

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/05/2025 07:22 PM

Council File No: 24-1371

Comments for Public Posting: This is to show my support of the project. Since taking ownership of the property, the owner has presented improvements, which clearly enhanced the beauty of the home and the corresponding property. The property built clearly demonstrates environmentally conscious characteristics. I have full confidence that the property that will be built will be a beautiful and eco-friendly designed home.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeffery Masino

Date Submitted: 02/05/2025 07:46 PM

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Name:

Date Submitted: 02/06/2025 01:44 PM

Council File No: 24-1371

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Emmett Koskoski, and I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the Valencia family's proposed project. Although I am unable to attend the meeting in person, I hope this letter conveys my confidence in their vision. As a real estate enthusiast, I was immediately struck by the Valencia family's dedication to preserving the natural beauty of their property. From my first visit to their home, I was impressed by how harmoniously it blends with the surrounding park. Manuel Valencia and his family have demonstrated a deep commitment to protecting the character of Runyon Canyon, ensuring their project both respects and enhances the environment. This home will serve as a lasting legacy for future generations of their family. The Valencia family's approach to this project reflects humility and a genuine priority for the park's well-being. Their intentions are centered on minimizing environmental impact while creating a home that complements the natural landscape. Given the challenges they have faced in seeking approval, I can personally attest to their perseverance and dedication. Each visit to their home has only deepened my admiration for the Valencias. They have always welcomed me warmly, treating me like family. Their generosity, sincerity, and love for the park are evident in every interaction. Above all, they are committed to maintaining the peace and harmony of the community, ensuring their project aligns with these values. I strongly endorse the approval of this project. The Valencias have consistently shown respect for both the environment and the community. Their proposed home is thoughtfully designed to integrate seamlessly with the natural surroundings and will undoubtedly be a positive addition to the area. Sincerely, Emmett Koskoski

Communication from Public

Name: Giancarlo Novelli

Date Submitted: 02/07/2025 09:57 AM

Council File No: 24-1371

Comments for Public Posting: To the Los Angeles City Council, I hope this message finds you well. My name is Giancarlo Novelli, and I would like to advocate for the support for the Valencias proposed home project. I have known the Valencia family for a couple of years. Their son, Clinton Valencia, welcomed me to their home where I was greeted with open arms like one of their own. The Valencias carry with them respect, responsibility, and commitment to making the world a better place. They have strong family values that are connected with everything they pursue. I was even shocked with how well they interact with the community within Runyon Canyon – conversing with the hikers whenever they get the chance. They not only love Runyon Canyon, but their plans are aligned with protecting the natural ambience Runyon embodies. They'd maintain the space of Runyon without altering the environmental integrity of the space. The last thing this project would do would disrupt the peace of the community. With that being said, they've done everything they can to do this the right way. They've listened to the community, and throughout this 10 year process have changed their plans multiple times to comply with neighbors and admirers of Runyon. They have undergone scrutiny, judgement, and propaganda by the opposition, but despite that they've pursue forward for a dream. They've shown incredible resilience throughout this process, and while many would have abandoned the dream they set out, the Valencias listened, adapted, and improved their plans simply for the people of Runyon – that is how much they love this space. The Valencias cherish this park, and they've done everything they can to put the community first. Their proposed home is designed with sensitivity to both, and I am confident it will be a positive addition to the area. Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Giancarlo Novelli

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Edelman SMMC

Date Submitted: 02/07/2025 10:13 AM

Council File No: 24-1371

Comments for Public Posting: Hon. PLUM Committee Members: as one of three project appellants, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy submits the attached February 7, 2025 letter and hereby references all prior Conservancy letters in the record as supporting evidence.

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February 7, 2025

Planning and Land Use Management Committee
City Council
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Critical Fork in Road to Protect Runyon Canyon Park
Support Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Appeal
CF – 24-1371 3003 N. Runyon Canyon Road

Hon. Councilmembers:

Your appeal recommendation to City Council lies at a clear fork in the road between awarding a fully discretionary, permanently damaging, private investment *versus* decisively preserving the integrity of a natural City treasure. On the subject property, there is no spatial or design middle ground for permitting a massive ridgeline residence and compound in the City's highly visited, visually and ecologically sensitive Santa Monica Mountains parkland. The Conservancy's appeal must be granted, in full, or the City will fail the Public Trust for a discretionary private interest. There is no other truthful way to frame this fork in the permitting road. The applicant overreached with the project's scale and scope.

This issue is not about how long and hard a family has tried to get permits. The issue is what the public would be permanently stuck with bulging off a ridgeline in the middle of an iconic natural park. Let's not voluntarily ruin Runyon Canyon Park behind a cloak of empathetic applicant-fairness and feign to lessen the housing crunch with a single fully discretionary ridgeline, fire trap mansion.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy urges your Committee to put both the people and the wildlife first above an incongruous, injurious project that is light years from being by-right. The whole entitlement is discretionary. Do not certify the FEIR and do overturn all the South Valley Area Planning Commission's approvals. Let peace, sanity, and sanctity remain in Runyon Canyon Park for all the people for all time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Edelman".

PAUL EDELMAN
Deputy Director
Natural Resources and Planning

Communication from Public

Name: Zoran

Date Submitted: 02/07/2025 10:25 AM

Council File No: 24-1371

Comments for Public Posting: I hope this message finds you well. My name is Zoran Cora, and I'm a Junior at UCLA studying business economics. While I'm unable to make it in person to speak on behalf of the family, I wish that this letter justifies why the project should be built. I would like to express my support for their proposed home project. From my experience with the family, I can confidently express that their intentions for this property are aligned with maintaining the environmental integrity and the tranquil beauty of Runyon Canyon. They are not only deeply committed to ensuring that their project does not infringe upon the natural landscape, but that it too does not disrupt the peace of the community. The Valencias as well have shown remarkable patience and adaptability throughout the development of this project. While most would have abandoned the project upon first site of backlash from the opposition, the Valencias listened to others' comments and altered the plans of their home to fit whatever needs necessary. Their willingness for this house to be apart of the community demonstrates their genuine desire to harmonize with the community's values. On a personal level, I've known Manuel, Clinton, Samantha, and Alicia for a second now. Every time I've been over, they've gone out of their way to create a space that was welcoming and loving for me. I was shocked with how they engage with other walkers almost as if every hiker is their own neighbor. They love this park, and they've done whatever they can to put the needs of the community first. In conclusion, I wholeheartedly advocate for the approval of this project. The Valencias have shown nothing but respect and care for the environment and the community. Their proposed home is designed with sensitivity to both, and I am confident it will be a positive addition to the area. Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Zoran Cora

Communication from Public

Name: Jeff Masino

Date Submitted: 02/07/2025 11:01 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Graham Rossmore (HHWNC)

Date Submitted: 02/07/2025 11:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Submitted on behalf of Jeffery Masino, nearby resident and former Parks Chair, HHWNC. Dear PLUM Committee Members and City Councilmembers: I am writing as someone who has personally been in Runyon Canyon Park on a regular, almost daily basis, for literally decades (since I first moved into the area in the late 1990s). I served as the first Park & Open Space Chair for the Hollywood Hills Neighborhood Council for seven years and I am aware that the HHWNC has been dealing with this controversial development project for my entire time on the board, with multiple motions and letters in opposition to the development and which reflect the larger consensus of stakeholders in our neighborhood and community. Views to open space and from open space are one of the major benefits individuals get from parkland, specifically Runyon Canyon Park, which has become an increasingly rare resource in the City of Los Angeles and worth fighting to protect. The proposed project, which includes massive grading, retaining walls and landscaping, etc. will have significant adverse impacts on what park visitors see and hear. It would be impossible not to see what will be a massive home from almost any of the trail systems within the park. The recent destruction of over 40 acres of Runyon Canyon Park damaged in the Sunset Fire should give further pause on this project moving forward as this fire was literally “at the doorstep” of the project site, and now an entire area of parkland will remain closed indefinitely to allow for regrowth and renewal. Further to our City reeling from the unprecedented recent wildfire destruction of so much open space and parkland, pushing forward with this massive project inside Runyon Canyon at this time, is nothing short of unconscionable. I oppose this project. I support the appeal of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy who are very concerned about the magnitude of this build and its massive disruption to the Park. The Santa Monica ridgeline in question is within a designated wilderness park and wildlife corridor. The Council File documentation saying that there will not be any significant impacts to the environment or the quiet use and enjoyment of park space is completely misleading and certainly no longer true given the recent 40 acres of park space currently damaged by recent fire. The Planning Commission’s conscious avoidance of its own rules (e.g. - not allowing the HHWNC the proper time and ability to

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Fwd: Public Comment on 3003 Runyon Cyn Road (Council File: 24-1371)

From: Jeffery Jon Masino jmasino28@gmail.com

To: Anastasia Mann president@hhwnc.org, Mehmet Berker mehmet.berker@lacity.org, Stefanie Smith stefanie.smith@lacity.org, Graham Rossmore parkschair@hhwnc.org, Joe Kahraman area6chair@hhwnc.org, Paul.Edelman@lacity.org, Stuart Ross vicepresident@hhwnc.org, James.Latham@lacity.org

Date: Wed, Feb 5, 2025, 8:05 PM

I have not been able to get this posted onto the council file for 3003 Runyon Cyn Road, so I am sending it in an email (below).

Thank you.

Jeff Masino

Dear PLUM Committee Members and City Councilmembers:

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From: Jeffery Jon Masino jmasino28@gmail.com
To: Anastasia Mann president@hhwnc.org, Graham Rossmore
parkschair@hhwnc.org, Brian Dyer area3chair@hhwnc.org
Date: Fri, Feb 7, 2025, 11:15 AM

Dear Anastasia, Dear Graham, Dear Brian,

I hope you are each well. I have tried repeatedly this week, using two different email addresses, to get my public comment (below) first verified and then successfully posted onto Council File 24-1371 (since Monday evening) regarding 3003 Runyon Cyn. Other comments and documents sent after it continue to post. I am about to travel to New Zealand and I will be back on Feb 26th, after the public comment deadline. I have submitted to CD4, RAP, and

the SMMC via email (Graham, Anastasia you were copied), but if you see an opportunity to post or utilize while I am away, please feel free to do so. No expectations on my part - Just letting you know. Thank you.

I hope that others in opposition are successfully getting their comments onto this council file. Thanks.

Best,
Jeff

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