Sub-Areas 25 and 26,  
from the ECTNP.

Our community depends on thoughtful planning and growth, we are counting on our council members to work with us.

-Joanne Dorfman

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Erin Bray <erinobray@gmail.com>  Sun, Jun 24, 2018 at 10:26 PM
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Thank you for your consideration,

Erin & James Bray
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Thank you for your consideration,

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Dear Council Member,
I am writing to you as a multi-property owner and business person who has lived in the area adjacent to the Expo/Pico area for over 18 years. The Planning Department has worked with the community for many years and we felt we had reached a compromise presented in October of 2017, that would support all objectives to increase density, add new housing where appropriate and maintain community character and livability. I object to the changes that were made in November 2017 by the Planning commission that overrode all the community input, open democratic process and sensibility that we worked very hard attaining.
I am urging you to oppose this current 18-0437 plan. The sub areas of Pico Blvd, and Exposition Blvd to be retained as zones C-2, R-2. As and elected official to serve the people, we need you to help us grow in a logical way, not to overwhelm the community without infrastructure upgrades, police, schools, recreation, and fire.
Thank you for your service,
-Joanne Dadison
President Cactus Jr. Designs
Los Angeles, CA 90064

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Thank you for your service,
-Joanne Dadison
President Cactus Jr. Designs
I live in City Council District 5, adjacent to the Westwood and Sepulveda Expo Light Rail stations. As a longtime resident and activist in my community, I support the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) which was presented by the Planning Department as the “Proposed Plan” in October 2017. The Planning Department’s staff’s dedication to overseeing an inclusive and democratic process is to be commended.

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I oppose the CPC modifications because:

The CPC modifications will lead to higher housing costs – of both ownership and rental properties. It will also create greater traffic congestion and a strain on our aging infrastructure. All of this with virtually no requirement to create anything other than a token number of affordable and low-cost housing units. Furthermore:

- They contradict the City Planning Department’s recommendations (the Proposed Plan dated October 2017), which were based on four years of careful research, study and significant community engagement.

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Every member of the L.A. City Council who believes in due process and democracy – whether the issue is law enforcement, health and social services or zoning -- should oppose this naked attempt to circumvent the will of the people.

I therefore urge you to vote to remove the CPC modifications, including Sub-Areas 25 and 26, from the ECTNP.

Thank you for what I hope will be your thoughtful support on this matter.

My best,
Jeff
Jeffrey Ellis
Directors Guild of America
Stage Manager, NAMIWalks Los Angeles County 2018
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Honorable Councilmembers,

I live in Los Angeles, in the vicinity of the Exposition Corridor and I support Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) Proposed Plan ONLY as presented by the Planning Department in October 2017.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE the modifications made to the Exposition Plan by the City Planning Commission in November 2017.

The CPC modifications include further massive upzoning of Pico Boulevard between Sepulveda and Overland (Plan Sub-Area 26) in addition to the upzoning of a 9-acre parcel of land at Pico and Overland (Plan Sub-Area 11), which was already included in the October 2017 proposed plan. The CPC also recommended upzoning of R 2.1 properties on Exposition Boulevard (Plan Sub-Area 25).

I oppose the CPC modifications because:

1) The modifications were added at the last minute and they contradict the City Planning Department’s recommendations (the Proposed Plan dated October 2017), which were based on four years of careful research, study and significant community engagement.

2) They ignore input from the residential and business stakeholders that was a result of numerous community meetings that yielded hundreds of comments, letters and petition signatures. Simply put, they undermine a democratic process.

3) We do not have the capacity to absorb the massive amount of density and development these modifications warrant. From first responders, to aging water and gas infrastructure and no plans to mitigate traffic.

4) As an environmentalist, I agree with the Sierra Club, and the letter they submitted to the council file. That letter can be read below. I believe that a plan for density should be done with greater respect to the human and natural environment than does the current version of the ECTNP. We must require truly affordable housing in our neighborhoods, and we should do it in a meaningful way, a mandate of 25% of all new multi-family units is reasonable. Also, as much as I advocate for public transit, the fact is that we have a long way to go, and while we build it, we must meet a mandatory minimum parking requirement; creating a crisis will not solve an existing problem. And, we must have better mitigations to address air quality during and after construction.
5) The fact that most of these modifications were a result of a less than transparent process and done after Abundant Housing L.A. lobbied for an ECTNP that could result in potential profits for their leadership, as they are in the Real Estate business, at the expense of the environment and our community.

6) We must impose a vacancy tax to ensure luxury housing is not being built solely for investors to park assets. Housing in Los Angeles must be for Angelenos.

7) Perhaps most importantly: The modifications are NOT justified. The Planning Department’s Proposed Plan (October 2017) met all the objectives of the ECTNP and exceeded all housing and jobs goals by many thousands each.

I, therefore, urge you to vote to remove the CPC modifications, including Sub-Areas 25 and 26, from the ECTNP.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kathleen Whitney
Los Angeles Resident in City Council District 11
Resident near Exposition Corridor

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June 20, 2018

Councilmembers Koretz, Bonin, Huizar, Harris-Dawson, Englander, Blumenfield & Price
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan - OPPOSE

Dear Honorable Councilmembers Koretz, Bonin, Huizar, Harris-Dawson, Englander, Blumenfield & Price,

This letter is to inform you that Sierra Club, the nation’s largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization, consisting of 3 million members, including over 50,000 in the Angeles Chapter alone, opposes the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) in its current form. While Sierra Club encourages infill and transit-oriented development within urban growth boundaries in order to help address the issues of sprawl and a shortage of affordable housing in Los Angeles, we believe that it should be done with greater respect to the human and natural environment than does the current version of the ECTNP. We therefore request the following REVISIONS to the Plan:

(1) **Include affordable housing as a pre-requisite for each of the new and reassigned zones.**
   In its current form, the ECTNP allows developers to enjoy the significant density and height benefits of the new and reassigned zones in their base form without providing a single unit of affordable housing. In this way, the ECTNP incentivizes the construction of luxury housing, thereby exacerbating the affordable housing crisis, leading to gentrification and displacing the very people who are most likely to need/use public transportation - namely working class and low-income residents. We request that the City adopt and implement inclusionary zoning rules and workforce housing into the ECTNP consistent with Measure JJI, AB-1505’s Inclusionary Zoning, and SB-540’s Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone bill requirements, by imposing a mandate that at least 11-25% of all new multi-family units (both apartments and condos) be designated as affordable housing and that designation be maintained for a period of at least 55 years.

(2) **Planning allowances be made to meet mandatory minimum per-capita park requirements.**
   There is an existing deficit in park spaces in the Project Area and increased population would increase the demand for parks and recreational facilities; however, the FEIR states that the current version of the ECTNP would result in a significant and unavoidable impact related to public parks.

(3) **Better mitigations are needed to address air quality during and after construction.**
   “Significant” environmental impacts of the Plan include air pollution exceeding SCAQMD thresholds during construction. Improved incentives are also needed to encourage residents to utilize alternative travel modes.

Sincerely,

David Haake, Chair
West LA Group of Sierra Club
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-Peter Qin  
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Thank you for your consideration,

John Ramljak  
2536 Westwood Blvd.  
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June 25, 2018

Los Angeles City Council
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
200 North Spring Street
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Re: CF 18-0437 Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan - SUPPORT

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

The Alliance for Community Transit-LA (ACT-LA) welcomes this opportunity to express our support and additional recommendations for the proposed Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (TNP).

ACT-LA is a citywide coalition of 35 community-based organizations from across Los Angeles. Individually, our member organizations work in low-income transit-served neighborhoods, organizing and elevating community priorities in the development process, building much-needed affordable housing, and providing direct services to tenants facing the threats of eviction and displacement. As a coalition, we work collectively to advance comprehensive policy strategies to ensure that our unprecedented investment in public transit will serve all Angelenos.

The need for inclusive and affordable transit oriented development is undeniable. A recent study concluded that LA County has a deficit of more than one-half million units of affordable housing. At the same time, Ellis Act evictions continue to increase – along with the numerous additional unreported cash-for-keys transactions and bad-faith evictions. Meanwhile, numerous studies show the importance of affordable housing near transit in combatting displacement and achieving environmental and ridership goals.¹

This draft of the TNP, as recommended by the City Planning Commission, presents an important and timely opportunity to prioritize equitable, inclusive transit oriented development. We strongly support the overall framework allowing increased floor area ratio (FAR) in connection with the provision of affordable housing and other community benefits. We strongly support and appreciate changes made at the City Planning Commission to ensure that these affordability standards align with the citywide Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) program, and now include opportunities for affordable homeownership. We applaud the inclusion of affordable housing replacement requirements, as any project receiving density and/or other benefits must result in a net

gain of affordable housing. And with these important affordable housing standards in place, we support the recommendations from the City Planning Commission to allow additional midrise housing capacity with affordability standards on Pico Boulevard and the “Bundy Triangle” area.

We also strongly support providing free Metro B-TAP passes for residents living in or employed in projects near the plan area, as an excellent method to increase transit ridership. And we applaud the TNP creating requirements for on-site and publicly accessible open space – a critical strategy to creating and sustaining open, welcoming and safe neighborhoods.

In order to maximize this opportunity to advance equitable and inclusive transit oriented development, we respectfully offer the following comments and recommendations to further strengthen the proposed TNP:

**Require Affordable Housing for all projects with any residential component seeking Bonus FAR.** The current Draft TNP does not require projects that include 70% or more non-residential use to provide affordable housing in order to qualify for Bonus FAR. This effectively exempts the entire Hybrid Industrial Jobs Emphasis subarea from any affordability provisions. We support a unique subarea and zoning typology that prioritizes job creating uses. But if that zone is to permit any amount of housing development on-site, then a percentage of that housing should be affordable in order to achieve Bonus FAR. This is necessary to help promote inclusive development, and is consistent the TNP’s overall value-capture approach.

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We appreciate your careful consideration of these recommendations. We are pleased to support this important planning process as part of our efforts to advance equitable, inclusive, community-serving transit oriented development.

Sincerely,

The Alliance for Community Transit – Los Angeles

CC: Councilmember Paul Koretz
     Councilmember Mike Bonin
Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan OPPOSE City Planning Commission Modifications

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Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

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I STRONGLY OPPOSE the modifications made to the Exposition Plan by the City Planning Commission in November 2017.

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Thank you for your consideration,
Azmara Asefa
Los Angeles Resident in City Council District 5
Resident near Exposition Corridor

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Azmara Asefa, Assoc. AIA
Short memo in support of CF 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan

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Mon, Jun 25, 2018 at 10:29 AM

Dear PLUM Committee;

I am aware this is coming very late given the meeting is this afternoon, but I would like to voice my support for the CPC Modifications to upzone land near the Expo Line stations (Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan)

As a resident of the Palms neighborhood and regular user of the Expo line (I commute every day to work downtown on it!) I believe increased density along the Expo line would bring life and character to west LA along the line and am in strong support of increased density, more housing, and more community.

Thank you,
Janos Mann
Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Neighborhood Plan: OPPOSE City Planning Commission Modifications

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Hi Councilpersons,

I have lived in my West Los Angeles community from the day I was born. I love my neighborhood for many reasons, but one of the biggest reasons is the fact that it truly feels like a community. In a city like Los Angeles, I’ve had friends tell me their crowded living environments simply feel like a place they sleep. I pride myself in saying that my neighborhood is homey, where we’ve always been respected and listened to. I live in the community adjacent to the Westwood and Sepulveda Expo Light Rail stations and I support the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) which was presented by the Planning Department as the "Proposed Plan" in October 2017. I greatly appreciate the staff's ongoing dedication to overseeing an inclusive and democratic process.

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I therefore urge you to vote to remove the CPC modifications, including Sub-Areas 25 and 26, from the ECTNP.

Thank you for your consideration and compassion for my neighborhood,

Jayleen Yen
Exposition Corridor Neighborhood Plan: Opposition Letter

Sharon Spotten <sspotten@sitesolutionsus.com>          Mon, Jun 25, 2018 at 10:41 AM
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To our local politicians.

I live in a neighborhood just a couple of blocks north of the planned expansion.

I was happy to find out the Planning Department advocated so strongly on behalf of the community and the plan they presented last October.

I am also very angered by the modifications and up zoning proposed for Pico Blvd. between Sepulveda and Overland.

The City’s Planning Dept. considered the community and the impact it would have on our quality of life which is already suffering due to traffic congestion and overcrowding because the infrastructure does not support this level of density. Now the modifications you are proposing would increase that even more.

The PDP’s plan already exceeds housing and employment objective by a huge margin so this additional up zoning is not even justified.

Unless of course you consider the profits that would be lost to the corrupt politicians.

Please consider your constituents before your political careers – it would be refreshing.

Especially if you are interesting in support in future elections – it is waning fast.

Sharon Spotten
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Thank you for your consideration,

Danah Ezekiel Clark  
Los Angeles Resident in City Council District 11  
Resident near Exposition Corridor

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Attn: Councilmember Jose Huizar, PLUM Chair and Honorable Committee Members:

I support an EXPO Corridor TNP that meets population projections and that involved the community in its formulation as reflected in the October 2017 Planning Dept. report to the City Planning Commission(CPC). The undemocratic changes proposed by Abundant Housing lobbyists after the community planning process was completed and as adopted by the CPC in November 2017 undermined the four-year long democratic process that produced the proposed plan.

As a resident in the area that falls under the EXPO CTNP, I find the CPC’s modifications governing land use adjacent to the two stations in our community unacceptable. We support the October plan which met all stated project goals and population projections, or the compromise plan presented by the Westside Neighborhood Council to Councilmember Koretz/CD5 office and your PLUM Committee.

Thank you for your consideration in support of true neighborhood/community planning.

Sincerely,

Nancy Rae Stone  
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West Los Angeles, CA  
Board member- WSSM
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I would also like to point out that traffic in this area is already beyond capacity. Also, elementary schools in this neighborhood are at capacity. I am unclear as to where people will be sending their children to school in this changed plan.

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Best,
Jasmine
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Guy Mizrahi
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Honorable Councilmembers,

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Thank you for your time,

Rob Vaghini
Los Angeles Resident CD 11

"Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience" - Ralph Waldo Emerson
June 20, 2018

Councilmembers Koretz, Bonin, Huizar, Harris-Dawson, Englander, Blumenfield & Price
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan - OPPOSE

Dear Honorable Councilmembers Koretz, Bonin, Huizar, Harris-Dawson, Englander, Blumenfield & Price,

This letter is to inform you that Sierra Club, the nation’s largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization, consisting of 3 million members, including over 50,000 in the Angeles Chapter alone, opposes the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) in its current form. While Sierra Club encourages infill and transit-oriented development within urban growth boundaries in order to help address the issues of sprawl and a shortage of affordable housing in Los Angeles, we believe that it should be done with greater respect to the human and natural environment than does the current version of the ECTNP. We therefore request the following REVISIONS to the Plan:

(1) **Include affordable housing as a pre-requisite for each of the new and reassigned zones.**

In its current form, the ECTNP allows developers to enjoy the significant density and height benefits of the new and reassigned zones in their base form without providing a single unit of affordable housing. In this way, the ECTNP incentivizes the construction of luxury housing, thereby exacerbating the affordable housing crisis, leading to gentrification and displacing the very people who are most likely to need/use public transportation - namely working class and low-income residents. We request that the City adopt and implement inclusionary zoning rules and workforce housing into the ECTNP consistent with Measure JJI, AB-1505’s Inclusionary Zoning, and SB-540’s Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone bill requirements, by imposing a mandate that at least 11-25% of all new multi-family units (both apartments and condos) be designated as affordable housing and that designation be maintained for a period of at least 55 years.

(2) **Planning allowances be made to meet mandatory minimum per-capita park requirements.**

There is an existing deficit in park spaces in the Project Area and increased population would increase the demand for parks and recreational facilities; however, the FEIR states that the current version of the ECTNP would result in a significant and unavoidable impact related to public parks.

(3) **Better mitigations are needed to address air quality during and after construction.**

“Significant” environmental impacts of the Plan include air pollution exceeding SCAQMD thresholds during construction. Improved incentives are also needed to encourage residents to utilize alternative travel modes.

Sincerely,

David Haake, Chair
West LA Group of Sierra Club
Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan

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To Whom It May Concern,

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Thank you for your consideration,

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RE: Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan - I OPPOSE City Planning Commission Modifications

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Dear Ms. Dickinson,

I support an EXPO Corridor TNP that meets population projections and that involved the community in its formulation as reflected in the October 2017 Planning Dept. report to the City Planning Commission(CPC). The undemocratic changes proposed by Abundant Housing lobbyists after the community planning process was completed and as adopted by the CPC in November 2017 undermined the four-year long democratic process that produced the proposed plan.

As a resident in the area that falls under the EXPO CTNP, I find the CPC’s modifications governing land use adjacent to the two stations in our community unacceptable. We support the October plan which met all stated project goals and population projections, or the compromise plan presented by the Westside Neighborhood Council to Councilmember Koretz/CD5 office and your PLUM Committee.

Thank you for your consideration in support of true neighborhood /community planning.

Sincerely,

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Dear Councilmembers,

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Honorable Councilmembers,

Thank you for your service. As an Angelo in the vicinity of the Exposition Corridor, I support Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) Proposed Plan ONLY as originally presented by the Planning Department in October 2017.

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In light of the above, and in honor of your mandate to serve the public, I urge you to vote to remove the CPC modifications, including Sub-Areas 25 and 26, from the ECTNP.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Jed Pauker
Los Angeles Resident in City Council District 11
Resident near Exposition Corridor
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Los Angeles City Council
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: CF 18-0437 Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan – SUPPORT

Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

LA Forward welcomes this opportunity to express our support and additional recommendations for the proposed Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (TNP).

LA Forward represents more than 8,000 college-educated progressive Angelenos, including more than 2,000 on the Westside. We represent a rising generation which values justice for disadvantaged Angelenos and which faces exploding housing costs of their own which are hurting their ability to live in Los Angeles, especially as they seek to start families. We support policies that will produce more housing, while leveraging that new development to create permanently affordable units targeted at the lowest-income levels and taking all measures necessary to prevent displacement. Density and equity must go hand in hand. For this reason, LA Forward is a leader in the Alliance for Community Transit-Los Angeles coalition (ACT-LA) coalition where we work to advance comprehensive policy strategies that ensure our unprecedented investment in public transit serve all Angelenos.

This draft of the TNP, as recommended by the City Planning Commission, presents an unique and urgent opportunity to prioritize equitable, inclusive transit oriented development. We strongly support the overall framework allowing increased floor area ratio (FAR) in connection with the provision of affordable housing and other community benefits.

We strongly support and appreciate changes made at the City Planning Commission to ensure that these affordability standards align with the citywide Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) program, and now include opportunities for affordable homeownership. We applaud the inclusion of affordable housing replacement requirements, as any project receiving density and/or other benefits must result in a net gain of affordable housing.

With these important affordable housing standards in place, we support the recommendations from the City Planning Commission to allow additional midrise housing capacity with affordability standards on Pico Boulevard and the “Bundy Triangle” area.
These “upzones” around Pico and Exposition Boulevards are a critical opportunity to create more housing and more affordable housing in an area that has very little risk displacing disadvantage communities. This is why the plan in current form is backed by social justice coalitions who organize residents actually at risk of displacement.

As Westsiders ourselves, LA Forward know it is long past time for the Westside to produce more residential units and do its fair share to house Angelenos. Lack of housing near Westside job centers has contributed to worsening sprawl, traffic and displacement pressures in other parts of the city, both of which will exacerbate emissions of pollutants and greenhouse gases.

We also strongly support providing free Metro B-TAP passes for residents living in or employed in projects near the plan area, as an excellent method to increase transit ridership. And we applaud the TNP creating requirements for on-site and publicly accessible open space – a critical strategy to creating and sustaining open, welcoming and safe neighborhoods.

In order to maximize this opportunity to advance equitable and inclusive transit oriented development, we respectfully offer the following comments and recommendations to further strengthen the proposed TNP:

1. **Require Affordable Housing for all projects with any residential component seeking Bonus FAR.**

   The current Draft TNP does not require projects that include 70% or more non-residential use to provide affordable housing in order to qualify for Bonus FAR. This effectively exempts the entire Hybrid Industrial Jobs Emphasis subarea from any affordability provisions. We support a unique subarea and zoning typology that prioritizes job creating uses. But if that zone is to permit any amount of housing development on-site, then a percentage of that housing should be affordable in order to achieve Bonus FAR. This is necessary to help promote inclusive development, and is consistent the TNP’s overall value-capture approach.

2. **Include an additional incentive for projects meeting the employment standards in Measure JJJ.**

   The TNP presents an opportunity to create new housing opportunities proximate to high quality transit and create quality jobs for local residents and community members facing barriers to employment. We recommend the TNP match the TOC Program for this area by including an incentive for projects meeting the Measure JJJ employment standards. The Department should grant projects meeting Measure JJJ employment standards additional residential density beyond the upper limit of 4 FAR and/or the ability to choose an additional on-menu incentive or concession in LAMC 12.22.A.25(g).
3. Require Conditional Use Permits for Hotels.

We join UNITE HERE Local 11 in expressing concern that provisions in the TNP may unintentionally privilege luxury hotels without adequate community benefits over needed housing. We recommend the TNP require a Conditional Use Permit for hotel uses.

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We appreciate your careful consideration of these recommendations. We are pleased to support this important planning process as part of our efforts to advance equitable, inclusive, community-serving transit oriented development.

Sincerely,

David Levitus, Ph.D.
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LA Forward

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    Councilmember Mike Bonin
OPPOSE City Planning Commission Modifications

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Thank you for your consideration,
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Thank you for your consideration,

Eva Cheng
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Thank you for your consideration,

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Thank you for your consideration,
Julie Sandor
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Hello - I live in the community adjacent to the Westwood and Sepulveda Expo Light Rail stations. I support the ECTNP Proposed Project AS PRESENTED TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION DATED OCT 2017 BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

I strongly OPPOSE THE MODIFICATIONS MADE TO THE EXPO PLAN BY THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION IN NOVEMBER 2017. Those changes include additional upzoning of Pico Blvd between Sepulveda and Overland and upzoning of existing residential R2.1 properties on Exposition Blvd that will overwhelm infrastructure including schools and emergency services that are crucial to safety and liveability in our community. In the 20 years I've lived in this neighborhood, and 15 years in my current home, traffic has grown to such an unsafe level that I cannot get out of my driveway for long stretches of the day, including when it's time to take my 8 year-old daughter to school.

As a mom of a student at Westwood Charter Elementary, we've been experiencing ballooning enrollment due to the overbuilding of large condominiums buildings targeted to families that are replacing small apartments previously inhabited by college students and young pre-child professionals. Due to this ballooning enrollment, when I enrolled my daughter in kindergarten two years ago, LAUSD required us to sign a letter stating that they could not guarantee my child a place on the Westwood Charter campus until after the school year started, despite the fact that Westwood Charter is our neighborhood school. Due to the ballooning enrollment, and the maxing out of classroom space, there was a very real possibility my child could have been required to be bused to school in another neighborhood on the other side of the 405 for kindergarten. Further housing density in this neighborhood, without any contingencies for the building of additional schools is unconscionable.

Additionally, I oppose CPC modifications because:
1) The contradict the City Planning Department's recommendations, which were based on four years of careful research, study and significant community engagement

2) They undermine a democratic process by completely ignoring input from residential and business communities gathered at numerous community meetings and via hundreds of comments, letters and petion signatures.

3) Most important, they are not justified. The Planning Department's proposed plan from October 2017 met all the objectives of the ECTNP and exceeded all housing and jobs goals by many thousands each.

As such, I urge you to vote to remove the CPC modifications, including Sub-Areas 25 and 26, from the ECTNP. The problems of affordable housing and homelessness are not solved by giving in to developers' desires to overbuild developments that are out-of-scale. And just because we live near a new transit station does not mean the desires of our community should be allowed to be overrun by developer desires and deep pockets.

Thank you,

laura scott
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RE: Council File: 18-0437 - OPPOSE City Planning Commission Modifications to Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan

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To All Concerned,
I live in the neighborhood near the Westwood and Sepulveda Expo Light Rail stations and I SUPPORT the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) Proposed Project as presented to the City Planning Commission October 2017 by the Planning Department.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE MODIFICATIONS MADE BY THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE PROPOSED ECTNP IN NOVEMBER 2017.

I have been a supporter of the Expo line for years, meeting and campaigning for it over and over. After it became a reality, we had to do the hard civic work of making sure the implementation was as positive as it could be for the local communities, and the city as a whole. This also required lots of analysis by City Planning, as well as consensus building and hard work by community residents all along the Expo Line.

I also support the objectives for density, and the underlying rationale for creating a more dense, greener, ped-friendly city. I have lived in both Washington, D.C and Chicago, where public transit has had a powerful positive effect on quality of life. I have lived in lovely, densely populated communities in both cities.

The additions and modifications made by the CPC to the ECTNP turn a good, well-reasoned, democratically fashioned plan into a much poorer plan that pushes past the stated objectives of the project, stressing the neighborhoods beyond what the community and infrastructure can support, and throws democratic process out the window.

Pushing to "top off" the population densities of this plan only to serves to help developers to "top off" their profit margins on the projects. I am not against development at all. I object to pushing the ECTNP to the point that the communities it is meant to serve are subjected to a poorer quality of life, because a sensible, well-developed plan was changed at the last minute to improve ROI for the developers.

Please do the smart, and right, thing and approve the original proposed ECTNP as presented in October. It is a good, carefully considered plan that meets all of the original objectives for the project. It also creates the opportunity for the development of livably dense, "human-scale" neighborhoods that can be truly joyful, vibrant places to live.

Sincerely,

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Support 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan

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Dear Councilmember Huizar and the PLUM committee,

Early last year, my car when totaled when I was rear-ended driving into work. Rather than buy another car, I bought a bike and started an experiment to see if I could live in LA without a car. Immediately, I was happier-- I wasn’t stressed out from driving (and its cost), my schedule wasn’t limited by traffic, and exercise and fresh air were built into my daily routine.

But I’m lucky. I work within a biking distance to my home, have a safe route, and am physically/professionally able to ride the roundtrip. Even then, I bought a car after 6 months since I don’t live within walking distance of places like grocery stores. Owning a car in LA is still a requirement, even for those of us who don’t want one.

We have the opportunity and responsibility to remove the car ownership requirement. To do it, we have to allow development of walkable, bike-able and transit-centric communities-- communities that are effectively banned through our outdated zoning plans. The Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan would reduce our reliance on cars and make transit-oriented housing available and affordable to more Angelenos.

Housing is one of the biggest crises facing LA and California. It’s time to show our fellow Angelenos and Sacramento that we can live up to our responsibility to address the housing needs of LA. Please support the upzoning plans around the Metro Expo line in West LA.

Brett Beekley  
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Fwd: LA City council action - Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan: OPPOSE CPC Modifications

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Honorable Councilmembers,

I live in Los Angeles, in the vicinity of the Exposition Corridor and I support Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) Proposed Plan ONLY as presented by the Planning Department in October 2017.

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5) The fact that most of these modifications were a result of a less than transparent process and done after Abundant Housing L.A. lobbied for an ECTNP that could result in potential profits for their leadership, as they are in the Real Estate business, at the expense of the environment and our community.

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I, therefore, urge you to vote to remove the CPC modifications, including Sub-Areas 25 and 26, from the ECTNP.

Thank you for your consideration,

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RE: Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Neighborhood Plan: SUPPORT City Planning Commission Modifications

I live in Rancho Park, close to the Westwood Expo Light Rail station, and I enthusiastically SUPPORT the modifications made to the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan ("ECTNP") by the City Planning Commission in November 2017.

I have lived in Los Angeles since 1980 and in this neighborhood since 1989, and our city – and this community in particular – needs to seriously address the housing and traffic issues we have exacerbated by unreasonably clinging to suburban type, car-dependent neighborhoods in the middle of a dense, world-class city. It is simply unrealistic to expect that our neighborhoods should not change: They need to be more inclusive of young people and lower income people to increase vitality and diversity. We also have an obligation to try to address one of the root causes of homelessness by increasing the available housing stock, and to lower fossil fuel consumption (and attendant climate change) by encouraging denser and more walkable neighborhoods wherever and however we can.

Los Angeles, like many cities in California, has a housing crisis on its hands. The ECTNP – as modified by the Planning Commission – contains baby-steps in the right direction to address this crisis. This minimal forward progress should not be derailed by homeowners – however well-meaning – who seem motivated largely by nostalgia and fear of change.

I therefore urge you to vote for the ECTNP, including the City Planning Commission’s November 2017 modifications.

Thank you for your consideration,

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5) The fact that most of these modifications were a result of a less than transparent process and done after Abundant Housing L.A. lobbied for an ECTNP that could result in potential profits for their leadership, as
they are in the Real Estate business, at the expense of the environment and our community.

6) We must impose a vacancy tax to ensure luxury housing is not being built solely for investors to park assets. Housing in Los Angeles must be for Angelenos.

7) Perhaps most importantly: The modifications are NOT justified. The Planning Department’s Proposed Plan (October 2017) met all the objectives of the ECTNP and exceeded all housing and jobs goals by many thousands each.

I, therefore, urge you to vote to remove the CPC modifications, including Sub-Areas 25 and 26, from the ECTNP.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Edward Greer & Bonnie K. Greer
Los Angeles Residents in City Council District 11
Resident near Exposition Corridor

Michael Greer
Author, *The Project Management Minimalist, The Project Manager’s Partner & Worth Sharing: Essays & Tools to Help Project Managers & Their Teams* -- More at: *Mike Greer’s WORTH SHARING website, Proj Mgt Resources Archives, Facebook, Twitter*
Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan

Emma Pelegri-O'Day <epelegrioday@gmail.com>  Mon, Jun 25, 2018 at 3:58 PM
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Cc: Sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Dear PLUM committee,

I am writing about Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan and I support the modifications to upzone land near the expo line stations. I have lived in West LA for the past five years and commute without daily access to a car - I rely on buses, biking, and walking.

Since the Expo line expansion opened two years ago, my ability to travel throughout the city has significantly increased, from short trips to downtown Santa Monica to multi-line transfers to Pasadena. I am lucky to live within a short walk to an Expo station, but it only makes sense to increase housing density so that other Los Angeles residents also have these opportunities. Our neighborhoods will only benefit from increased mobility, decreased car reliance, and easier public transit/pedestrian access to excellent restaurants and shops.

Please support the upzoning plans around the Metro Expo line in West LA.

Emma Pelegri-O'Day
West Los Angeles, 90025
Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan OPPOSE City Planning Commission Modifications

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Cc: paul.koretz@lacity.org, mike.bonin@lacity.org, dylan.sittig@lacity.org

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However, I strongly OPPOSE the modifications made to the Exposition Plan by the City Planning Commission in November 2017. Those changes include additional upzoning of Pico Boulevard between Sepulveda and Overland (Plan Sub-Area 26) and upzoning of existing residential R 2.1 properties on Exposition Boulevard (Plan Sub-Area 25).

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**** We as a community are already suffering the poor planning and decisions made during the light rail project. Pico, Westwood, Overland and National are bogged down with traffic most of the day due to the grade level light rail crossing. People have become inpatient, increased road rage, noise, pollution and violent now because we cannot drive in this area. Adding any future density to this area without infrastructure and traffic improvements would be reckless, irresponsible, unreasonable and poor city planning. We are asking you to do the right thing on behalf of our community. We don’t have enough services to support the density we have now.

I therefore urge you to vote to remove the CPC modifications, including Sub-Areas 25 and 26, from the ECTNP.

Thank you for your consideration,

Karla Madsen
Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan OPPOSE City Planning Commission Modifications

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I therefore urge you to vote to remove the CPC modifications, including Sub-Areas 25 and 26, from the ECTNP.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bruce Dorfman
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310-433-7336
**Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan--OPPOSE City Planning Commission Modifications**

**Peter D. Ocko** <peter@precedentadvisors.com>  
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**RE: Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan**

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This is not NIMBYism-- preserving the character and fabric of a residential community, including the middle class small businesspeople who are based here and are thriving with community support, but will disappear, should be paramount, not the installation of giant beige, half filled developments with yogurt and ramen places that cycle out of business every six months.

Do not destroy our neighborhood at the behest of a developer masquerading under the auspices of clamoring for affordable housing. Partner with us for smart development, and adhere to your original recommendations.
Thank you for your consideration,
Peter Ocko
RE: Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan. OPPOSE
City Planning Commission Modifications

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Thank you for your consideration,
Kristen E. Mukae
Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Neighborhood Plan: OPPOSE City Planning Commission Modifications

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Dear Councilmembers and other city officials,

I live in the community adjacent to the Westwood and Sepulveda Expo Light Rail stations and I support the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) which was presented by the Planning Department as the “Proposed Plan” in October 2017. The Planning Department’s staff’s dedication to overseeing an inclusive and democratic process is to be commended.

However, I strongly OPPOSE the modifications made to the Exposition Plan by the City Planning Commission in November 2017. Those changes include upzoning of Pico Boulevard between Sepulveda and Overland (Plan Sub-Area 26) and upzoning of existing residential R2 properties on Exposition Boulevard (Plan Sub-Area 25).

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Thank you for your consideration,

Jeremy Bollinger  
2251 Pelham Avenue  
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Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan

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As a long time Los Angeles resident and homeowner for over 20 years, I am full support of increasing density and recognize the need to do this near public transportation corridors. This plan, however, contradicts the City Planning Department’s recommendations (the Proposed Plan dated October 2017), which were based on four years of careful research, study and significant community engagement. They completely ignore input from the residential and business communities, gathered at numerous community meetings, and via hundreds of comments, letters and petition signatures. In short, they undermine a democratic process.

Marcia Greenberg

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Oppose Upzoning on Pico Blvd

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I oppose the Upzoning on Pico Blvd. We are already overdeveloped!! The Planning Department prepared a reasonable
plan back in October. Let’s proceed with their plan.

Thank you for the work you do on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Pamela Frerichs
Homeowner

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

On Monday, June 25, 2018, 2:49 PM, WSSM HOA <WSSM@WSSMHOA.COM> wrote:

Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. Homeowners Association
Email Blast / Action Alert: June 25, 2018

Section 1: Action Alert
Section 2: Upcoming Meetings
Section 3: FYI - including crime alerts

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SECTION 1 ACTION ALERT
*****EXPO Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP)*****

REMEMBER: Send in your comments NOW!

The EXPO Corridor Plan will be heard in the City Council’s PLUM Committee tomorrow 6/26 2:30 pm
If you are able to attend the hearing and would like a ride, please call 310 429-8134. If you are driving, call CD 5 downtown office at 213 473-7005 to ask for reserved parking under City Hall annex. Tell them you are attending the PLUM meeting and request parking permit.
**Whether or not you are coming, send in a comment letter to PLUM Committee! Here is the message we sent out in last week’s email blast:**

Protect our community from excessive upzoning along the Pico corridor. Our community’s commercial center is Pico Blvd., not Pico Canyon! We need to defend the Planning Dept’s Proposed Plan presented in October.

Write now in advance of Tuesday’s 6/26 PLUM Committee hearing. You can copy and paste this message in an email.

**Send your email message (which you may feel free to personalize)**

To: Clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org, Sharon.dickinson@lacity.org
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RE: Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan

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Thank you for your consideration,
If you are able to attend the PLUM hearing on Tuesday at 2:30 to lend support and/or speak, please plan on joining us at City Hall.

If you need transportation, please call: 310 429-8134 by Monday morning.
If you would like to read additional ECTNP information, you can find the EIR documents at: https://planning.lacity.org/eir/ExpositionCorridor/ECTNP_CoverPg.html

SEND A MESSAGE NOW!

Help keep our highways safe from digital advertising
The State Senate Transportation Committee is considering a bill (AB1405) TOMORROW 6/26 to allow for commercial advertising on official state highway warning message signs. Please take action today to halt this pilot program that will compromise highway safety and promote distracted driving. Help to kill the bill!

It is easy to send a message via this link to Scenic America: https://scenic.salsalabs.org/ab1405

SECTION 2 UPCOMING MEETINGS for your information

EXPO-Northvale Bike Path Open House Meeting - 6/26 6 pm
Palms-Rancho Park Branch Library Meeting Room
Tuesday, June 26, 2018 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM
There is limited free parking on site. Carpooling, walking and bicycling are encouraged.

The City of Los Angeles will be holding a public open house to provide updates on the design progress for the Expo-Northvale Bicycle Path (Project) which will result in the construction of a new bikeway north of I-10 between Overland and Motor Avenues that is to be separated from vehicular traffic.

The City’s Department of Transportation (LADOT), Department of Public Works (DPW) Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and representatives from City Council District 5 (CD 5) will be available to gather your feedback and answer questions about the 0.75 mile Project to complete this gap in the 11-mile Expo Bicycle Path.

Staff will share updates on the bikeway alignment and design and solicit feedback for specific elements. The City invites you to attend and encourages you to provide input relative to the Project at the next meeting:

PAST ENGAGEMENT: In January 2016, the project team engaged community members through an open house, where input was gathered on design options, access points, and interim connecting measures. Participants shared their thoughts and concerns about the project, and indicated their preferred option for the bikeway design between Dunlee Dr. and Putney Dr. A summary of this meeting is available on the #LeapLA Blog at bike.lacity.org.

CURRENT STATUS: Since 2016, an interim bike route was installed along Northvale Rd. from Motor Ave. to Overland Ave. using signage and sharrow markings to provide continuous access across the gap for cyclists using the Expo Bike Path. At the same time the City has been developing the design of the bikeway in accordance with the input received at the first community meeting. A second meeting is being held in June 2018 to share updates on the bikeway alignment and design and to solicit feedback on specific elements.

Current features of the project include:
• Two-way Bike Path (off-street) or Bike Lanes (on-street) along the south side of Northvale Rd. between Dunlee Dr. and Putney Rd. providing a safe, comfortable biking experience alongside the street.
• New Traffic Signal at Motor Ave. and bike path entrance to allow for a safe connection for pedestrians and bicyclists from Motor Ave.
• A two-way Bike Path (off street) from Motor Ave. to Dunleer Dr. within existing public right-of-way and easements, fully separated from the street.
• New Lighting along the entire length of the bikeway to ensure a safe walking and biking experience after dark.

FOR MORE PROJECT INFO Contact: Abbass Vajar, P.E., LADOT
Email: abbass.vajar@lacity.org or Call: (213) 972-4965

City Planning Dept. to present proposed changes to the City’s Zoning Code’s processes and procedures

Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 6-8 pm
Ronald Deaton Auditorium, 100 West First Street, LA 90012

The purpose of the meeting is to obtain testimony from affected and/or interested persons regarding this project. The meeting will be conducted by a Hearing Officer who will consider all the testimony presented at that time and any written communication received prior to or at the meeting from affected and/or interested persons regarding this proposed code amendment, as well as the merits of the draft ordinance as it relates to existing land use regulations. After the meeting, a recommendation report will be prepared for consideration by the City Planning Commission at a later date.

Process & Procedures Ordinance – A proposed ordinance amending Chapter 1 and adding Chapter 1A to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to comprehensively reorganize Zoning Code processes and procedures. Join us to hear updates on the new ordinance from Bonnie Kim, Code Studies, Department of City Planning.

Hearing Notice: https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/Processes_and_Procedures_Ordinance(updated)/Hearing_Notice.pdf
Q and A: https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/Processes_and_Procedures_Ordinance(updated)/QA.pdf

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NEXT WSSM BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, July 3, 7 pm – St. Timothy’s Church, Basement/Chapter Meeting Room (off alley)
All are welcome to attend and participate in the monthly board meeting. Jean Roth or Rotem Studios who was hired by WSSM to design a new WSSM website will outline remaining steps and info needed to launch! Bring any questions, comments, suggestions. How can we best serve the community via our website? We will have a report on the outcome of the Tuesday 6/26 PLUM hearing on the EXPO Corridor TNP and may also have an update as to when the plan will go before the full Council. Please pay attention to the Council hearing date as we expect that the community will need to come out in force to support a reasonable balanced plan and to counter outside lobbying forces led by Abundant Housing LA. This plan will define the future of a great portion of the commercial district of our neighborhood BEFORE the WLA Community Plan rewrite is undertaken. Don’t let the opportunity to contribute to the process pass you by.

Security Patrol Interest??? – Tuesday, July 3, 6 pm – St.
Timothy’s Church, Basement / Chapter Meeting Room
In response to discussion online on NextDoor about break ins in the area, WSSM resident George Putnam has organized a presentation by ACS Security to present options for a neighborhood security patrol to allow for residents to decide whether or not they would like to join and pay for such a service. Options and costs will be presented at two meetings to be held this coming month. The meetings will cover the same info and you need attend only one if interested in finding out more:
Tuesday, July 3 at 6 pm prior to the start of the WSSM July Board meeting at St. Timothy’s.
Thursday, July 26 at 7 pm at Heyler Realty – corner Pico and Pelham
If you would like to research additional security company options for presentation to those interested, contact George to coordinate: mrgorgeputnam@gmail.com

WSSM NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION - Tuesday, July 10, 7 pm - St. Timothy’s Church, Basement/Chapter Meeting Room (off alley)
Have you wondered about how you might contribute to our local community? Have you ever wondered about how the City works (or doesn’t work), and how decisions are made that have an impact on our neighborhood? Have you had an idea that you thought would make our neighborhood a better place to live? Have you a bit of time to “give back” to lend a hand to volunteers working under the WSSM banner? Have you thought there is more that WSSM can do to represent the community?
If so, please join us at an upcoming volunteer orientation where we will talk about what we have been able to accomplish, what priorities we have looking into the future and where current volunteer needs are greatest. Regular meeting attendance is not required. We have short term and long term tasks before us and will work with you to find something that needs to get done that matches your skills and interest. Give it a try…. Check it out: Tuesday, July 10th, 7 pm.
To those who indicated an interest in volunteering when you sent in your community survey results, we are mailing out a personal invitation to you.
PLEASE COME ONE AND ALL. Bring interest, curiosity and any questions you may have. We’ll bring info, refreshments and the welcome mat. RSVP to Bob Cimiluca at bcimiluca@hotmail.com or call 310 475-3826. We hope to see you on the 10th. If you would like to volunteer but are unable to attend on the 10th, let Bob know and we will schedule an additional “make up” orientation session to pick up those unable to be with us on the 10th.

Next Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting - Thursday, July 12, 7 pm. Westside Pavilion, 3rd floor community room behind the food court

Section 3 - FOR YOUR INFO
Support for LA 2050 Activation Challenge

The My LA2050 Activation Challenge is an open call for ideas that will activate 100,000 Angelenos to make LA the best place to learn, create, play, connect, and live. The competition is divided into several different categories which you may be interested in considering with your vote.

Please consider lending your support to some of the smaller groups with projects. Larger organizations such as United Way have many sources of support and funding while smaller nonprofits often struggle to maintain consistent funding. Take a moment to look at the projects being presented in their respective categories.

Voting closes on June 29, so cast yours here: https://activation.la2050.org/vote/
**Crime Alerts**

**Crime Mapping:** The LA Times compiles crime figures by day and publishes them on a map that you can find at: http://maps.latimes.com/neighborhoods/neighborhood/west-los-angeles/crime/

A review of that map shows that many of the reported crimes in our area are taking place on the nearby commercial corridors (Pico, Westwood). We still have breakins of vehicles where valuables or visible items have been left and have been found by those looking for items to fence, etc. Please do not leave anything visible in your vehicle. There are people who are looking to relieve you of these items and cannot tell whether your sunglasses are 99 Cent store bargains or expensive shades that they can sell for a good return. These are preventable crimes.

We have had a number of car breakins, and burglaries over the past month. One block of Manning was struck two days in a row with night-time (8 pm and 9:20 pm breakin one day apart. This suggests that the block was being watched and people’s homes were cased in advance. WE NEED TO WATCH OUT FOR THE WATCHERS who may be sitting in parked cars or cruising our blocks. Consider taking a few extra minutes each time you leave your house to look up and down the block to see if you see anyone watching. Drive around the block to check things out. Even with a private patrol, it is likely that they won’t see what we might see since we are in our neighborhoods regularly.

We had one crime categorized as a violent crime in June: June 8th at 1 am someone walking on the 10700 block of Santa Monica Blvd. was robbed. Be cautious when out late at night.

**Package thief:** “Hello neighbors! On Wed. 6/13 around 7:30 pm, this brazen bearded man was lingering around my apartment building near Massachusetts Ave. and Greenfield with a Postmates bag in hand. He caught my eye as I was getting home from work because his accomplice (large female) was sitting in a red sedan pulled into our driveway with the engine running. Between the time I parked and got to my doorstep, he had taken the smaller of two Amazon deliveries. Fortunately it was just a box of Keurig coffee cups. I’ve already filed a police report and hope to share footage and photos with the LAPD if/when they call me back. I know they have a crazy backlog of such incidents given so many package deliveries these days. In the meantime, keep your eyes peeled for this guy! He had a thick beard, and he was in cahoots with a woman in a red sedan, License Plate: 5KMB373.”

If you follow NextDoor website, you can view the photo of the man in question: https://nextdoor.com/news_feed/?post=84842378

**Air Bag Thefts:** It appears that a number of Honda vehicles have been targeted in our neighborhood for air bag thefts — at least FIVE cars were damaged with air bag removals in one night last week! The vehicles show no evidence of breaking in (no broken windows) so it is highly possible that entry is being gained via an electronic hack of the key fob that extends its distance beyond the usual 2-3 feet. If you have a Honda parked outside, please research what precautions you can take to make it impossible for hackers to hijack your car opener signal. And always remember to report any crimes to LAPD so that their statistics accurately reflect crime in our area; we receive police resources based upon those figures. They also need to know whether there are any trends developing. I have been told that unmarked undercover
LAPD vehicles have been added to patrol duties in our area in response to the home and vehicle break ins.

**Back/Side Yard Gate Security – Animals in danger** We have received three reports of instances where latched gates have been opened on peoples’ driveways and animals (primarily dogs and one turtle!) have been released from the yard and set free to wander. It is important that side gates be locked – not latched to protect your pets and also to prevent home burglaries as most knock knock breakins occur at a side or rear door or window out of sight from the street.

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**Norms Project Plans revealed!**
The mystery as to what may transpire at the former NORMS location has been ended. As reported in LA Curbed, the owner is proposing construction of an 89-unit apartment complex on the property which is to include 10 units for “extremely low income” renters. Under the City’s fairly new “Transit-Oriented Communities” program, the inclusion of low income housing provides numerous opportunities for development bonuses – increased project size, height, reduced setbacks, etc.

WSSM will have the developer and/or their representatives attend our AUGUST 7 board meeting (7 pm-St.Tim’s chapter basement meeting room) so prepare to attend and bring your questions.

The City hearing for the HAUL ROUTE associated with the construction of two homes that are on the formerNorm’s parking lots on Camden Ave. has been postponed due to community concerns that the notice of the hearing was insufficiently done. As the two homes proposed apparently have full basements, there will be a need for haul route designation and hours when hauling may be done. Watch for rescheduled date/time. If you receive notice of any pending hearings affecting properties in our area, it is helpful (and wise) to forward a copy to WSSM in the event that we have not received notice. Also remember that with many City decisions there is a stated appeal period during which appeals or challenges to decisions may be made. If that time has passed, no appeals are possible. In short: Pay attention to all notices from the City announcing hearings or land use/entitlement decisions that may affect nearby properties.

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**Volunteer Opportunity: Volunteer drivers needed to deliver donated food to PATH homeless shelter locations**
Help organize donations, assemble grocery bags, and load your car before heading out to a pre-approved PATH location. Locations include (from highest priority): West LA, Del Rey, Mid-City, Northeast Los Angeles, North Hollywood, and Winnetka.

For more info and to sign up, go to: https://volunteer.lamayor.org/opportunity?id=FXEwsF0M4W

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This email blast is a service of **Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. Homeowners Association (WSSM)**, a non-profit organization incorporated in 1971. We represent single family and condominium homeowners in the area between Santa Monica and Pico Blvds. on the north and south, and from Beverly Glen through Sepulveda Blvds. on the east and west. We welcome and invite your participation, comments, feedback and suggestions.

You Are Invited …
To let us know your concerns about our community, and your ideas about how we might work to improve it
To become involved in our Association.
To attend our monthly Board Meetings*

*Board Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at St. Timothy's Church, Basement/Chapter meeting room, Pico and Beverly Glen Blvds.- enter meeting room from the alley behind the church off of Beverly Glen. THE NEXT MEETING IS Tuesday, July 3rd. Parking is on nearby streets with limited parking off the alley behind the church.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES NOW! We invite your active membership in WSSM and request your dues contribution to support our work. Annual dues are $25 and can be paid via check by mail or at our Annual Meeting. With your dues payment, please include your: name, address, email address and any specific concerns and/or volunteer interests you may have.

Please note: Due to the late date of our 2017 Annual Meeting, we are waiting until Spring 2019 to host our next Annual Meeting so that we can get back on track with spring meetings. Last year’s meeting was held in the fall (Oct.) in response to construction at St. Timothy's Church, our meeting place.

WATCH FOR OUR NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON!

Our Mailing address is:
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P.O. Box 64213
Los Angeles, CA 90064-0213

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FW: WSSM Action Alert and News - Send EXPO Corridor Plan Comments NOW

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Thank you for your consideration,

Yvonne Hormasji

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Thank you for your consideration,

Marcelo and Irene Olavarria
2242 Midvale Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90064
To All Concerned,
I live in the neighborhood near the Westwood and Sepulveda Expo Light Rail stations and I SUPPORT the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) Proposed Project as presented to the City Planning Commission October 2017 by the Planning Department.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE MODIFICATIONS MADE BY THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE PROPOSED ECTNP IN NOVEMBER 2017.

I have been a supporter of the Expo line for years, meeting and campaigning for it over and over. After it became a reality, we had to do the hard civic work of making sure the implementation was as positive as it could be for the local communities, and the city as a whole. This also required lots of analysis by City Planning, as well as consensus building and hard work by community residents all along the Expo Line.

I also support the objectives for density, and the underlying rationale for creating a more dense, greener, ped-friendly city. I have lived in both Washington, D.C and Chicago, where public transit has had a powerful positive effect on quality of life. I have lived in lovely, densely populated communities in both cities.

The additions and modifications made by the CPC to the ECTNP turn a good, well-reasoned, democratically fashioned plan into a much poorer plan that pushes past the stated objectives of the project, stressing the neighborhoods beyond what the community and infrastructure can support, and throws democratic process out the window.

Pushing to "top off" the population densities of this plan only to serve to help developers to "top off" their profit margins on the projects. I am not against development at all. I object to pushing the ECTNP to the point that the communities it is meant to serve are subjected to a poorer quality of life, because a sensible, well-developed plan was changed at the last minute to improve ROI for the developers.

Please do the smart, and right, thing and approve the original proposed ECTNP as presented in October. It is a good, carefully considered plan that meets all of the original objectives for the project. It also creates the opportunity for the development of livably dense, "human-scale" neighborhoods that can be truly joyful, vibrant places to live. We got this information six days before this council vote. WHY?

Sincerely,

Lauren Thomas
Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan - accommodate pedestrians and bike riders

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Dear planning authorities,

I own a home in the Westwood South of Santa Monica neighborhood. The WSSM Home Owners Association has urged us to oppose the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan. I am not with the HOA in opposing greater density. Greater density is appropriate in connection with transit.

Also appropriate in connection with transit is more people friendly streets for those who would like to access transit by foot and bicycle. Pico and Westwood are both horrible in this regard. They are designed to pack in as many cars as possible, including empty vehicles stored in the roadway (parking). About the upzoning, I am indifferent. But please give us wider sidewalks and bike lanes.

Calla Wiemer

2253 Glendon Ave

Los Angeles, CA 90064
Council File 18-0437 Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan-OPPOSE city planning commission Modifications

Demitra Cimiluca <dcimiluca@gmail.com>  Mon, Jun 25, 2018 at 6:03 PM
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I support the ECTNP proposed project as presented to the City Council Planning Commission Oct 2017.

Demitra Cimiluca
AGAInst OUT OF CONTROL PICO UpZONING

Sarah Fitzsimmons <shfitzsimmons@gmail.com>  
To: Sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Mon, Jun 25, 2018 at 6:13 PM

To the Planning Committee:
I have attended so many neighborhood meetings over the years to try to preserve our neighborhood and now I find out that a developer is swooping in at the last minute and calling us names in order to line their development coffers. All our neighborhood meetings, all our letters, all our pleas have been discounted and are now being ignored. We want smart development. We want parking and we want to consider the impact on schools and we want affordable housing. But we want it to be part of a neighborhood dialogue. Not an outside power grab by developers. Please listen to the neighborhood. Development out of control is not preserving the quality of life on the westside.

Thank you

Sarah Fitzsimmons
2350 Greenfield Avenue
LA 90064
Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan OPPOSE City Planning Commission Modifications

Gloria Tapanes <gtapanes@verizon.net>  
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Thank you for your consideration,

Gloria Tapanes
Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan

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Dear Council Members and LA City Officials,

I live just south of the Expo Light Rail line between the Westwood and Sepulveda stations. When most of my neighbors were protesting the train, I was saying "bring it on" AND do it in a way that is kind to / useful for the community.

When my neighbors said that we needed permit parking so that rail riders wouldn't clog up the parking on our streets, I said no way - people need a place to park and take the train because it's all of our responsibility to be civic minded and to try and help alleviate the traffic messes we created.

I lost the permit parking battle, but I did not lose my believe in being civic minded, in rolling up my sleeves to help find solutions to our traffic congestion and our affordable housing crisis.

The time is now to make changes to our zoning laws to create more housing at all income levels. It is for this reason that I SUPPORT the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) Proposed Project as presented to the City Planning Commission October 2017 by the Planning Department. I SUPPORT the proposal with the modifications made to include additional upzoning of Pico Boulevard between Sepulveda and Overland (Plan Sub-Area 26) and upzoning of existing residential R2.1 properties on Exposition Boulevard (Plan Sub-Area 25).

It's not enough to say that we want more housing and to alleviate the homeless epidemic across our city and then to point to some other neighborhood and say, "there, over there, that's where the changes should happen." We, each of us, in each council district, need to be part of the solution.

Thank you for your service and your hard work.

Sincerely,
Debra Silverman
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Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan

Genie Saffren <gsaffren@gmail.com>  Mon, Jun 25, 2018 at 7:06 PM
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Genie Saffren

Sent from my iPhone
I live in the ECTNP area – close to Pico and the Westwood Expo station. I have followed the planning process carefully for several years and have attended the outreach meetings. The plan presented to the City Planning Commission in October last year seemed like a reasonable plan that met all the objectives of the project, and I supported this version of the plan.

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The CPC changes seem to allow developers additional density without insisting on the affordable units that projects permitted under the TOC would require.

Finally, I have an issue with the way that “Abundant Housing” seems to have hijacked the democratic process. Especially as the changes their “recommendations” to the CPC seem focused on profit, not community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Debbie Millar
RE: Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan

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Lisa Schechter
PMA® Certified Pilates Teacher
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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Richard Arnold
Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit OPPOSE City Planning Commission Modifications

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David Schechter, M.D.
20+ year resident of area
Golfer at Rancho Par 3
Member of local community groups
Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Neighborhood Plan: OPPOSE City Planning Commission Modifications

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RE: Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Neighborhood Plan: OPPOSE City Planning Commission Modifications

I live on Camden Avenue in the community adjacent to the Westwood and Sepulveda Expo Light Rail stations and I support the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) which was presented by the Planning Department as the “Proposed Plan” in October 2017. The Planning Department’s staff’s dedication to overseeing an inclusive and democratic process is to be commended.

However, I strongly OPPOSE the modifications made to the Exposition Plan by the City Planning Commission in November 2017. Those changes include upzoning of Pico Boulevard between Sepulveda and Overland (Plan Sub-Area 26) and upzoning of existing residential R2 properties on Exposition Boulevard (Plan Sub-Area 25).

I oppose the CPC modifications because:

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- They undermine a democratic process by ignoring input from the residential and business communities, gathered at numerous community meetings, and via hundreds of comments, letters and petition signatures.
Moreover, the threat to the character of the shops and restaurants on Pico Boulevard, as well as the excessive density and height allowed adjacent to this wonderful residential neighborhood, is not justified. The Planning Department's Proposed Plan (October 2017) met all the objectives of the ECTNP and exceeded housing and jobs goals by many thousands each.

I therefore urge you to vote to remove the CPC modifications, especially including Sub-Area 26, from the ECTNP.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Hello,

I live in the community and I **support** the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) which was presented by the Planning Department as the “Proposed Plan” in October 2017. The Planning Department’s staff’s dedication to overseeing an inclusive and democratic process is to be commended. I also look forward to revitalization of this area!

Pico does need a face lift, and I support the inclusion of the community to come up with a plan. I do not support allowing lobby groups to influence the last phase of the process by the CPC without a rebuttal or input from the community.

I **strongly OPPOSE** the modifications made to the Exposition Plan by the City Planning Commission in November 2017. Those changes include upzoning of Pico Boulevard between Sepulveda and Overland (Plan Sub-Area 26) and upzoning of existing residential R2 properties on Exposition Boulevard (Plan Sub-Area 25). Perhaps I would agree with Area 26, and not 25... the neighborhood needs our say!

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- Most importantly: They are not justified. The Planning Department’s Proposed Plan (October 2017) met all the objectives of the ECTNP and exceeded housing and jobs goals by many thousands each.

I therefore urge you to vote to remove the CPC modifications, including Sub-Areas 25 and 26, from the ECTNP.

**I AM ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT TO OUR SCHOOLS AND DO NOT SEE MUCH CONSIDERATION OR A PLAN AROUND OUR ALREADY FULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE AREA.**

Thank you for your consideration,

Maryam
Support 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan

Dear Councilmember Huizar and the PLUM committee,

Early last year, my car when totaled when I was rear-ended driving into work. Rather than buy another car, I bought a bike and started an experiment to see if I could live in LA without a car. Immediately, I was happier-- I wasn't stressed out from driving (and its cost), my schedule wasn't limited by traffic, and exercise and fresh air were built into my daily routine.

But I'm lucky. I work within a biking distance to my home, have a safe route, and am physically/professionally able to ride the roundtrip. Even then, I bought a car after 6 months since I don't live within walking distance of places like grocery stores. Owning a car in LA is still a requirement, even for those of us who don't want one.

We have the opportunity and responsibility to remove the car ownership requirement. To do it, we have to allow development of walkable, bike-able and transit-centric communities-- communities that are effectively banned through our outdated zoning plans. The Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan would reduce our reliance on cars and make transit-oriented housing available and affordable to more Angelenos.

Housing is one of the biggest crises facing LA and California. It's time to show our fellow Angelenos and Sacramento that we can live up to our responsibility to address the housing needs of LA. Please support the upzoning plans around the Metro Expo line in West LA.

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RE: Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Neighborhood Plan: SUPPORT City Planning Commission Modifications

I live in Rancho Park, close to the Westwood Expo Light Rail station, and I enthusiastically SUPPORT the modifications made to the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (“ECTNP”) by the City Planning Commission in November 2017.

I have lived in Los Angeles since 1980 and in this neighborhood since 1989, and our city – and this community in particular – needs to seriously address the housing and traffic issues we have exacerbated by unreasonably clinging to suburban type, car-dependent neighborhoods in the middle of a dense, world-class city. It is simply unrealistic to expect that our neighborhoods should not change: They need to be more inclusive of young people and lower income people to increase vitality and diversity. We also have an obligation to try to address one of the root causes of homelessness by increasing the available housing stock, and to lower fossil fuel consumption (and attendant climate change) by encouraging denser and more walkable neighborhoods wherever and however we can.

Los Angeles, like many cities in California, has a housing crisis on its hands. The ECTNP – as modified by the Planning Commission – contains baby-steps in the right direction to address this crisis. This minimal forward progress should not be derailed by homeowners – however well-meaning – who seem motivated largely by nostalgia and fear of change.

I therefore urge you to vote for the ECTNP, including the City Planning Commission’s November 2017 modifications.

Thank you for your consideration,

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RE: CF-180437 Exposition Corridor Neighborhood Transit Plan

Dear Councilmembers,

On behalf of the LA Tenants Union – Hollywood Local, I am writing with regard to the proposed Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan. While we appreciate many of the provisions of the plan, specifically the affordability standard required before developers are allowed increased floor area ratio (so called “Bonus FAR”), we believe the plan needs significant changes to benefit the people of Los Angeles and not just developers.

We stand with ACT-LA in asking that the City require affordable housing for all projects with any residential component seeking Bonus FAR. Right now, the Draft TNP does not require projects that include 70% or more non-residential use to provide any affordable housing if they have a housing component. This is a significant benefit for developers that encourages development in areas that would be impacted by the loss of truly affordable housing. To get the Bonus FAR, developers should be required to provide community benefits like affordable housing. They should also be prevented from developing on any properties where there is currently any RSO units or where an Ellis eviction has occurred. We can’t continue to incentivize the loss of our truly affordable housing stock, which unlike affordable housing, doesn’t have a sunset clause.

Secondly, the plan as currently written represents a massive giveaway to hotel developers. The plan allows hotel uses by-right in what are industrial zones without any requirement they provide substantial public benefits. CUPs, appealable to City Council and agreed by developers to be regulated by the neighborhood council for retracting bad operators, should be required for all hotel uses in the transit neighborhood plan area. Hotel use should not be expanded beyond what is allowed under current zoning law. Neighbors should have a say to what is being built in their communities and how it will impact their needs. To do anything else is just incentivizing the construction of luxury hotels over needed housing and removing public participation.

Regards,
Susan Hunter  
Los Angeles Tenants Union  
Hollywood Local Case Worker
Sarah Fitzsimmons
Posted in group: Clerk-PLUM-Committee

To the Planning Committee:
I have attended so many neighborhood meetings over the years to try to preserve our neighborhood and now I find out that a developer is swooping in at the last minute and calling us names in order to line their development coffers. All our neighborhood meetings, all our letters, all our pleas have been discounted and are now being ignored.
We want smart development. We want parking and we want to consider the impact on schools and we want affordable housing. But we want it to be part of a neighborhood dialogue. Not an outside power grab by developers.
Please listen to the neighborhood. Development out of control is not preserving the quality of life on the westside.
Thank you
Sarah Fitzsimmons
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To Whom It May Concern,

I live in the community adjacent to the Westwood and Sepulveda Expo Light Rail stations and I SUPPORT the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) Proposed Project as presented to the City Planning Commission October 2017 by the Planning Department. The Planning Department's staff's dedication to overseeing an inclusive and highly participatory process is to be commended.

However, I strongly OPPOSE the modifications made to the Exposition Plan by the City Planning Commission in November 2017. Those changes include additional upzoning of Pico Boulevard between Sepulveda and Overland (Plan Sub-Area 26) and upzoning of existing residential R 2.1 properties on Exposition Boulevard (Plan Sub-Area 25).

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I therefore urge you to vote to remove the CPC modifications, including Sub-Areas 25 and 26, from the ECTNP. Notwithstanding Editorials in the L.A. Times, we need smart development, not out of control density that will lower overall quality of life.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Richard Arnold
RE: Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan
OPPOSE City Planning Commission Modifications

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Thank you for your consideration,

Margaret Kravitiz
LATNP / Martin Expo Town Center - PLUM, June 26th, Agenda Item 18-0437

Dan Martin
Posted in group: Clerk-PLUM-Committee

Case No. CPC-2013-621-ZC-GPA-SP
Environmental No. ENV-2013-622-EIR; SCH No. 2013031038

Dear Councilmember Mike Bonin, City Council and Members of the PLUM Committee,

On behalf of Philena Properties, LP, we respectfully request that LATNP’s proposed new zone for 12101 Olympic Blvd conform with the Martin Expo Town Center Project and Development Agreement approved in late 2016.

Sincerely,

Dan Martin
Co-Manager, Philena Properties

Sent from my iPhone
I write this request in SUPPORT of the TNP as a resident of a not-too-distant community where such changes would be anathema to most of the population, and as an urban planner who has tried to incorporate good planning practices from around the globe into my own approach to the urban planning field. Although I am an employee of the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, I speak on this issue from my experiences and education outside of that organization. I am taking this as an instance where the more difficult ideal must be pursued instead of the easier, probably more politically agreeable route.

I am certain that there is a lot of opposition to the idea of upzoning the area around the Expo Line to accommodate more people. I am also certain that the justification from those opposed will be that the upzoning will create more traffic, will degrade community character, will damage their property values, will increase crime, and will ruin the existing perfect place that residents live in now. Maybe for some people, it will do some of those things. Maybe it will even do all of those to an unfortunate few. It is still the right thing to do, and one of many necessary steps to take if the many issues that face Southern California now - homelessness, housing affordability, air pollution, environmental degradation, sprawling and disconnected communities, poverty, mental health, and climate change effects among many others - are to be addressed with effectiveness and the appropriate urgency.

What brought us to this point is a combination of the business interests of housing tract developers that sold the single-family house for the nuclear family as The American Dream, the automobile orientation of our society that demanded increased space for traffic capacity and parking at the expense of other modes of transportation, the exploitation of fear-of-the-other by real estate professionals that has remained embedded in our culture despite movement away from such overt displays of prejudice, the human tendency to dislike and distrust change from whatever has been established as the status quo, and the lack of political courage among officials at all levels to stand up to that antagonism towards change and do what is best for the community and for the society. The numbers speak toward this conclusion: the City of Los Angeles, once zoned to accommodate ten million people, now manages to hold only four million in its boundaries, and too often in uncomfortable circumstances. The state is so far behind on housing construction to meet demand that somewhere around four hundred thousand new units are predicted to be needed annually in order to meet a goal of three to four million new housing units by the middle of the next decade. The shortage of housing supply has put homeownership out of reach of many Californians, especially those in younger generations, and has severely strained the budgets of tenants who must often devote far more than the suggested thirty percent of their income towards the cost of housing.

The solution for these problems is complex, but it must involve a significant and sustained campaign to build more housing affordable to all income levels in need of it, and in every community where housing is in short supply. This means that not just more units, but more varied housing options must be constructed, and that they should be built where they will place the least burden in exchange for the most benefit to the community. It makes sense to add more housing capacity around the Expo Line, which can serve as an alternative to at least some of the vehicle trips that will be generated by new residents in the area. If it is planned well, much of the transportation of these new residents can be accomplished via alternative modes - transit on the Expo Line and buses, walking, and bicycling - instead of creating a more miserable vehicular traffic situation. Housing created within the transit shed by the proposed upzoning would thus alleviate the potential traffic that would be created by housing construction in the more common low-density manner that most Southern Californians are accustomed to - and this would in turn prevent added greenhouse gas emissions and pollution from automobiles which contributes to an estimated 1,300 deaths from air pollution per year in the region, as well as preventing some of the traffic deaths that would occur otherwise.

Adding housing capacity around the Expo Line would also serve to create a larger customer base for local businesses, benefiting the local economy by expanding upon the critical mass of customers those businesses need in order to survive and to profit. It would generate more local activity, meaning that there would be more
people observing what is going on in the community and less opportunity for crimes to be committed. On a longer timescale, when the time comes for the children of current residents to purchase housing of their own or to rent their own spaces, they will be more likely to have an option to do so nearby if a greater variety of housing types and volume of housing units is produced locally instead of the maintenance of the current status quo pricing them out of their own communities. By shouldering a portion of the overall housing burden, it will make a small but notable dent in the overall lack of housing supply, and may encourage other communities to contribute their share to the effort as well.

Most of these benefits will probably not be easily apparent to anyone living in the area, and depending on how effective the planning and implementation are, some may not materialize. Still, compared with accepting a continuation of the housing and affordability crisis, along with the many other related and intertwined issues, the upzoning of land around transit infrastructure to allow for more housing to be built seems to be the wisest of possible decisions. If it encourages other communities to reevaluate their own zoning near transit and to establish better transit systems linking urban nodes where sensible to do so, then it will further help all of us to overcome the difficult and defining issues that our society is struggling to address.

Please support the upzoning proposal, and let Los Angeles lead the way towards an improved and, perhaps, more ideal future for all Californians.

Thank you,

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Dear Honorable Members of the Plum Committee,

On behalf of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), I am writing to express support the Expo Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan, but also urge critical changes to ensure the plan does all it can to advance social and economic justice. As a matter of the principle that our communities need a wide variety of income levels alongside other forms of diversity, we believe it essential for city ordinances to incentivize—minimally, not discourage—multi-income opportunities for residency. With this in mind, we support the Planning Commission’s strengthening of affordability requirements and the additional capacity for housing on Pico Blvd and the Bundy Triangle Area.

However, we are also concerned regarding provisions that make hotels by-right in the plan area without requiring substantive public benefits. We believe that either the new privileges granted to hotel owners be removed, with CUPs still required and that permissible hotel use not be expanded within the new zoning area, or urge that more public benefits be required, including job training and a local hire provision in exchange for the expansion of hotel use in the plan zone. For example, the City could require a special conditional use permit in the area to allow more public discussion in determining whether hotels were the most appropriate use, including requiring disclosure of the economic benefits of hotel projects and requiring that the economic benefits of the hotel outweigh housing or high-quality industrial jobs. The permit could also require a hiring plan presented to ensure that hospitality jobs go to local residents and disadvantaged residents of Los Angeles. This type of arrangement would give the public the ability to best weigh in on what kind of development is best suited for their neighborhood and promote real equity in our city.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues, and we look forward to continuing to partner with you in demanding a more just and sustainable Los Angeles.

Blessings,

Rabbi Jonathan Klein
Executive Director, CLUE
Council File: 18-0437 - Exposition Corridor Neighborhood Plan: I OPPOSE undemocratic and uninformed City Planning Commission Modifications

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Dear Councilmembers:

I am not a wealthy person. I consider myself a middle class person, which after growing up in poverty, is a step up for me. I worked for years to carefully save my money to buy a home with my fiancé, which ended up being in the community adjacent to the Westwood/Rancho Park metro station. I recently moved into my home after living in a small apartment in Venice for several years, and though I miss walking to the beach, I love my new neighborhood. The proximity to transit and amazing small businesses on Pico, and being much closer to my work in Beverly Hills, are all reasons to be happy.

I support the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (ECTNP) which was presented by the Planning Department as the "Proposed Plan" in October 2017. The Planning Department’s staff’s dedication to overseeing an inclusive and democratic process is to be commended. This is the kind of process we need in city government, not closed door meetings that wash away years of effort from many dedicated people.

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