

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the height and size of the proposed Belmont Village Senior Living at 10822 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca. 90024. There are Health & Safety concerns not only for seniors but for staff that should be taken into consideration when deciding on the status of the proposed building and it's location. A Harvard Medical School Research article, see article link below, from June of 2020, shows residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities accounted for 42% of all COVID-19 deaths in the US back in June. This is unsettling as many families had to remove their loved ones from facilities as such due to circulating viruses. When you have a circulating virus, residents feel trapped in their rooms, having meals left outside their door (rather than gathering in the dining room with friends), and not being allowed to participate in their routine activities or have visitors. In essence, it must feel like prison. Unfortunately, nursing homes and other long-term care facilities offer the perfect breeding grounds for viral infections like the novel corona virus. There are too many people living indoors in close quarters and in close contact. And, many seniors have compromised immune systems leaving them susceptible to life threatening viruses. We need to minimize the size of large facilities as such. The pandemic is ongoing and when Covid 19 is contained there will be another varient that is life threatening waiting to step in. Health and Safety needs to come before large profits from oversized buildings. *****We also need to protect the night skies for present and future generations. Besides more traffic and noise, the building lights create light pollution. Light pollution effects us all. The excess light we dump into our environments is endangering ecosystems by harming those of us whose life cycles depend on dark. We're endangering ourselves by altering the biochemical rhythms that normally ebb and flow with natural light levels. We should not be adding tall buildings which add more lights to our skys. We are not Las Vegas with disturbing light pollution. Let's get our dark sky back so we can see the stars. Lights with motion sensors also constantly go off and on all night long and disturber sleep. We need to cut down on the light pollution and light disturbance. Respectfully. Sintija Felder 10800 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, Ca 90024