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Re: West L.A. Community Plan Update

To the City,

At the Oct. 28, 2020, meeting of the West Los Angeles Sawtelle N.C., the Board of Directors voted 8-0-0, to request that the City allow neighbors to review the draft West Los Angeles Community Plan for 60 days prior to issuing a Notice to Proceed and beginning the EIR, and authorize the Chair to submit Community Impact Statements in the future.

Facts and background:

1. The City provided a public comment period for its Conceptual Guidelines that ended Oct. 15, and it will now begin the draft West L.A. Community Plan and include Land Use designations (but not specific zoning) for neighborhood areas and corridors.
2. The City does not provide a second public comment period after the draft Community Plan is completed (and before the EIR begins).
3. The next public comment period will be after the draft Community Plan and its EIR have been completed.
4. No population projections, zoning capacity analysis or infrastructure analysis have been provided prior to this start of the draft Community Plan.

Findings and justifications:

1. There is little opportunity to substantively change Community Plans after the EIR begins.
2. The community will not know which Alternatives are selected for EIR review. All alternatives must undergo review in the EIR, so if the community wants to develop or propose a different Alternative, it will be too late for that Alternative to be analyzed, because the EIR will be mostly completed.
3. Insufficient population, zoning and infrastructure information has been released to the community before the EIR begins, and the community has no opportunity craft a detailed Alternative that can be included for review in the EIR.

Ex parte communications: None disclosed by any committee members.

Disclosures and conflicts of interest: None disclosed by any committee members.

To government agencies: Only the Chair and designated Boardmembers may testify to public agencies on behalf of the West L.A. Sawtelle NC. The Board requests that the Council Office and private/non-profit entities do not testify or speculate on behalf of the NC.

/s/ Jamie L. Keeton

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