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Comments for Public Posting: Attention: LA City Council Members of the PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, Please do not allow this project to be approved. It is located on one of the largest slide zones in Los Angeles. There are many reasons to reject this development. Case Nos. DIR-2019-6352-CDP-MEL-1A; DIR-2019-5524-CDP-MEL-1A; DIR-2019-5571-CDP-MEL-1A; DIR-2019-5584-CDP-MEL-1A; ZA-2019-5525-ZAD-1A; ZA-2019-5574-ZAD-1A; ZA-2019-5585-ZAD-1A My family moved to Castellemare Mesa in 1963. Growing up I rode the bus to and from school. In 1969 when the "Bulkhead" project was started it made daily travel extremely challenging on Tramonto. Over the years the hillside at the base of the Bulkhead's steel I-beams has steadily flowed down hill. The bases of the I beams that hold up the Bulkhead will soon be visible and no longer holding up Tramonto Drive. The developer has no plans to repair/replace the bulkhead, just to hide part of it behind a wall. Tramonto Drive is the main access road for Castellamare Mesa Neighborhood. Excavation of +33,000 cubic yards of soil (+3000 truck loads) will severely disrupt the residents, traffic and visitors on Tramonto Drive. This project will take years, image the dust, noise and vibrations! This will increase the landslide threat to the "slide area adjacent" homeowners. The excavation/drilling proposed for this project would greatly increase the risk of a potential landslide closing Pacific Coast Highway. Everyday thousands of cars and trucks travel North/South on PCH, a closure would cause a colossal traffic nightmare. Castellamare Mesa neighborhood is in an "Extreme High Fire Zone". If Tramonto Drive is compromised, first responders vehicles will not have a reliable access 2 lane road to keep the neighborhood safe. Homeowners would not be able swiftly retreat from threats and natural disasters. The other ingress/egress route is Porto Marina Way, which is a very narrow street which would be jammed with residents exiting and first responders arriving. The scope of the development exceeds the nature of the neighborhood. A development of four 10,000+ square foot homes is clearly out of scale in a community where the average size house is 2500 square feet. For decades this slide area has exhibited natural groundwater flows/springs which continue to contribute to the instability of the hillside. I strongly

encourage the LA City Council Members of the PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE to have a field trip to see this area first hand. Please reject this development project, it benefits a few greedy developers set on to make a huge profit and who have zero interest in being conscientious neighbors. Thank you, Roger Allen 237 Notteargenta Rd Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 rcbreeze@rocketmail.com