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Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 8:30 PM
To: Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Joe Franklin
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] The SS Hospitality
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Hey Council!

I was on the call but got disconnected:(
Boo hoo I then got a work call. Btw I'm totally against this project. It can't support its own traffic. Where all the ubers gonna wait? How keep MC kids outta the garage? There's a reason there was no hotel b4, and a while ago it was never cuz of the height. I hear Fry's might be interested. What a concept, a win-win. If you want a mini Bergamot Station, lemme know! That'd be rad. I'm an artsy type.

Enjoy the rest of your evening,
Latharn Drust
Poet at Heart
MB born

Dear Mayor and City Council,

This whole project came out of a working group. The working group had roughly two dozen people, none from this neighborhood. The working group was made up of over 50% real estate professionals, including the developer, his financial advisor, etc. They convened in early 2018, and after 5 meetings, came out with a 45' height limit for hotel use only, specific locations only. Previous height limit was 30', which is in place for all other hotels on Sepulveda Blvd. El Torito was chosen as the #1 "opportunity" site. At least one member of the group did not feel the need for another hotel in the city. With exception, the developer attended each subsequent planning and council meeting which involved his project. With one exception at one meeting, no other working group members attended any of those meetings.

The working group summary was presented, and ratified by the city. The working group, other than the historic height increase for hotels only, also had other conclusions in their report:

- Required neighborhood meeting prior to plan submittal
- Neighborhood traffic management plan

"Lastly, the group indicated that as part of larger, discretionary projects, (such as use permits or master use permits) additional requirements should be imposed in order to give neighboring residents and property owners more influence on the project. They indicated that requiring neighborhood meetings prior to project submittal and requiring a traffic management plan should both be required"¹

There was no notification of this meeting. The developer, as part of the working group, had a responsibility to effect his own set of requirements. This neighborhood was deprived of any influence on this project. We need an EIR.

Thank you,
Suzanne Best

¹ Working Group Summary Report April 2018, <https://www.cityymb.info/home/showdocument?id=35269>

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Hello Mayor, and City Council,

Covid has been rough on us, I'm glad so many of us came through it, and grieve for those who did not. Why in the midst of this, is this coming down the pike, with no prior notice. Not everyone is business as usual. Not everyone gets to benefit from this situation.

Our neighborhood has struggled even to become informed. I feel this whole process is unfair. The city and developer have had over 3 years to push this project through. Without a peep. We got to play catch up during Covid.

This came to you after a vote where 2 planning commissioners were absent. Even now, the traffic is substantial. The buck stops with you. I hope you stop this project. It is too much for us.

Thank you for your consideration, and your service to the city.
Liz Campos

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