

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I am writing to express my urgent and strong opposition, along with many concerned members of our community, to the proposed 7-story condo project at 3836 N. Figueroa St. This development, if approved, could set a precedent for future projects and significantly impact our community in various negative ways. This massive 7-story structure would displace natural habitat that is already sparse in our urban community. At a time when the world is warming, our community is particularly vulnerable to extreme heat thanks to the urban heat island effect and this project would remove vital greenspace to help protect our community from such dangers. It is not only the shade that these trees provide, but also the cooling effects of evapotranspiration that would be eliminated if this project is approved. Any encroachment on public parkland is unacceptable and goes against the interests of the community. Although this project may be touted as a way to address our regional housing shortages, this claim is a farce. The majority of the units in this 7-story complex would be marketed as luxury condos and apartments. The project's failure to provide an adequate number of affordable units does not address the diverse housing needs of our community. Furthermore, inadequate parking provisions could exacerbate existing traffic and parking challenges in the area. This will cause more traffic congestion, pollution, and present a real safety hazard to our community. I urge you to reconsider the approval of this project and ensure that any future development aligns with the values and needs of our community. The proposed 7-story structure is excessive and does not align with the surrounding neighborhood's character. The design of the project is not in harmony with the aesthetics of our community and may disrupt the overall visual appeal. The proposed project appears to lack meaningful contributions or benefits for the local community. Our community concerns have been overlooked. The total lack of meaningful community engagement is sufficient reason to deny this project from moving forward. It is crucial that the concerns raised by residents are taken into serious consideration, and that decisions reflect the best interests of the community at large. Thank you for your attention and consideration. I trust that you will uphold your commitment to preserving the character and well-being of our neighborhood and prevent this project from

moving forward. Sincerely, Rachel Ridgway