

Communication from Public

Name: Tracy A

Date Submitted: 06/15/2021 07:43 AM

Council File No: 21-0174

Comments for Public Posting: Do NOT allow development that permanently harms the greater community. You cannot undo the negative impacts. The community will be forever changed, and not for the better. You cannot get back what is unique to El Sereno. Your community will become another generic part of sprawl. The short-term benefits you may perceive can NEVER excuse the long-term harm and loss. The endangered trees and all the life associated with them cannot be replaced or redone elsewhere. The housing is for pure profit. While there's nothing inherently wrong with the latter, it is in no way connected to embracing the community and the land that makes up El Sereno. And for that reason, you and the developers are supporting pillaging. Why not find a cooperative plan whereby the trees are protected and the housing is not just plopped on this special place. How is this different from clear-cutting? It's not. Take a stand to represent the long-term health of your community. Provide dialogue, cooperation, guidance. Don't just check this off your list or bend to the powerful influence of \$/developers. Think long-term and be creative.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Tims

Date Submitted: 06/09/2021 07:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to the 42 unit small lot project at 2720 N Eastern Avenue. This project will not provide housing that is affordable to our El Sereno residents, instead it will cause housing prices to rise further, causing further gentrification in my neighborhood. We do not need more for sale luxury housing. This project will increase traffic and bring pollution to my neighborhood. It will take more than 11,000 dump truck trips to remove the hilltop for this project. With climate change we cannot afford to lose more mature trees. Trees in CD 14 are being removed at alarming rates. Replacing mature trees with young trees will not provide the benefit that these mature trees provide. Many of these young trees will die. This type of project will increase the heat island effect in our community. These small lot projects discriminate against the elderly and disabled in that most of the kitchens in these projects are on the second floor. I did not receive notice of the May 2020 hearing or the February 2021 hearing.

Communication from Public

Name: Luis Trujillo

Date Submitted: 06/07/2021 01:39 PM

Council File No: 21-0174

Comments for Public Posting: I am deeply concerned over the removal of close to 40 protected black walnut trees and the overall detriment this project is going to have to the native ecology there.

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Name: Araceli

Date Submitted: 06/07/2021 09:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to the 42 unit proposed for 2720 N Eastern Ave! We are in a housing crisis and need affordable living for families not luxury housing on top of a hillside. listen to the communities this directly impact. We don't need, nor want it. We need to conserve our trees and open spaces. Please do not support this development project, support your community members.

Communication from Public

Name: Isabella Leon-Chambers

Date Submitted: 06/08/2021 12:06 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am *opposed* to the 42 unit small lot project at 2720 N Eastern Avenue. I find this project to be incredibly worrisome. Our city DOES NOT need more luxury housing! This building will not only help fuel gentrification but will also require moving trees in order to be built! Furthermore, this project is going to increase traffic in the area as dump trucks will have to make more than 11,000 trips (!!!) to remove the hillside (78,000 cubic yards of earth). :-(Did you know that trees communicate with one another underground? I didn't know this until a few years ago. They're all interconnected with their roots and send signals to one another. Removing 39 endangered and *protected* California Black Walnuts just isn't right, especially if this is all for the sake of another tacky-ass building. Please put this sort of energy into building affordable housing in LA without destroying the environment in the process!

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Name: Ernesto Vazquez

Date Submitted: 06/08/2021 08:48 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Aubrey Hicks

Date Submitted: 06/08/2021 09:56 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The East Los Angeles Planning Commission approved the removal of 39 threatened Black Walnut trees for removal, back in May 2020, and includes a zoning change to allow for the construction of 42 small units. IN the construction process, it will remove 78,000 cubic yards of earth. I am opposed to the 42 unit small lot project at 2520 N Eastern Avenue. This project will not provide affordable housing to El Sereno residents, instead it will increase housing prices in the neighborhood - causing further gentrification. In addition, this project will increase traffic and pollution in the neighborhood. The loss of these 39 trees will be detrimental to the health of the neighborhood and city. We cannot afford to lose mature trees at this moment in history. Trees in CD 14 are being removed at an alarming rate. Replacing mature trees with young trees will not provide the benefit that these mature trees provide. The soil will be damaged for decades to come - removing the vital biodiversity the trees and the microbiome currently provide. Many of the new, younger trees will die. Further causing damage to the ecosystem. This project will increase the heat island effect in this neighborhood. These Black Walnut trees are also threatened, removal of 39 mature trees ... is inexcusable in the decade in which we have to act to save humanity from itself. Yes, we need affordable housing. This is neither affordable or ethical. Climate change must be more holistically brought into the planning process. Removing an entire thriving hillside of biodiverse and healthy vegetation is inexcusable. Find a better way to construct the housing necessary, make sure it is truly affordable - let the neighborhood know in advance of meetings regarding construction plans and demolition of green spaces. This must be rethought to save the vital green space of the city. Mature trees like this will be vital if the neighborhood will be livable in the very near future.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Stull

Date Submitted: 06/08/2021 10:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning, I write to you today to express my disapproval of the planned removal of not only 39 mature native trees, but also the removal of approx 78,000 cubic yards of earth, to open the area for development. The environmental impact of removing these trees will be immeasurable, taking into account the wildlife hosted and supported. Even with replanting or replacing these trees, there will likely be no benefit to the environment for several years or decades, assuming that native species will be reintroduced. If foreign or exotic plants are installed, there will be an environmental net loss on an even larger scale. In short, my opinion is that this project will be detrimental to the natural environment and the only benefits will go to those who have a financial stake in the proposed project. Please do the right and just thing and protect the environment and the community. Regards,
Samuel Stull

Communication from Public

Name: Melanie Bellomo

Date Submitted: 06/08/2021 10:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly opposed to the project at 2720 N Eastern Ave. It will further displace the low-income members of this community. El Sereno is rich in culture that is quickly being erased to serve the interest of developers and those councilmembers whose pockets are lined by them. El Sereno, like my neighborhood of Lincoln Heights, is one of the most land poor regions in this state, if not the country. To remove and gut out this amount of habitat stands to further bury El Sereno into the heat desert that it is becoming directly because of developments such as this. The council needs to stand for the people of El Sereno and stop these racist developments that destroy not only our native habitat, such as the threatened Black Walnut trees that are protected BY LAW, but also destroy the fabric of this community, causing deadly displacement and cultural erasure.

Communication from Public

Name: Cassie Ferrick

Date Submitted: 06/08/2021 01:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I STRONGLY appose the removal of 39 endangered black walnut trees (and more) in my neighborhood in El Sereno. We do not need luxury housing. We do not need any more apartments that the actual residents here can not afford. There has been no notification to residents about any of the prior hearings on this which deeply saddens me because I love my community and my home. I love the nature that we coincide with and to remove it will cause damage that can never be prepared. Mature trees should not be torn down to build housing. Mature trees provide a unique value to an area and we can not afford to lose that value in such a dire time of climate here in the city of Los Angeles. Please, I beg you to reconsider. Do not approve this project. Please save these trees, and our home.

Communication from Public

Name: Clara Solis

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 10:08 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to the project being planned at 2520-2668 Eastern Avenue, 2647-2651 N. Lombardy Blvd. I am a resident of the 14th Council District. As millions of trees have perished in California, now is not the time to remove native protected threatened trees such as the Southern California Black Walnut. Removing a Black Walnut Woodland, one of the few remaining in Los Angeles County must not happen. We are facing a future with many more wildfires. The Southern California Black Walnut is a wildfire resilient tree. They provide habitat for many species of our local wildlife including owls and 29 species of birds. Planting replacement trees do not mitigate the loss of mature trees. Many of the new trees will not survive and it takes decades for these new trees to provide the community with the benefit of mature trees. The Black Walnut tree was used by the Chumash. There are few groves of Black Walnuts left. Here today, you can save this Woodland. The California Black Walnuts are endangered. Please protect these trees for our children and future generations. I am concerned of the pollution this project will bring to this neighborhood both during the construction and from the probable 200 additional vehicles that will be used by the residents of the project. Eastern Avenue already has a great deal of traffic. Lombardy also has traffic. Cars entering Lombardy and Eastern will be idling as they wait to enter these streets. This will bring more pollution to an already polluted area. The PM 2.5 pollution is in the 84th percentile according CalEnviroScreen. According to CalEnviro Screen 3.0, this census tract has a high risk of cardiovascular incidents. There were 76 heart attacks and 76 asthma attack emergency room visits per 10,000 people in this census tract during a two year period. Short-term exposure to outdoor air pollution following a heart attack has been shown to increase the risk of death. Long-term exposure to air pollution may also result in premature death for people with a previous heart attack. The effects of air pollution may also be greater in the elderly and people with other preexisting health conditions. The pollution created during construction will be harmful to this at risk community. The PM 2.5 pollution and noise from this project puts the health of this community at risk. I am further concerned that the community was denied the opportunity to participate. The hearing notices being sent during this pandemic are almost

entirely in English even though this census tract 6037201601 is 47 percent linguistically isolated which are households where no one over age 14 speaks English well. Linguistically isolated households may not hear or understand important information when there is an emergency like an accidental chemical release or spill according to CalEnviro Screen 3.0. A Spanish speaking resident receiving the hearing document will see a document almost entirely in English. When they turn the page over again the document is almost entirely in English except for one small line of type which says the individual can call this number for information in Spanish. When they call the number there is a message which is first is in English. The information that they can request a translator is listed in English. All of this adds up to most Spanish speaking individuals being denied the right to participate. They will probably look at the notice and not even see the Spanish portion that they can call the number. If they do call they receive a message and who knows if they will know to ask for a translator or if they will merely be told they don't have to attend. This discourages participation by Spanish speaking individuals. Further, the community can not come together and pass out flyers to let people know what is going on because of the safer at home orders. This further puts the community at a disadvantage and limits participation. Further I would like to note that the preprinted comment letters presented in favor of this project are not bilingual. The opponents of this project had petitions in Spanish and English. This project also puts neighborhood children at risk from traffic accidents. Vehicles attempting to leave the project will get frustrated and drive dangerously. Finally, please consider this is a high fire severity zone. Consider the future that we know. Climate change is real and will bring more wildfires to California. These buildings and the density they will bring will put the community at risk when trying to flee a wildfire. The 30-36 foot buildings set close together will be virtual chimneys in a fast moving wildfire. An extremely large number of residents fleeing a fire's only exit is through Eastern. Please do not be responsible for putting this community at risk. Please do not approve this project. Do not allow the destruction of a Black Walnut Woodland.

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