

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a 20-year resident of Valley Glen at 5817 Buffalo Ave and I am EXTREMELY concerned about the proposed housing project to be built at 5930 Buffalo. The impact on many levels will be catastrophic. I implore you to vote in favor of designating the Mellenthin Apartments as a Historical Cultural monument. Why is a neighborhood flyer the first I'm hearing of this project? Why has there been no outreach by or information from the city? Why has there been ZERO public comment period? Where are the impact studies? Where are the traffic impact studies? The environmental studies? Why is this construction project being rammed through without input from the people who actually live here? First off, this unit is proposed to have 104 apartments ***with NO parking.*** That is insanity. Buffalo, Califa, and Woodman are just able to contain the cars for the people currently residing here. To add another potential 200+ cars – because there is almost no family who has only one car anymore – is completely unthinkable in this small neighborhood. Parking would be futile. And traffic would be disastrous: the 3-way intersection of Oxnard, Buffalo, and the Metro line is bad enough now, but adding these extra vehicles will create gridlock on all three streets on a daily basis. I'm told that this unit does not have to have parking because it's close to public transportation. This designation is deceptive; the number of people who will actually use public transportation instead of bringing in cars would be laughably small. maybe you're unaware of this, but the Orange line is undergoing major construction, which is diverting the full-scale busses onto Oxnard at this very intersection. Local traffic has already been impacted by this, adding this major construction will make that intersection nearly impassable. This building is proposed to have 104 units in an area currently housing *six*. That is a shocking, enraging 1633% increase. But there will be more than 104 people - as affordable housing, it's guaranteed that most if not all units will have multiple residents. Cramming another 200-300-more? people into this small space will make this neighborhood impossible to navigate whether on foot or by car. The noise will be incredible. Increased trash for all those people means more trash in the streets, and constant trash trucks trying to stay on top of disposal means more traffic, more stink, more noise. Or will there not be an increase in pickup –

which would be far worse. This unit is proposed to be five stories tall – in a neighborhood where the tallest building is 3 stories and everything else are single-story homes or two-story apartments. This monstrosity would destroy the cultural makeup of the neighborhood I've lived in for 20 years and has thrived for 70 or more. This destruction will be irreversible. ADDED: This construction and resulting housing unit is going to tank our property values. Who's going to want to live down the street from a massive, overcrowded housing unit? Nobody will want to buy a home here. Including me – if this project gets started, we're moving out. And the construction will take a year or more??? That will completely gridlock that strip of Buffalo and significantly impact our access to our home; we are on a dead-end street south of Califa and have no other access to our house, either on foot or by car. Construction traffic on Califa (because it WILL spill over) will create a daily burden just trying to get home. And then – these apartments are the last remaining Mellenthin Apartments to exist, anywhere; to have historically valuable homes demolished to make way for this abomination is repulsive. Our culture and heritage must be preserved instead of bulldozed just so one person can rake in the cash. I am all for affordable housing, but this proposed building is wildly extreme and completely unreasonable for our neighborhood. There is no justification for a building of this size in this neighborhood other than rampant greed. The owner stands to make untold amounts of money, while the residents are forced to live daily in an ugly environment we did not expect or ask for. With thousands of empty housing units all across Los Angeles, this building is absolutely unnecessary, superfluous, and offensive. What kind of world do we live in? What kind of world do we want to live in?