

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: October 19th, 2023 Dear City Council of the City of Los Angeles I presented the letter below in person to City Council back on February 9th, 2012 when the honorable members of The Planning & Land Use Committee were hearing from stakeholders in regards to the proposed then Hollywood Community Plan. I presented how my street - Outpost Drive, was originally engineered as a hillside residential street and not designed for commercial tour buses to operate as was switched to a collector twenty-five years ago. The street itself was never intended to operate commercial tour buses who stop on steep inclines in front of private homes, retelling anecdotes of previous residents obstructing driveways. The passengers stare at residents who are walking their dogs, themselves and small children as though we are zoo animals living our lives under prying eyes, all while at a prohibitively high cost of living. And on top of the added tour bus traffic and reckless driving practices, we also have the added issue of increased cut-through traffic to by-pass the corner of Highland & Franklin which is adding a considerable burden to the road maintenance itself. Under the new Hollywood Community Plan, council members decided correct the designation of Outpost Drive back to a local Hillside residential street. Thank you for listening. Kind Regards, BP Letter presented in 2012: As the City Council considers approval of the new Hollywood Community Plan, the Outpost Homeowners Association would like to request that the proposed Plan be amended by the Council to change the roadway classification of Outpost Drive from a Collector Street to a Local Street. We understand that this will not change the physical dimensions of Outpost Drive, which was developed in the 1920's, but it will provide a policy directive to City staff to support our efforts to preserve the quality of our neighborhood and reduce the speed of and volume of cut through traffic on this narrow, winding hillside street lined with single-family homes. The City of Los Angeles Standard Street Dimensions indicates that a Collector Street must be 44 feet wide with 5-foot sidewalks and 5-foot parkways. Hillside Collectors must be 40 feet wide with 5-foot sidewalks on both sides. The Standard Street Dimensions for a Local Street are 36 feet wide with sidewalks and parkways. Importantly, please note that Outpost Drive is a 36-foot wide residential street, with sidewalks only along its first four blocks

(1800-2100 blocks). There are no sidewalks in the 2200 to 2700 blocks. It is readily apparent that Outpost Drive meets the Local Street dimensions and not the Collector Street dimensions. See attached. Since Outpost Drive matches the City's Standard Dimensions for a Local Street, it must have been erroneously classified a Collector Street. The Hollywood Community Plan has not been updated for close to 25 years and may not be updated again for many years to come. Now is the time to correct this mistake and reclassify Outpost Drive as a Local Street as part of the community plan update process. Outpost Drive is lined solely with single-family homes, many of which are only 5-10 feet behind the face of curb. It is purely residential. There are no businesses, and no apartment blocks. Stop signs have been installed at all of the intersections along Outpost Drive, many by City Council ordinance over the objection of LADOT. This indicates that the City Council wants Outpost Drive to function as a Local Street. Other neighborhood traffic control measures have been installed along Outpost Drive, including landscaped median islands to slow the speed of traffic and peak period turn restrictions to reduce cut through traffic. The maximum speed limit on Outpost Drive is 25 MPH and the vehicular weight limit is 6,000 pounds. The typical speed limit is 15-20 MPH on all curves. The re-designation of Outpost Drive as a Local Street would not change its physical design, and would not preclude its use by residents of intersecting streets and adjacent neighborhoods. It would merely reinforce the policy of keeping it a quiet, low-volume, safe residential street. As it stands, Outpost Drive is used as a cut through from Hollywood to bypass Highland Avenue on the way to the 101 Freeway. Speeding and the blatant disregard of stop signs along Outpost Drive are rampant. Please help ensure the safety of our residents and especially our children by designating this residential street as Local. As a Local Street, the Outpost HOA would have greater leverage in gaining enforcement of noise and traffic regulations related to commercial vehicles, particularly tour buses on Outpost Drive. Property values (and City revenue) would be enhanced by the re-designation of Outpost Drive as a Local Street. On December 8th, 2011 the Outpost HOA Board was represented and testified on record at the City Planning Commission Regular Meeting. We would appreciate preserving this 95 year old community.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote in favor of this resolution to stop tour buses from stopping on Mulholland Drive. It is a hazard to stop on Mulholland Drive! they stop on blind curves in the middle of the street, it is dangerous. The tour buses drive up and down Outpost Drive and vicinity, and along Mulholland without regard for the cars around them. The buses stop in the middle of the road, even on Mulholland. It is a dangerous traffic hazard. It has gotten worse over the past couple of years, without regard for other vehicles attempting to safely go around them. At times they drive so slowly, it is even more dangerous. Outpost is not set up for Commercial traffic, it is too narrow and winding. The tour buses stop along Mulholland on blind turns and sit in the middle of the road, stopping at "no stopping" signs. The tour buses have speakers blaring outside of the vans as they drive down the road, or sit in the middle of the street. This is dangerous! There are many pedestrians in this area which makes it even more dangerous, many near accidents, regularly. Please pass this resolution to make the streets safe again.