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Re: Opposition to Council File 25-0396, Sun Valley Metrolink Station / 8358 San Fernando Road / Interim Housing Construction / Support Services / General City Purposes Fund

Dear Councilmembers,

On behalf of The Climate Corps Initiative (TCCI), the first environmental nonprofit dedicated to serving the disadvantaged community of Sun Valley, we write to express our deep concern and strong opposition to City Council File 25-0396.

Our organization works on the front lines of environmental justice, community resilience, and equitable planning. Sun Valley, like many communities across Los Angeles, has borne more than its fair share of environmental and social burdens. It is therefore critical that city decision-making reflect a responsible balance between development, public safety, and community well-being.

Unfortunately, the proposal outlined in Council File 25-0396 fails this test. As currently presented, it would endanger public safety, intensify existing vulnerabilities, and amplify the risks faced by the families, seniors, and young people who call Sun Valley home.

Public Safety Concerns

Sun Valley already struggles with severe risks tied to air pollution, extreme heat, inadequate infrastructure, and limited public services. Approving this project would add further strain and significantly increase threats to community health and safety. Our residents already experience elevated rates of asthma and respiratory illness, making them especially vulnerable to additional pollution sources.

Moreover, the infrastructure in the proposed area cannot absorb a development of this magnitude without worsening flooding, traffic congestion, illegal dumping, crime, and overall service strain—further jeopardizing both public safety and already failing infrastructure.

Poor Planning and Zoning Conflicts

The project reflects poor planning and disregards long-term city goals. The proposed site sits within a multi-generational neighborhood where homes, schools, small businesses, places of worship, and parks all overlap within a short radius. Rather than advancing sustainability and livability, this measure undermines the city's own environmental justice directives and sustainability initiatives. It also appears to conflict with zoning and land-use ordinances, raising further red flags about the appropriateness of this project at this site.

Lack of Public Outreach



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Equally troubling is the absence of meaningful community outreach. Our nonprofit has spoken with residents, business owners, and families—many of whom were entirely unaware that this proposal was moving forward. True public engagement requires early, transparent dialogue and genuine opportunities for input, not token meetings or surveys conducted after key decisions have already been made. Anything less is both inadequate and unjust.

Social Strain: Crime, Homelessness, and Displacement

Sun Valley is already grappling with rising crime rates, visible increases in homelessness, and an underfunded public safety network. Introducing a disruptive project of this magnitude, without parallel investments in housing, jobs, infrastructure, or community services, will only worsen instability. Instead of uplifting vulnerable neighborhoods, this measure risks deepening inequities and displacing families who have lived here for generations.

Call to Action

As leaders sworn to serve and protect all Angelenos, we urge you to carefully weigh the disproportionate impact of Council File 25-0396 on disadvantaged neighborhoods like ours. Development that ignores environmental justice imperatives in an environmental justice area exposes a troubling double standard in how burdens and resources are distributed across Los Angeles.

For these reasons, The Climate Corps Initiative, on behalf of Sun Valley residents, strongly recommends that this motion be withdrawn in its entirety or, at minimum, that the project be relocated to a more suitable site - one that is not adjacent to family homes, schools, parks, businesses, and sensitive community spaces.

Sun Valley deserves investments that strengthen health, safety, and opportunity - not projects that place its people at greater risk. We urge you to reverse course on this misguided proposal and instead champion initiatives that uplift rather than endanger marginalized and vulnerable communities.

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