

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear council members, As a long time resident of Mt Washington, I urge you to grant the appeal to send this project back for further analysis, and protect the safety for all who live in the hillsides. I fully support the creation of much needed housing in our area, however the recent fires in Altadena and Pacific Palisades are proof that safety precautions are of paramount importance when considering the viability of new building projects. Over the years, it appears that less care has been taken to comply with city and state fire codes. The cumulative effects of these lax practices are concerning to say the least. Thank you for your urgent consideration in this matter. Regards, Sarah Whipple

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Comments for Public Posting: Esteemed Council Members: Our understanding is that the CEQA Class 3 exemption is usually granted as a matter of routine. This particular case has an unusual situation, which we feel deserves to be heard. 504 West Avenue 44 property is located on two streets, Avenue 44 and Frontenac. Both streets are substandard and precarious. Frontenac in particular is only 10 feet wide. In the recent rains it became impassable. Frontenac, a mostly dirt road, is not a simple walking route it is heavily used by the post office, delivery vehicles and residents. There have been incidents a recent one involved a mail truck was stranded and had to be pulled out. You have heard in other correspondence from residents about a fire where the LAFD couldn't access a house in this exact neighborhood, causing a sad loss of life. The specific location is also unique as it is in a Very High Fire Severity Hazard Zone, A woodland Urban Interface zone as well as on red flag streets. The area of Mt. Washington attracts many new builders because of its hillsides, proximity to downtown. It is also an area with fragile infrastructure, challenging access to firetrucks, emergency vehicles, service and delivery vehicles. City (Fire Code Sections 503.1.5 and 503.1.6) and State laws (SB 901) known as the State Minimum Fire Safe regulations stipulate minimum road widths, access to secondary evacuation routes and fire safety turnarounds. We ask you as council members to take all of the points residents have demonstrated. Many of you have seen the devastation of the very recent Easton and Palisades fires. With increasing climate change, building and population increase the only way Mt. Washington can prepare is to to improve fire life safety, better roads for first responders and secure safer access for both current and future residents. Please grant the appeal. We appreciate your time. Respectfully, Juanita Martinez Mt. Washington Alliance VP Land Use 213.925.0925 Mobile email: mwha.juanita@gmail.com