



May 15, 2023

Members of the Los Angeles City Council: Public Comment Motion 21-0777-S1:

On behalf of the Benedict Canyon Association, which for the past 75 years has been representing residents of Benedict Canyon in the City of Los Angeles as a voluntary steward of our unique neighborhood, I am writing to you to support Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky's Motion # 21--0777-S1 asking the Director of Planning to rescind his inappropriate commencement of the General Plan Amendment for a project that never should have started to begin with.

- **FIRE HAZARD.** We have been denominated as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, and are greatly susceptible to wildfires that are extremely dangerous to life and property. There have already been wildfires in the area which but for providence, did not cause any deaths. In our opinion, the proposed Bulgari Hotel, with its anticipated many years of construction with individuals unfamiliar with the fire hazard, and perpetual future operation of the hotel with huge number of workers and visitors to the property every day (again, who are unfamiliar with the realities of the fire danger), would be entirely inappropriate to build in Benedict Canyon. This would also impact residents in the adjacent canyons of the Santa Monica Mountains, and the adjacent San Fernando Valley on the other side of Mulholland.
- **PRECEDENT FOR OTHER COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT,** To allow the hotel would open the floodgates to much more commercial development in the Santa Monica Mountains, with the same pervasive issues mentioned above, as well as the negative impact on the environment and its flora and fauna.
- **TRANSPARENCY.** We have been informed that there appears to be clear conflicts of interest between the developer of the proposed hotel and a CD5 Planning and Legislation Deputy and the Deputy's wife, which raises substantial ethics issues.

**WE URGE TO PLEASE VOTE FOR COUNCILWOMAN'S YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION. THANK YOU.**

Sincerely,



David Kadin, President

Benedict Canyon Association