

Communication from Public

Name: Miles Seiden

Date Submitted: 02/22/2026 09:03 AM

Council File No: 26-0184

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in opposition to the proposed redevelopment of the Woodland Hills Country Club at 4868 Canoga Avenue. This comment isn't a wholesale rejection of housing developments in LA. It's a call for discernment—about place, risk, and responsibility. The site in question sits within a landscape shaped by heat, wind, and fire. Anyone who lives in the West Valley understands this not as theory, but as lived reality. Evacuation routes already strain under pressure. Roads narrow. Time compresses. In emergency moments, capacity is not an abstract metric—it's the difference between safety and harm, or worse. Adding hundreds of new households to this location without rigorous, site-specific wildfire evacuation modeling asks the public to accept uncertainty where clarity is required. Before any approvals move forward, the City must require independent analysis that shows, plainly and credibly, how people would leave safely during a fire—during peak conditions, during construction, during the moments when everything is moving at once. If that safety case cannot be made, the project should not proceed. Of equal concern is the attempt to advance this development through streamlined approval pathways that limit local review. Speed is not wisdom. Streamlining may serve appropriate infill projects, but this is a large, high-consequence development in a sensitive fire and infrastructure context. Reducing environmental and safety scrutiny here does not feel like progress—it feels like avoidance and lack of accountability. The project also proposes 835 parking spaces. That number tells a simple truth: this is a car-dependent development that will add daily traffic to already constrained corridors. Congestion affects quality of life, yes—but more importantly, it affects emergency access when seconds matter. Traffic, construction impacts, and cumulative growth must be fully analyzed and publicly addressed, not waved through. There is also the land itself to consider. While a golf course is not untouched wilderness, it functions today as open, permeable ground—absorbing water, moderating heat, and offering space for air and movement. Large-scale hardscape changes that balance. Claims of “open space” must be measured not by labels, but by ecological function, long-term protection, and real public benefit. The inclusion of affordable housing matters. It deserves respect and consideration. But affordability does not cancel out risk. We

should not place families or seniors into a location where evacuation safety and emergency access remain unresolved. Housing solutions must be humane not only in price, but in protection. Los Angeles can do better than false choices. We can build housing where it is safe. We can respect climate realities rather than outrun them. We can choose planning processes that build trust instead of eroding it. For this site, that means one of two paths: 1) deny the project as proposed, or 2) require a fundamental redesign grounded in fire safety, infrastructure limits, environmental impact, and full discretionary review. Not everything that can be built should be. And not every open space can absorb the same weight. Thank you for listening—not just to the need for housing, but to the land, the risk, and the people who live with both.

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Name: James Valentine
Date Submitted: 02/22/2026 07:37 PM
Council File No: 26-0184
Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to support Bob Bloomenfield's motion (CF 26-0184). In order to protect public safety as well as the ecosystem of the Santa Monica mountains, the Los Angeles City Council needs to require a full CEQA review and Environmental Impact Report regarding the proposed housing development on the grounds of the Woodland Hills country club.

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Date Submitted: 02/23/2026 07:50 PM

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Date Submitted: 02/24/2026 09:08 AM

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Date Submitted: 02/24/2026 09:35 AM

Council File No: 26-0184

Comments for Public Posting: Please approve Bob Blumenfield's Motion submitted as Council File 26-0184. We desperately need our protections back, and our neighborhood and its fragile ecosystem protected. The Girard Tract is in a VHFHSZ, and should not be subject to the high density building provisions of AB 2011, AB 2243 and AB 893 that endanger our community and wildlife. We respectfully ask the PLUM Committee to wholeheartedly approve this motion.

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Name: Jay Stevens

Date Submitted: 02/24/2026 10:15 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Local schools are already overcrowded in this footprint from pre-K to middle school. Maneuverability during fires is already difficult.

Communication from Public

Name: P. Joyce

Date Submitted: 02/24/2026 08:23 PM

Council File No: 26-0184

Comments for Public Posting: Please approve the Motion submitted by the PLUM Committee as Council File 26-0184. We support sensible housing legislation, including many of the provisions in AB 2011 that allow for high-density development in actual, existing commercial corridors. However, AB 2243 and AB 893 have EGREGIOUSLY DISTORTED the intent of AB 2011, allowing developers to bypass protections for severe fire zones, wildlife corridors, and the protections of specific plans that have been purposefully crafted to safeguard the actual families who live within those area plans. Local Planning is, in part, a consumer protection agency. However, aggressive legislation has gone beyond common sense and is now negatively impacting and endangering communities all over California. We desperately need the guardrails that were built into AB 2011 restored, and our neighborhood and its fragile ecosystem protected. We need our City Council Members to stand up and advocate for the community members of Los Angeles who live in fire zones, particularly after what we all just witnessed with respect to the Palisades and Eaton Fires. We respectfully ask the Los Angeles City Council to wholeheartedly approve this motion, restoring some of the local Planning controls in specific fire zones that were designed to protect the residents of Los Angeles.

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