



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Via email: kenton.trinh@lacity.org

**Re: Case No. VTT-73423; CEQA No. ENV-2016-307-CE (hearing date: February 27, 2020);
1270 N. Marinette Rd., Pacific Palisades (the “Project”)**

Dear Mr. Trinh:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the most broad-based community organization and the voice of the Palisades since 1973. We have only recently become aware of the above-referenced application, including proposals to remove ten protected trees and 53 “significant” non-protected trees in connection with the Project. Due to timing constraints our Board is unable to consider this application prior to the hearing,¹ and PPCC therefore takes no position on the overall proposed Project at this time.

However, we call the attention of the hearing officer to: 1) PPCC’s “Guiding Principles” (*attached below*), by which we require strict adherence to all applicable zoning and land use regulations; and 2) our strong support for enhancement and preservation of the urban forest and its canopy.

Accordingly, PPCC, acting by its Executive Committee,² requests that all City agencies involved in reviewing and making decisions in regard to the Project and/or tree removal proposals in connection with the Project apply, uphold and strictly enforce all City zoning regulations, provisions of the Municipal Code and rules promulgated by the Bureau of Street Services Urban Forestry Division that apply to the Project and/or any and all proposals to remove protected and “significant” non-protected trees in connection with the Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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David Card, Chair
Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc (via email):

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¹ The PPCC Land Use Committee (LUC) and Palisades Forestry Committee (PFC) are also unable to fully review the application for this Project and/or any tree removal proposals in sufficient time to present recommendations to the PPCC Board prior to the hearing.

² Acting pursuant to PPCC’s Bylaws, Art. V, Sec. 3(B).

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Attachment: PPCC Guiding Principles

Pacific Palisades Community Council Guiding Principles:

The PPCC maintains that planning and zoning regulations, building codes, rules, restrictions, and ordinances have been established for the good of the community. They 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 strict scrutiny and adherence to all legal measures which govern land use, structures, and vegetation. On a case-by-case basis the PPCC may support such requests if the proposed project positively affects health and safety, or is in the best interest of the neighborhood or the community in general. PPCC may take a formal position on an individual issue pertaining to variances, variations, or exceptions when requested to do so.

PPCC expects governing bodies to notify all affected parties of any proposed developments or requests for variances from codes and regulations as well as proposed, approved or pending changes to such regulations.

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