



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

July 18, 2016

West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission
200 North Spring Street, Room 272
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: DIR-2015-1282-DRB-SPP-1A
Project @ 881 Alma Real Dr., Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
Hearing Date: July 20, 2016

Honorable Commissioners:

The Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the voice of the community for more than forty years. Our public Minutes evidence that on October 25th, 2007, the following motion was passed unanimously: *“The Pacific Palisades Commercial Village and Neighborhoods Specific Plan was adopted to eliminate visual blight and protect and enhance the unique character of Pacific Palisades by creating a series of design and development standards applicable to all commercial areas of Pacific Palisades. The PPCC hereby reaffirms the community’s support of the Specific Plan in all four commercial areas of Pacific Palisades.”* The position of the Pacific Palisades Community Council has not changed. This council, which represents all Palisades neighborhoods through elected representatives and appointed organizational representatives, supports the application of the Specific Plan to Pacific Palisades.

Although the Council has not weighed the arguments of the two sides in this appeal, the Pacific Palisades Community Council maintains that planning and zoning regulations, building codes, rules, restrictions, and ordinances that have been established for the good of the community should be applied, upheld and enforced by the Zoning Administrator, Building and Safety, and other governing bodies with jurisdiction over the approval, execution, and enforcement processes. When variances, variations, or exceptions are considered by governmental entities, PPCC's position is to support adherence to all legal measures which govern land use, structures, and vegetation. Exemptions to the Specific Plan should only be granted under strict scrutiny or they threaten to degrade the efforts of our community to control development in the commercial areas of Pacific Palisades.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Maryam Zar, President
Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc (via email):
Councilmember Mike Bonin (CD11)
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