

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Striks  
**Date Submitted:** 09/26/2023 09:45 AM  
**Council File No:** 23-0835

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am the owner of two residential properties within a few hundred feet of the proposed project. The project was approved under the original ED1. Unfortunately the project was approved prior to ED1 being amended. The project would not be allowed under the current ED1. The original ED1 was issued by Mayor Bass with extreme haste and with lack of foresight. The consequences of the original ED1 were not anticipated. It should not be upheld. A seven story, 200 unit development in an R1 zone on an unpaved residential street would adversely affect the surrounding single family residential neighborhood. I strongly oppose the project.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David

**Date Submitted:** 09/24/2023 05:13 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My house is on Albers street and the streets are so narrow for cars, let alone the trucks for construction. The amount of parking is inadequate to the amount of families that is proposed. The streets in our area we only have one sided parking availability. The congestion and traffic that will be a byproduct of this project is going to destroy the whole neighborhood. When I moved from the city to this neighborhood, we were trying to get away from the congestion of the city. Why put a multi floor structure in the middle of a quiet side street with no access to major Blvd? Ethel is narrow street that presently has 20-30 cars an hour drive down between Burbank and Chandler. With the influx of all these new tenants and cars it will multiply the traffic by 30 times. I invite you to physically come down and take a look for yourself.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephen Lang

**Date Submitted:** 09/25/2023 01:45 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0835

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council, As you are aware, the project slated for 5501-5511 Ethel Ave, Sherman Oaks is to be a 7 story 200 unit apartment building in the middle of an R1 zoned neighborhood. The location is adjacent to a special needs school and on a street that has no sidewalks and extremely limited parking. Due to the lack of sidewalks on this narrow street, many people are walking with their toddlers in strollers in the middle of the street to attend their religious services . The city tried to fast-track any project that was "affordable housing" and did away with impact studies, notification to the of the homeowners and consideration of the congestion, not to mention the increased demand for water and sewage. While I support the idea of creating affordable housing, the most important consideration should be to the impact of communities and neighborhoods. The city amended it's initial guidelines after realizing the mistake it had made, but the builder appealed and was able to be grandfathered into the original terms based on his law firm claiming that he had to protect his financial investment. We are talking about a billionaire who is proposing charging rents that are comparable or above going rates for apartments in the area. There is clearly a profit motive behind this and is not some kind of altruistic endeavor. I respectfully ask you to come see our street and you will immediately see with your own eyes how this project does not fit in our small neighborhood whatsoever. The list of negatives is far too long to list here. The proposed building will house more people (estimate is 500) than live in our 6 street community. You will be doubling the population here. If you count all the houses on Ethel Ave, Worster Ave, Killion St, Leghorn Ave, Cumpston St and Albers St (our neighborhood), it's less than 100 houses but you are allowing for 200 units to be built that have as many as 3 bedrooms! The original R1 zoning allowed for up to 6 houses to be built on the current property. You are now allowing effectively 200 new houses. This project must go back to the original R1 zoning that it was meant to be. Sincerely, Steve Lang - 5536 Ethel Ave  
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