

Communication from Public

Name: Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council

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Council File No: 19-1603

Comments for Public Posting: The Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council (NANDC) urges you not to reaffirm the City Council's April 29, 2022, action in Council file No. 19-1603-S1, that upheld findings of the Project's consistency with the Exposition University Park Redevelopment Plan, the adoption of a Class 32 CE for the Project (ENV-2018-2454-CE-2A), and related findings. On January 3, 2019 Council:, the Board approved a CIS by a vote of: Yea(6) Nay(0) Abstain(3) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0).the project and voted to oppose the project. The Board adopted the recommendation of the Policy Committee Recommendation to oppose the project in its current form because of issues raised including: Incompatibility with the neighborhood in massing, scale and setback orientation; ground level podium parking; density; failure to comply with the NSO; insufficient affordable units; inadequate setbacks; rooftop noise; lack of variation in design and population; failure to comply with CRA and South Community Plans; CEQA exemption. The project does not comply with the goals of the Redevelopment Plan which as an overlay takes precedence over the LAMC requirements. The impacts of this project need to be studied and the CE should not be the level of environmental review. The project as presently designed will have serious negative impacts on the neighborhood. The initial reaction by the Committee members on November 27 raised a variety of issues: that this is dormitory style not family housing, that affordable units will not be affordable for South LA residents, the resultant increased traffic and inadequate parking, compatibility with the historic neighborhood, compliance with the NSO, design issues, compliance with applicable plans, and the appropriate level of environmental review. No elements of the project were changed at the second meeting. We support a development at this 2.8 acre site that meets the needs of all of the neighborhood. PLUM should not affirm, the City Council's April 29, 2022, action in Council file No. 19-1603-S1, that upheld findings of the Project's consistency with the Exposition University Park Redevelopment Plan, the adoption of a Class 32 CE for the Project (ENV-2018-2454-CE-2A), and related findings.



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Hon. Eric D. Bates, President
South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

Via email

RE: Action/Discussion: DIR-2020-4338-RDP-1A, 806 W. Adams SAPC Appeal Hearing; Recommendation/Motion: that Neighborhood Council and public comment be taken at the next South Area Planning Commission hearing regarding the 806 W. Adams appeal of the projects' conformance to the Redevelopment Plan

Dear Commissioner Bates,

The Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council (NANDC) is deeply appreciative of the forum the Commission provides and the diligence and effort of the Commissioners. Without your airing of issues and appeals and your deliberation and careful analysis, stakeholders in South Los Angeles would not have the ability to be heard. We applaud your efforts and those of the Commissioners.

Recently the SAPC has twice (April 6, and April 20) heard and appeal of DIR-2020-4338-RDP-1A, 806 W. Adams. The appeal challenges of the findings of the City that 806 W. Adams project is in conformance with the Redevelopment Plan and the CEQA exemption. The latest Commission review resulted in a 2-2 Commission vote. In the hopes that a 5th Commissioner could be in attendance to provide a 3rd vote and end the tie, the Commission will again deliberate.

Our request is that when this item is next heard, neighborhood council and public comment be again taken to allow for the fullest possible stakeholder discussion. We understand this is at your discretion since Vice-President Willis closed the public comment portion at the April 6 SAPC hearing.

The Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council (NANDC) Board discussed this at its General Board Meeting on Thursday, May 6. By unanimous motion, we respectfully request that when the item is next heard, additional neighborhood council and public comment be allowed.



DIR-2020-4338-RDP-1A is currently scheduled, based on discussion at the April 20th meeting, for June 15. We realize that agendas are fluid and June 15 is not yet created nor official. Whenever this is formally agendized we request additional comment be taken.

We have been informed by DONE's Octavio Rios that the board position will be reflected on the record before the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission takes action on it. Further, 1. Comments given by their board-appointed spokesperson will be entered into the public record; 2. Their board-approved letter will be entered into the public record.

We are pleased that this will be accomplished but given the importance of this case and its impact on the character of the NANDC neighborhood, we would be pleased if you could afford the opportunity to allow additional comment. We are aware this is at the discretion of the President chairing the meeting, as the City Attorney informed the commissioners on April 6.

NANDC is a self-governed, self-directed, and independent organization empowered by the Los Angeles City Charter. This charter offers neighborhood councils a role in the City's decision-making process. NANDC was certified by the City of Los Angeles on April 27, 2002 and was the 24th neighborhood council formed under the guidelines of the City Charter.

Sincerely,

Thryeris Mason, President

CC: Councilmember Curren Price
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