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Public Comments Not Uploaded Opposition to Proposed Destruction of Weddington Golf & Tennis (CPC-2020-1511-VCU-SPR-1A; ENV-2020-1512-EIR)

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Honorable Members of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee, I strongly oppose Harvard-Westlake's planned destruction of Weddington Golf & Tennis for the following reasons: 1. With LA's green open space disappearing, Harvard-Westlake plans to service a privileged, select few by replacing 16 irreplaceable acres with artificial turf and concrete buildings for its own private school sports complex. 2. By destroying the property's significant existing urban tree canopy along the LA River and replacing it with 12-foot walls, artificial turf, saplings, and towering light poles, the end result allows practices, games, and special events that will generate increased noise and traffic, which does not conform to the surrounding community. 3. Millions of Angelenos from all over the City and San Fernando Valley have experienced Weddington Golf & Tennis since its opening in 1956. It is incumbent upon the City to protect precious affordable public spaces from developers and special interests, like Harvard-Westlake, which only serve a privileged few. 4. Traffic and congestion continue to grow at an alarming rate in LA. If allowed to proceed, Harvard-Westlake will spend the next four to five years building a massive \$140 million dollar sports complex for its students, while the rest of the community grapples with the plan's significant impact on our roads, traffic, and commutes to work and school. Please consider the multiple lawsuits, ethics complaints, and lack of any meaningful compromise with the community in making your decision to rescind the advised approval from the CPC for this proposed project. Since this project does not satisfy the necessary conditions, a CUP should be denied. Finally, please note that more than 20,000 community members have signed a petition supporting the preservation of the 16-acre Weddington property in its entirety. These individuals are counting on you to subscribe to a higher standard, support the public's interests, stand firm against Harvard-Westlake's lobbyists and moneyed special interests, and deny approval of the CUP and certification of the FEIR. Please be the voice for the many, not the privileged few and in doing so, vote for green, not greed. Respectfully,

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PS

We also believe you are all intelligent planning analysts. COMMON SENSE dictates that the planned EGRESS at Valley Heart & Bellaire Ave. will create a NIGHTMARE influx of Traffic into the local residential

area. People forever will be questioning : " WhHO WERE THE PLANNERS THAT APPROVED THAT" ??

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CLERK: Please deliver a copy to each member . Thank you.

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Please Appeal the CPC approval of the Harvard Westlake River Park CPC-2020-1511-VCU-SPR

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Dear Mayor, City Council President, and honorable members of the Planning Land Use Management Committee, and City Council.

THIS PROJECT IS TOO BIG!

As a Los Angeles resident, I ask you to appeal the City Planning Commission's Approval of the River Park project Case No. CPC-2020-1511-VCU-SPR, ENV-2020-1512-EIR Harvard-Westlake athletic facility project at 4047 – 4155 North Whitsett Avenue; 12506 – 12630 West Valley Spring Lane ("Project"). Although this project is in CD4, this project will be brought to Plum on November 7th, it could possibly be brought to vote by the City Council.

I want to remind you the City Planning Commission had two members who are alumni of the applicant, Harvard Westlake: Commissioner President Samantha Millman and VP Caroline Choe who chose to not recuse themselves. By the way, Ms. Choe is a founding board member of the Harvard-Westlake Korean-American Alumni Network, not exactly as she said, 'far removed' from this project. This project is slated to be utilized for Harvard Westlake alumni fundraising events.

I am among thousands of local residents, environmental groups, recreational groups, and conservationists believe this development is just too big for this massive athletic facility on an area the public has enjoyed with hundreds of mature trees and green open space. I believe this school, in its copious resources, is able to find a better suitable location elsewhere for their extracurricular sports activities.

I am against this project due to the adverse environmental impacts, its limited public use, its potential to host 2000 person events even larger than the Ford Amphitheater (1200 person capacity), inclusion of artificial turf with PFAS forever chemicals, the local climate effect of heat islands created, increased noise pollution, and the burden it will be on the community in its two to three year potential construction time (noise, traffic, respiratory dangers).

Sincerely,

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