

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council, Today, I write to you to urge members of the council to support the Bulgari Resort Los Angeles project. I also write to combat the falsehoods put out by Councilmember Yaroslavsky and her allies. The reality is that right now, this property is mostly developed and fenced up. It is cut off from the public and wildlife alike. It offers no tangible benefits to the environment and our community. This project will bring down the fences, enhance wildlife corridors and make this property accessible to our community. The developer, Mr. Gary Safady, has consulted with environmental experts and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to ensure that the Bulgari Hotel is a net positive for the environment and our neighborhood. Councilmember Yaroslavsky and her campaign donors oppose this project because it will “hurt” their neighborhood and raise “environmental concerns.” This is NIMBY obstructionism in its finest form hiding behind such “environmental concerns.” They oppose the project because the development is being built in someone’s backyard to attract Angelenos from all walks of life to enjoy Benedict Canyon’s beauty. As someone who has lived in Benedict Canyon for a long time, I cannot remember a real estate project that was more beneficial to our community than this one. The Bulgari resort is not hurting the neighborhood but elevating its safety. Veteran firefighters say these measures will save lives and keep people safe. As someone undecided till now, I found the testimony of veteran firefighters far more compelling than the words of millionaires who do not want to see a hotel being built in their backyard. After reading my letter, I hope members will strongly consider supporting this project.

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Name: Chaz

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I am writing to the city council today regarding the Bulgari Resort Los Angeles project; there is misinformation driving the debate about how the hotel will impact Benedict Canyon's residents. I want to clear up some of those misconceptions about the project based on my own research. The opposing coalition to the project says that the developer is disrupting wildlife and hurting the environment. In truth, the property is mostly developed before the project even started, with 20 of the 33 acres already developed. The truth of the matter is Bulgari will open the property to improve wildlife movement and improve access for first responders. A vast improvement from the status quo. The project is going to bring millions of dollars in revenue to the City of Los Angeles and has tremendous support from unions and firefighter veterans of three decades. I urge members of the City Council to cast a yes vote on this project. Thank you, Chaz Brewer

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Name: Gordon Gordon

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Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable Members of the City Council, As a resident of Benedict Canyon, I am writing to you to express my support for the Bulgari Resort Los Angeles project. This is a thoughtful project that is centered on good environmental stewardship. The building footprint to the site ratio is approximately 11.4%, demonstrating that the developer is deeply dedicated to making wildlife conservation a core tenet of this project. Detractors of the project will say that the developer is hurting the environment and environmental groups are on their side. That could not be further from the truth. In fact, contrary to what Councilmember Yaroslavsky repeatedly says, the Santa Monica Conservancy does not oppose this project. It is concerning that Councilwoman Yaroslavsky has resorted to misinformation. Here's the truth: Firefighters, labor unions, environmental design experts, and neighbors all support this project. The project will not only bolster the community's ability to fight wildfires, propelled by the adverse effects of climate change, but it will also preserve the environmental beauty of Benedict Canyon while revitalizing the city's economy in a time of economic hardship. I urge the council to support moving the project forward.

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Name: Scott Lyon-Wall

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to support Councilmember Yaroslavsky's Motion to Rescind the Director of Planning's inappropriate commencement of the General Plan Amendment for the Bulgari Hotel development in Benedict Canyon. The City of Los Angeles Council has entertained this Application far too long and it must be stopped immediately. The mere idea of such a development, in such a sensitive area, with all its incarnations and labels over the years is patently absurd. This development has cost the City and its taxpayers millions of dollars to review. The City's General Plan can not be overthrown to accommodate a development that endangers the already embattled environment and the compromises safety of residents of the City of Los Angeles. The mere suggestion of building a hotel of this size deep in the heart of a Canyon of the Santa Monica Mountains has no logical support and most definitely should NOT have the City's General Plan eviscerated for. It exacerbates issues of fire hazard in an already high fire danger zone with very limited street access for evacuation and fire-fighting. It destroys the beauty of the Santa Monica Mountains and its wildlife - ALL for the mere financial benefit of one Developer - at the expense of the citizens of Los Angeles. In addition, the Application for the Bulgari Hotel has also exposed substantial and very troubling questions about the Government of the City of Los Angeles - in particular, Ethics of Government Officials, the machinations of our City Government, and the Land Use Process in Los Angeles. To name only some of the well know unethical conduct by City Officials and/or family members of; 1. In 2016, the developer of the proposed hotel contributed \$8,400 to the State Senate campaign of Shawn Bayliss, CD5's Planning and Legislation Deputy. 2. The fact that at the start of 2017, Stacey Brenner, the wife of Shawn Bayliss, began lobbying for the hotel while her husband was one of the key City Officials related to the project is both alarming and outrageous. 3. The fact that lobbyist Brenner, wife of Paul Koretz's longtime Planning Deputy, was paid over \$174,000 to influence both City Council and City Planning creates the unsettling appearance of inappropriate Conflict of Interests. 4. The fact that the Request to Initiate an Amendment to the City's General Plan was signed by Stacey Brenner — then accepted by the Director of City Planning only 24 hours later. This contradicts

the Department's own policies requiring in-house review (as confirmed by a Public Records Act request which produced no evidence of any deliberative process). 5. These are only some of the parties connected to the City of Los Angeles who have attempted to peddle influence to ram this project through the City. It does not extend to Commissioners of Water & Power and others who have the ear of Councilmembers and the Mayor. Sadly, this is the face of the Government of the City of Los Angeles. It is more the process of Government seen in a corrupt pueblo - not in a major city. We are surrounded by the ugly legacy of past corrupt City Administrators and now we are confronted with this... The citizens of Los Angeles and generations to come demand from their elected officials a higher standard of Ethics. It is time that Los Angeles has officials that put their City first - and not themselves and their self-interest. Support Councilmember Yaroslavsky's Motion to Rescind the Director of Planning's commencement of the General Plan Amendment for the Bulgari Hotel development. The Development is inappropriate and the Government Process tainted with unethical conduct. The Developer's Application must be summarily rejected outright.

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