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Public Comments Not Uploaded Harvard-Westlake Project; 4047-4155 N. Whitsett Ave.; 12506-12630 W. Valley Spring Ln.; CPC-2020-1511-VCU-SPR and ENV-2020-1512-EIR

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Honorable Chair Harris-Dawson and Committee Members:

The Harvard-Westlake sports complex will cause an environmental catastrophe in Los Angeles.

The applicant proposes to cut down 240 significant, mature trees, and replace a grassy area with artificial turf and over 80,000 square feet of buildings, all impervious surfaces with a narrow walking path around the perimeter of the property, planting young replacement trees that will not provide habitat or shade for years to come.

The significant impacts of this sports complex have been given short shrift in the EIR. Not only were the city's responses to the over 1600 letters from the community dismissive, but also showed an abuse of discretion, ignoring the impacts of air quality, traffic, noise, lights, safety, ground water, liquefaction, excavation, construction, truck trips and more.

The EIR inadequately analyzed the information on PFAS in artificial turf and more importantly, because the EIR did not offer a sustainable environmentally superior alternative to the current plan as required by CEQUA and because that the plan is asking for a change in the Specific Plan and its Open Space designation this project must not be fast tracked.

With so many areas of concern we implore the PLUM to not pass this on to city council and ask that the developer go back to their plans and make a project that is more sustainable and does not impact our city by taking away so much open green space to create a sports complex for the use of an elite few.

Respectfully,

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