

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in support of Carlton-Serrano Tenants' appeal opposing the City Planning Commission's approval of a luxury property development that will demolish seven rent-stabilized apartment buildings and displace dozens of current residents. As a born-and-raised Angeleno, I've lived my entire life in a rent-controlled apartment in Los Angeles. My neighbors include multigenerational families and elders who, like me, are long-term residents and the backbone of this city. I am fortunate to live in a neighborhood that has been designated a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ), where efforts are made to protect both the physical character and the social fabric of the community. Our city is peppered with failed luxury projects that stand as huge reminders of unchecked development. I have family members who live near Oceanwide Plaza, the \$1.7 billion complex in Downtown that halted construction in 2019 and now remains abandoned with at least 27 of its floors are covered in graffiti. We can literally see how these projects can inflict damage by tying up valuable urban land while accomplishing little for housing affordability. The proposed project on Carlton Way threatens not only to erase affordable housing but to uproot an entire community. There are many layers to the devastation this project would bring to the community. We cannot stand to lose more affordable homes and our community members should not be subject cultural and emotional trauma of forced displacement. True affordable housing policy should center the people who already live here, not push them out to make way for luxury units few can afford. I urge you to stand with the tenants and stop this project. Sincerely, Kendall James Los Angeles, CA 90036