

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jamie Graham

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2021 09:31 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0174

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am opposed to the 42 small lot project at 2720 N Eastern Ave. this will not help residents of El Sereno with affordable housing but will contribute to the already ongoing gentrification of the area which only serves to push out the people living there who make the space what it is. It will also contribute to pollution, traffic, and trash in the area, as well as taking out a significant number of native mature trees vital to our ecosystem already in crisis. Replacing them with immature (likely non native) trees will not only be not even remotely similar to the carbon offset provided by the walnut trees already there but will drain the already drought - level area of water not required by the established native trees that have been adapted to the climate naturally. This project will contribute to the heat island issue in this neighborhood and also discriminates against elderly and disabled people with mobility issues as most housing in this project is on the second floor. We need to preserve our local mature native trees as well as not push community members who built the area into what it is today out through gentrifying housing developments.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bryan Matsumoto

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2021 09:40 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0174

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, Planning Commission and developers - the serious negative impacts of this project have not been openly addressed, which raises violations of public trust, transparency, and accountability. I and community members urge you to deny this development. At a time when our California governor and U.S. President are urging land preservation goals of "30% by 2030," and climate change is pushing cities to plant rapid tree canopies to offset rising temperatures and habitat loss, this project plans to: forever destroy one of the last remaining El Sereno hillsides, kill 39 protected California Black Walnut trees which are a rare Southern California signature wildlife magnet, and remove 78,000 cubic yards of the hillside, which will result in 11,000 dump truck trips polluting the air the community breathes. At the purchase of this land in 2018, an enormous California Black Walnut tree was illegally cut down in the dark of night. Its 3-foot wide stump remains, and Google Earth historical aerial photos confirm the presence of its wide and precious life-giving canopy that was brutally and illegally chopped down, violating CEQA and City planning and habitat protection statutes. The site is along a documented wildlife corridor and provides critical habitat for numerous species. The site also provides vital open space for the community's public recreation, mental and physical health needs. All this will be destroyed to profit luxury housing. For these clear negative impacts we hold you accountable to deny this development plan for the health of the community and our region's biodiversity and ecological sustainability. In good faith, the community entrusts you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brendan Coates

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2021 10:53 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi there, I have to say that this seems like a really horrible project that is literally taking the top off the hillside. It will remove 39 endangered and protected California Black Walnut trees without providing even one unit of housing that will be affordable to the low income residents who currently live in CD 14. We need to balance new development with respect for this earth which gives us literally everything. Removing these trees would deplete important habitat for the other critters with which we share this earth, and with whom our very survival is intertwined in this time of climate disaster. Please don't do this. The address of the proposed development is 2520 North Eastern Avenue (2532, 2608, and 2668 North Eastern Avenue and 2647-2651 North Lombardy Boulevard).

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amy Ludwig

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

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I write to oppose lopping off the top of a hillside to create more luxury housing! The proposed development is 2520 North Eastern Avenue (2532, 2608, and 2668 North Eastern Avenue and 2647-2651 North Lombardy Boulevard) will DESTROY 39 endangered protected California Black Walnuts without providing a single unit of housing that will be affordable to low income residents who currently live in CD 14. This is a really horrible project. Los Angeles should not be strip mined and denuded of protected trees like this just to benefit fat cats. Please stand up for the community against this horrible project. This doesn't provide a single unit of low -income housing. These are market rate for sale units that will cost more than any of us can afford. It's time for us to say enough is enough. We shouldn't be wasting CD 14's scarce remaining lots on luxury units especially when they are removing endangered protected trees. We need AFFORDABLE housing and trees!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emilie Chen

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2021 10:58 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** 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 exacerbating skyrocketing housing prices and gentrification in this neighborhood. We do not need more luxury housing that discriminate against elderly and disabled folks by putting kitchens in the second floor of many of the planned buildings. Additionally, this project will increase traffic, pollution, and the heat island effect to the neighborhood, while removing mature trees and an entire hilltop, requiring the use of more than 11,000 dump truck trips. The carbon sequestration benefits that mature trees provide are crucial for curbing global climate warming, and their ecological services cannot be substituted with young, immature trees. Finally, I did not receive notice of the May 2020 hearing or the February 2021 hearing. This project does not have the community's best interest in mind but is driven by the greed of a small and privileged group of developers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Salma H.

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2021 10:58 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** LA City Council, I am commenting on behalf of myself and the residents of El Sereno who oppose the 42 Unit small lot project at 2720 N Eastern Avenue. Besides the fact that our community faces a homelessness crisis, these dwellings will NOT benefit the community as they are not eligible as affordable housing, we see this project as fruitless and hazardous to our neighborhood. Gentrification is rapidly affecting our communities, we cannot afford to lose anymore! Additionally, this project failed to properly administrate a traffic study, failed to research on the ecological habitat and failed to recognize special status plants and wildlife. Developers failed to conduct accurate and adequate surveys on the planning of this project. Our communities do not need any more luxury homes that are almost impossible for any one of lower to middle income backgrounds to reside in. Aside from the displacements and increase in housing this project will bring, this project is a form of environmental racism as its planning measures of building this development will only bring toxic and hazardous chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer. Evidently, this project is not in favor of our community. We, the residents of El Sereno oppose this project from it furtherly being completed. Salma Hernandez