

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: CF19-1603 Dear Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee, On behalf of the neighborhood, the University Park Action Coalition is writing in support of The Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council's (NANDC) opposition to the 806 West Adams project. As a community with an extreme lack of affordable housing, residents fear this development is turning a blind eye to the needs of the neighborhood and would only further isolate current residents by offering even more student housing. What University Park needs is affordable housing units, not more student housing. The description of the project states that it is a "modern and attractive multi-family residential development that would blend seamlessly into an established neighborhood." Community members fear, however, that the project's modern facade and development plans are skewed more towards USC students who would live in five-bedroom units, rather than employees, staff, faculty, or families in the area. Additionally, the categorical exemption is not an adequate level of environmental review. Please consider the impacts on the community before proceeding with the approval of this project. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns feel free to contact us at losangeles.upac@gmail.com or (213) 700-6782. Respectfully, The University Park Action Coalition Board | Aurora Becerra, Rudy Flores, and Sofia Bosch



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Comments for Public Posting: I write to you as an Angelino, homeowner, tax payer and lover of the historic in Los Angeles, specifically the University Park neighborhood. It is understandable that there must be more housing in our city, however, the impact this particular project has on our neighborhood environment due to its density and magnitude is not acceptable. The size and architectural design of this project is in no way conducive to the Historic West Adams neighborhood either. A simple look at the surrounding neighborhood should be sufficient evidence of this. I don't understand how fact based arguments made against this project by so many experts can be ignored. Brian League, University of Southern California, Executive Director of Planning and Land Use. Laura Meyers, preservation consultant and member of the Expo University Park Citizens Advisory Committee to CRA. James Childs, preservation consultant, ADHOC President, Member of the North University Park Community Association. Art Curtis (then) Chair, North University Park Design Review Board. Roland Souza, President, West Adams Heritage Association. David Raposa, realty expert, City Living Realty. Jim Robinson, Janice Robinson, Robinson Residences, experts in student housing...to name a few. It is also disturbing that public opinion and relevant ordinances and regulations seem to be disregarded. There should be no one above compliance to relevant ordinances and regulations specifically the Redevelopment or South Community plans. A public "hearing" is so the community, experts and organizations can participate and voice their concerns when the laws and regulations that are there to protect them and their environment seem to be ignored or misinterpreted. Please, don't turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to us when there are so many fact based evidences, plans and regulations supporting the case of the negative impact of this enormous project. When this occurs, it seems a mockery of the process, obstruction of justice and abuse of power. This project should not be able to move forward as is.