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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(20) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The proposed project is completely inconsistent with the Community Plan. Among other things, the Community Plan, which was the result of countless hours of work on behalf of the community and the staff of the City, prohibits any new commercial development in Benedict Canyon (where there is no existing commercial development). The Community Plan requires minimal grading and requires a development plan that preserves the existing topography and natural resources. This proposed plan would require extensive grading and the removal of over 700 protected and significant trees. We are concerned that this plan would also create significant traffic, noise and other issues for the community, including but not limited to increased fire danger. Most importantly, the developer's effort to circumvent the zoning, grading and construction restrictions imposed by the current residential zoning, Baseline Hillside Ordinance and Overlay District through the use of a so-called Specific Plan is not only contrary to established policies and good zoning practices, it would also establish a terrible precedent for the future commercial development of the Santa Monica Mountains. For all of these reasons, the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the proposed project and we urge the Planning Department to reject the developer's application without further requiring the community and City staff to expend time, effort and money to resist this project.