

May 28, 2021

Board of Building and Safety Commissioners
Room 1030
201 North Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Board File 200088 – Haul Route Letter of Appeal
Project Address: 3690 North Goodland Avenue
Date of Hearing: May 25, 2021

Dear Commissioners,

I attended the virtual hearing on Tuesday May 25, 2021 regarding the above-referenced hauling application by Hayman Development LLC, to export 1,662 cubic yards of earth from 3690 Goodland Ave. This letter shall serve as an official appeal of the May 25th decision and subsequent letter issued May 26th.

As stated at the hearing, there are two lots currently occupied by one home. The developer plans to tear down the single home and build two houses in its place. The address for the other portion of this property is 3696 Goodland Ave and that permit is being considered separately. It is unclear whether the hauling permit for 3696 Goodland was approved yet. The amount of earth to be exported from 3696 Goodland is 1,963 cubic yards, and with the 1,662 cubic yards from 3690 Goodland, a total of 3,625 cubic yards is projected to be removed. Goodland Ave. is an extremely narrow street and removing this amount of earth poses many dangers that were enumerated by residents at the hearing. In addition, I fear this project will destroy the natural beauty and character of the neighborhood. I am also worried about the mature native trees on the property, as well as wildlife connectivity since Goodland is part of the wildlife corridor. However, because this application focuses on the haul route, I will concentrate my appeal comments on that.

President Van Ambatielos was the only commissioner to reject the application. He alone seemed to understand the narrowness of our street and the safety risk the scope of this project poses to lives (no sidewalks for pedestrians) and the damage risk to property. He stated that “the haul route doesn’t work.” He also suggested that there should be restricted parking during haul days and times. I don’t see the “restricted parking” suggestion incorporated anywhere in the Commissioners’ final written response letter dated May 26, or the City’s letter dated April 21. You have been warned that regular cars have trouble traversing our street alongside parked cars. The street barely meets Fire Department road width requirements. In fact, I was late for my own mother’s funeral in August of 2019 because a fire truck was stuck in the middle of Goodland Ave with no way to move forward or backward until cars were moved. Please see the attached video to give you an idea of how narrow Goodland is.

The hauling route for 3690 Goodland must not be considered in a vacuum, but along with the hauling route for 3696 Goodland. I have no idea how many hauling days there will be when considering both lots? Will it be 16 days for both lots so we will have twice the number of trucks each day? Will it be double the amount of hauling days? None of these questions have been answered by the board, and these practicalities, along with restricted parking, must be considered. Our neighborhood and its residents, from infants to the elderly, must be kept safe, and deserve your reconsideration of this permit.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this appeal. I respectfully ask you to reconsider your decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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