

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a long term (15 year) renter on Everett Street. Myself and a majority of the my fellow neighbors are strongly against the density bonus that is being considered here, as it would overwhelm our cul-de-sac on Everett Street that is already been stretched to its limits. In previous meetings, representatives for this project have insisted that since the development is on Sunset Blvd (at the corner of Sunset and Everett), that Everett Street would not be effected by the housing density and mixed-use businesses. This, despite the fact there are only 263 parking spaces for 327 units for the proposed project. Parking on our street is already a daily struggle, not to mention with the additional developments that are already being built further up Everett Street that similarly lack sufficient parking spaces. By no means are me and my neighbors against more housing for the city, but to approve this housing density bonus at the expense of the current and largely lower income residents, is unconscionable. That being said, if this project has to happen, we would like for it to finally break ground! The residents of Victor Heights are tired of living with this hazard and trash pile that the emptied out lot has created. And whatever way this goes, please make sure that the city or Aragon put in a traffic light at the corner of Everett Street and Sunset Blvd. This is something the neighborhood has been asking for for over ten years, only to be stonewalled by LADOT. The intersection is already huge safety hazard with one fatal accident this year, that will surely only get worse once the development is finished. This is something we've asked Aragon to help us with in the past, only to be told (again) that their development wouldn't have any impact on traffic on Everett Street. How could this be possible if Everett Street is the only and closest parking a tenant without a spot (64 missing spots for 327 units) could go, not to mention the patrons of the shops and restaurant they intend to build on street level? In summation: the neighborhood does not want the housing bonus to be given to this project, and we insist that a traffic light be put at the corner of Everett Street and Sunset Blvd either way. Thank you for your time.