Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, I am a resident of Windsor Village, a designated Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ), currently facing the potential construction of a massive, inappropriate ED1 project at 800 S. Lorraine Blvd. (Council File: 23-0623). This project threatens to overshadow our community, reduce vital parking spaces, and destroy the historical essence that defines our neighborhood. On April 26, 2024, Councilwoman Katie Yaroslavsky introduced an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) regarding ED1 (Council File: 24-0490). But because the current ED1 ordinance protects only single-family neighborhoods, and not HPOZ neighborhoods that are multi-residential as well as single-family (Windsor Village is a multi-residential HPOZ), the 800 S. Lorraine Blvd. ED1 application was accepted for processing by City Planning. The prior amendment to ED1 exempted single-family neighborhoods from such developments; unfortunately, it did not prevent the loss of neighborhood character elsewhere. The current interim ED1, awaiting codification, offers no protection to HPOZs, allowing developers to exploit properties and irreversibly alter our community. I urgently request that you amend the current ED1 to explicitly prohibit ED1 projects within HPOZ boundaries, ensuring protections akin to those afforded to single-family zones. It is critical that this amendment is enacted immediately, not deferred until after the codification process. Councilmember Yaroslavsky's proposed ICO, while a step forward, allows too much flexibility for interpretation and could fail to protect our historic neighborhoods adequately. It must be revised to categorically ban all ED1 projects in HPOZs during the interim period. We trust in your leadership to make the necessary corrections to safeguard our community's heritage. Thank you for your immediate attention to this pressing issue. Sincerely, David Jang 715 Lorraine Blvd