

Appeal Letter // BF // 200088 // 1662 Cubic Yards

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- THIS is the newest revised appeal..I apologize for the redundancy.

- Appeal of Haul Route by
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[3690 Goodland Ave.](#)[Studio City , Ca. 91604](#)

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[3696 Goodland Ave.](#)[Studio City Ca. 91604](#)

The property at 3690 and [3696 North Goodland Ave.](#) is currently 1 home on 2 lots with 2 different addresses .

The amount that is being applied for is 3625 cubic yards of earth taking more that 24 haul days .

These hearings were staggered and were heard at 2 different times , approx. 2 months apart.

Not all the neighbors that would be affected were notified by mail.

Because of this , The Board of Building and Safety ruled on these applications on different days , and in our opinion without considering , or realizing this is one location .

We contest and refuse the rulings on both Haul Route applications .

The grading and hauling operations will certainly

endanger the , safety , public health , and welfare of all the residents that live next to , and within proximity of the project site .

Cutting into the hillside will compromise the integrity of all of the neighboring hillsides and the Sunswept Drive above.

We believe this and are not at all convinced that your grading department reports can guarantee that the surrounding hillsides won't be compromised and slide.

We feel this way because a similar scenario happened on this same street in 1995.

Then Councilman Woo put a red flag on a big project on Sunswept Dr to re evaluate it .

It was not re evaluated . Mysteriously and quickly , it was pushed through. There was a rainstorm and the hillside slid into multiple homes on Goodland.

With that, we do not believe and trust that any safeguards you put in place will mitigate the liability.

Respectfully I must remind all involved with the history of bribery and scandal in the that the city is embroiled in . From the scandalous Councilman Jose Huizar to recently prosecuted building inspectors Hugo Joel Gonzalez , Raoul, Joseph Germain , Samuel In , and probes of the deputy inspectors involved in Mohamed Hadid's Bel Air mansion project to name just a few.

I bring this up this because just about everyone who looks at this property and envisions the amount of of excavation involved , contemplates the Environmental and overall safety concerns , and realizes that is a street above and directly behind the project cannot believe it was approved.

Unfortunately , the conclusory opinion is that bribery is involved .

So please forgive us if we simply do not trust this process and refute the approved grading permits .History proves the process has already failed us .

One question that begs to be answered is , if this project moves forward , and the hillside slides for any reason , who is liable and how are the homeowners protected , and for how long ?

ENVIRONMENT

We would like to remind the Board that This is Protected Land .

It is also a Sensitive Natural Community.

We Demand an Environmental Review of this entire project.

On the Environmental Assessment Form

The name of the Environmental Review Consultant is blank.

No Name, no company, no info.

It appears there was no Environmental Review done

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We have enlisted the help of a respected environmental engineer who specializes in ecological monitoring.

We have questions .

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Was a Biological Assessment conducted for the property, or just a Negative Declaration?

Was the Negative Declaration "mitigated" somehow ?

If so, what was the mitigation?

There are confirmed Coast Oak , and Walnut Walnut Trees within the properties.

Was a Tree Survey conducted?

Were they noted on the survey?

Was a Tree Protection Plan developed?

Was a Wildlife Connectivity analysis done?

What measures will be taken by the property owner / builder to ensure connectivity?

Would work be conducted during the nesting bird season, and if so, what

measures will be taken to ensure no harm is done to nesting birds?

There is a nesting raptor / Red Tail Hawk Nest within the project site

The Griffith Park Raptor Survey has documented actively-nesting Great Horned Owl and Red-tailed Hawk near the project site in 2021 - were these species surveyed-for?

Did the applicant violate CEQA by minimizing impacts from this property, perhaps by splitting up a larger project into two or more projects to mask actual impacts?

Were cumulative impacts analyzed, and what mitigation will be done to minimize these?

There are many protected resources on this property .

Is the property within a mapped wildlife corridor

Welfare

The definition of welfare is the health, happiness, and fortunes of a person or group.

This project will attack and diminish the welfare of all the residents of Goodland Ave and Sunswept Drive

Plants and trees create oxygen and absorb Greenhouse gasses.

By cutting down many mature growth trees and plants , oxygen is reduced, and the ability to absorb Greenhouse gasses is destroyed . The natural habitat of many animals including multiple species of birds, Red Tail Hawks , Deer , Bobcats, Raccoons , Skunks , etc. will be displaced .

These natural wonders are a source of health benefits and happiness for everyone that lives here.

The charm of our neighborhood and community is defined by the beauty of the mature untouched natural landscape and the style, size and position of the homes .This results in the neighborhood and the homes being more desirable , and thus more valuable.

This project will destroy these aspects , reduce the desirability , and in turn reduce the value of our homes .

Public Health

There will be Consistent and Constant loud noise dump trucks for more than 24 continuous days / 9am -4pm of

PLUS the constant and consistent loud noise of building 2 homes simultaneously for approx. 12-18 months .

According to a new study out of Germany's Mainz University Medical Center, an increasing amount of noise can actually throw your heart out of rhythm.Chronic exposure to neighborhood noise, especially if it includes transportation noise activity, may lead to higher blood pressure and increased risk of fatal heart attack, according to a 2011 report by the World Health Organization and the European Commission's Joint Research Centre

A lot of the residents that are older are in very close proximity to the project are especially at risk.

How are they protected ?

Who is responsible or liable if someone has a heart attack ?

Who is responsible if someone develop mental or emotional issues from the consistent and constant noise ?

We also ask at this moment that you actually pause , Listen closely to the pleas of a close knit happy neighborhood , and think about what you are proposing to destroy and alter forever.

We ask that you take the time and responsibility to contemplate how you are severely and negatively impacting the safety neighborhood , jeopardizing the health , happiness, welfare of it's residents .

As one neighbor described it, " "Allowing developers an easy path to come into a neighborhood and defecate ,and leave the residents with the stench ." We don't want the stench

We intend to keep fighting this and shine a large light on this project with the help of local media outlets , local TV news , The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and many other organizations .

Thank You

Sal Alessandro
