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8150 Sunset..Townscape Partners..Case #VTT-72370-CN CPC-2013-2551-CUB-DB-SPR

1 message

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Wed, May 25, 2016 at 2:42 PM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org

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Subject:

8150 Sunset..Townscape Partners
Case # VTT-72370-CN CPC-2013-2551-CUB-DB-SPR
CEQA # ENV-2013-2552-EIR

The definition of the saying to 'put lipstick on a pig' :
'a rhetorical expression used to convey the message that making superficial or cosmetic changes is a futile attempt to disguise the true nature of a product'

Nothing better describes the true nature of the ridiculous, crazy, CARTOON-like, Gehry 8150 Sunset display at LACMA of the proposed horrific, oversized, traffic inducing, community killing obscene Townscape Partners 8150 Sunset Blvd. project at Sunset & Crescent Heights.

This design is laughable, but no one is laughing.

If this display was exhibited to garner popularity and favor for this heatedly opposed, and rightly so, controversial project, it failed.

Are developers funding city politicians campaigns, taking over our city and destroying our communities, quality of life, and last remaining remnants of anything remotely having to do with Character, Integrity, History, Charm, and Liveability of Los Angeles neighborhoods, going to all display their OPPOSED projects in museums, in order to somehow have them accepted as some form of wonderful art and wonderful architectural statement, when in reality they are nothing but grotesque blights on our communities, and as far as this 'Gehry project' nothing could be further from ART..but it's like putting lipstick on a pig, of a project that is horrible on every level and nothing will improve it, except to trash it.

I say leave the Gehry model on the LACMA floor and let these communities have their lives back. Stop this insanity.

There are huge CEQA problems with this project.

Traffic is already always in gridlock, but ofcourse the city does not give a damn about that.

No matter how many projects , their cumulative effects on the areas of L A. that are proposed/opposed, on already 'F' graded streets (i.e. The Palladium) the city chooses to ignore this.

Laurel Canyon will be in constant gridlock and difficult to get to.

The impacts of a project this size will be felt all the way to the Valley.

EMS ..good luck..they won't be able to get to any emergency calls in the area, including fires....

Laurel Canyon IS A CANYON.

This is NOT a 'TOD' !

Go ahead and place a bus stop there to justify a project of this size and wait for the law suits!

This is yet another Poster Child for 'The Neighborhood Integrity Initiative' and WHY it will PASS.

It is also another Nail in the Political Coffin of Eric Garcetti who is destroying every L.A. neighborhood, every area of Los Angeles.

He is a CEQA killer and has been called out by The Sierra Club:

<http://www.citywatchla.com/index.php/the-la-beat/10936-dear-mr-garcetti-sometimes-friends-can-be-so-disappointing> ;

SHAME SHAME!

This Planning Report interview with Ray Chan, whom the Mayor promoted, when he should have been fired due to Ethics

Violations, but was instead promoted, and Garcetti's recently hired Planning Director Vince Bertoni, tell it all.

This is how they feel about the people of L.A ...

They DON'T.

<http://www.planningreport.com/2016/05/23/uli-la-forum-la-city-leaders-collaborate-improve-planning-and-development-process>

Comments by Building and Safety General Manager Ray Chan and LA Planning Director Vince Bertoni: "We serve developers." "We hand-hold developers." "It's all discretionary."

They are paid by us to follow rules that ensure a livable city. Their arrogance over luring developers from other countries to build community killing projects in LA, then making these "customers" happy at the expense of Angelenos is disgusting.

Neither Bertoni nor Chan suggest serving LA residents or LA communities. They choose to serve developers.

And this is why the current leadership must go, The Neighborhood Integrity Initiative will PASS, and 8150 Sunset will be sued.

Another good saying to describe this project:

'You can't make a silk purse from a sow's ear...'

And the definition of 'Townscape'...

'the area where a town is and the way it looks...a picture that shows part or all of a town'

8150 Sunset Gehry project is not just an oversized obnoxious cartoon-like building project.. it's a WHOLE TOWN...a WHOLE TOWN at the corner of Sunset Blvd. and Crescent Heights...

Just how greedy can developers get..on the backs of Angelenos.

And these are The Planning Dept.'s and the Mayor's best friends.

SHAME.P

As if any of this matters to the powers that be, with decisions already made on these things long ago..

As if any 'hearings' are really actually 'hearings'..nobody's really 'listening'..

DO NOT Allow The Historic Moderne 'Lytton Chase Bank Building' To Be Destroyed!

Wm. A. Miller



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8150 Sunset VTT-72370-CN CPC-2013-2551-CUB-DB-SPR

1 message

Steven Luftman <sluftman@yahoo.com>

Wed, May 25, 2016 at 11:37 AM

To: councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, cd4.issues@lacity.org

Cc: Julia.Duncan@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org, Adrian Scott Fine <afine@laconservancy.org>

Dear Councilperson Ryu,

Thank you so much for your May 3rd letter on the 8150 Sunset project, I fully support your position.

I also urge you to support the preservation of the Chase Bank/Lytton Savings building.

The Lytton Savings building had a profound affect on my life.

Sometime in the mid 1960s I opened my first savings account there, but more importantly, it introduced me to the power of architecture.

In its basement theater, my mom would drop us off to watch films like King Kong. We toured the great gallery shows of the Time Machine, Dr Seuss, and the History of Hollywood. The exhibition "25 California Women of Art" was groundbreaking in 1968.

This building represents, to me, the civic promise of architecture.

Kurt Meyer, the architect, and its builder Bart Lytton had larger values than the promise of a greater return on the dollar, and you could see that with their efforts to save Irving Gill's masterpiece, the Dodge house.

The project at 8150 Sunset, as it is now presented, is irresponsible in its destruction of a treasured asset of Los Angeles. I understand two earlier plans preserved the Lytton building.

No evidence has been provided to demonstrate why an adapted reuse of the Lytton Building would be infeasible. I find it deeply upsetting that Frank Gehry would even consider destroying this iconic building—he should take a page from Kurt Meyer and Bart Lytton's work to build a project to complement this building as the gem that it is.

Thank you,

Steven Luftman
Mid City West Community Council—Non Profit Representative
[310-503-9958](tel:310-503-9958)



Planning Environmental Review <planning.envreview@lacity.org>

In support of 8150 Sunset Frank Gehry Project

2 messages

Eddie Scannell <eddiescannell@yahoo.com>

Wed, May 25, 2016 at 2:40 PM

Reply-To: Eddie Scannell <eddiescannell@yahoo.com>

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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to you after being notified by a friend about the open questions regarding the 8150 Sunset Frank Gehry Project.

I confess - I go to that McDonald's - I stopped there this morning for coffee on my way into work.

But the site is far from beautiful or inspirational - I mostly point it out to out-of-town friends as the area Joni Mitchell sang about: how it's literally a grotesque parking lot.

I also know that projects often look amazing in the design phase...then can wind up something quite different. My sense here, after reviewing some of the information on the project (and knowing a bit of the history of some of Mr. Gehry's other projects) that the proposed development seems like a reasonable and believable plan.

I can find somewhere else to get coffee in the morning, and I'm certain McDonald's can find another location nearby. The area would be better served by something beautiful. I ask that you consider moving forward with the 8150 Sunset Frank Gehry Project as proposed.

Thanks,

Eddie Scannell
918 Havenhurst Drive Apt 310
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Planning Environmental Review <planning.envreview@lacity.org>

Wed, May 25, 2016 at 2:40 PM

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This reply is automatically generated. If you have specific questions or would like an immediate response, please contact the project planner identified on the notice directly.



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3 messages

Jeffrey Hersh <jhersh01@ca.rr.com>

Mon, May 23, 2016 at 5:26 PM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, catherine.landiers@lacity.org, Julia Duncan <julia.duncan@lacity.org>, Bruce Remick <Bruce@bruceremick.com>, lesleyotoole@gmail.com, Valorie Keegan <rolav1@aol.com>

With regard to the above referenced project:

Traffic in Los Angeles is already so heavy...Anyone who travels through the area already complains that it is far beyond the level that would allow reasonable transit time or density.

The quality of life issue will forever be negatively impacted. There will be no turning back.

Approval of this project is just another injury to our ability to have any peaceful existence.

The developers live elsewhere. We live here and need your protection.

Will we be remembered for overbuilding or for protecting the environment and our quality of life?

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Hersh and Rick Ayres
25 year residents of Spaulding Square

Julia Duncan <julia.duncan@lacity.org>

Tue, May 24, 2016 at 3:21 PM

To: Jeffrey Hersh <jhersh01@ca.rr.com>

Cc: william.lamborn@lacity.org, David Ryu <councilmember.ryu@lacity.org>, David Ryu <david.ryu@lacity.org>, Catherine Landiers <catherine.landiers@lacity.org>, Bruce Remick <Bruce@bruceremick.com>, lesleyotoole@gmail.com, Valorie Keegan <rolav1@aol.com>

Hello Jeffrey,

Thank you so much for reaching out to our office in regards to the project at 8150 Sunset Blvd. Community input has been overwhelming and our Planning Staff has attended several community forums including those hosted by the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council. Please know we received and have read your email and take your considerations and input seriously. I spoke at the hearing today and have also attached Councilman Ryu's letter regarding the project.

Thank you again,

Council District 4

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Julia Duncan
Planning Deputy

Los Angeles City Councilmember David Ryu

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Councilman Ryu,

I understand that there may not be any height limits and perhaps this is too far gone to do anything about this horrendous project. It is the fault of the electorate to trust our representatives to have put reasonable height limits in place in the first instance.

We don't want creative suggestions and input. We want a rollback on these destructive projects. If not this one.....any of them scheduled for the future.

If it takes a ballot initiative, I'm all for it since negotiating with the builders is one big STALL.

The March initiative is not strong enough to stop this avarice. It's time to get council people who will go to the wall for us and in the absence of that, we need strong ballot initiatives.

Relying on the good will of developers is naive.

It's time to recall our representatives and get signatures on an even stronger measure than what has been scheduled for next March.

Jeffrey Hersh

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DAVID E. RYU
COUNCILMEMBER, 4TH DISTRICT

May 3, 2016

Mr. Vince Bertoni
Director of Planning
Los Angeles City Planning Dept.
Room 525
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: VTT72370-CN, CPC-2013-2551-CUB-DB-SPR, ENV 2013-2552-EIR, 8148-8182 West
Sunset Blvd., 1438-1486 No. Havenhurst Drive

Dear Mr. Bertoni:

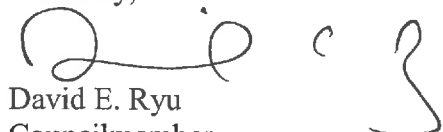
The proposed mixed-use development called 8150 Sunset is scheduled for a public hearing on
May 24, 2016 before the Advisory Agency/Hearing Officer.

My staff and I met with the developers and their representatives on January 20, 2016. They have
hired iconic architect Frank Gehry to design a remarkable structure. At this meeting, we
discussed the proposed project and community impacts. I asked the developers to look at scaling
the project back by reducing the height and the bulk of the building. I understand that there is no
height limit on Sunset Boulevard, however, these elevations are out of scale with the adjacent
buildings as well as the residential properties on Havenhurst Drive.

Moreover, traffic impacts and congestion are also significant and the requested change of the
right turn lane from Sunset going to Crescent Heights is one example of a potential traffic snarl.
Incorporating the city property as part of the plaza and setback for the project needs to be
scrutinized as to whether this will create more gridlock along with the impacts of heavy trucks on
a residential street.

I am open to creative suggestions from the developers, Planning, DOT, and the community to
address these serious concerns.

Sincerely,


David E. Ryu
Councilmember



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Wed, May 25, 2016 at 11:12 AM

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Jeffrey,

I attended and spoke at the hearing yesterday on behalf of the Councilman. Were you able to attend and voice your concerns? There are several options our office is pursuing in achieving our goals and I expressed that at the hearing. I would be happy to keep you updated as we work for and on behalf of the community in regards to this project.

Sincerely,

Julia

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William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Proudly Preserve Los Angeles History, please

1 message

Wendy Nordström <wooweeee@earthlink.net>

Tue, May 24, 2016 at 6:45 PM

To: councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, cd4.issues@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

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Please preserve the former Lytton Savings building (currently Chase Bank), a 1960's Modern bank building distinguished by its zigzag folded plate roof. We need to utilize this post-war, historic, Modernist building, especially when it could be retained and incorporated as part of the proposed project. That way everybody is happy. Tearing down a part of 'irreplaceable Los Angeles history' is needless and unacceptable.

Please make this building part of the solution! Thank you for your time.

Wendy



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Preserving Former Lytton Savings Bank Building

2 messages

Robert Vogt <robertvogt@hotmail.com>

Tue, May 24, 2016 at 7:33 AM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org

William,

Please work with the developers of the land plot containing the former Lytton Savings Building (current Chase Bank) to preserve the structure and roof line which is agree at example of Modernist architecture from that period. It would be a tragedy if that historic structure was demolished.

We really need your help to arrive at a preservation-based solution.

Thanks very much for your assistance in resolving this matter,

Bob Vogt

Sent from my iPad

William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Tue, May 24, 2016 at 2:44 PM

To: Robert Vogt <robertvogt@hotmail.com>

Thank you for your comments. They have been received and will be added to the public record for the subject project.

Regards,

William Lamborn

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William Lamborn

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Preserving Former Lytton Savings Bank Building

Robert Vogt <robertvogt@hotmail.com>

Tue, May 24, 2016 at 3:26 PM

To: William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

William,

Thanks much!!

Bob

Sent from my iPad

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William Lamborn

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