

April 28, 2024

RE: ENV-2019-5520-MND-1A

Honorable PLUM Committee Members:

I am the elected representative for the Castellammare neighborhood on the Pacific Palisades Community Council. In November 2023 I along with over 75 of my neighbors attended a Planning Commission meeting to object to the development referenced above which you will be considering at your meeting on May 7, 2024. We were concerned that this massive development of 4 large homes requiring 30,000 cubic yards of excavation on a large, active landslide had the potential of triggering landslides that could destroy our homes and isolate our community. The Community Council wrote a letter asking that a complete Environmental Impact Report be prepared so that these risks could be adequately assessed. The commission ignored all these requests and approved the proposed development.



After this winter's rain the Tramonto landslide did move again and has blocked part of Pacific Coast Highway. The picture on the left was taken April 24, 2024. Earth movement began in February and continues to this day. Jim Medina, the Caltrans District 7 public information officer said the following in an April 16 note:

"That is actually a city of LA slide. And that has been moving for years. It has been determined by geologists that removing will make the issue worse, potentially spreading onto the entire highway and causing a complete shutdown of PCH. We are working with the city's consultant on this one."

The developer's own geologists have stated that the stabilization measures they propose will only secure the proposed houses. Construction activity at the top of the slide and the potential presence of 4 10,000 square foot homes with swimming pools and extensive landscaping will only exacerbate the existing

conditions threatening our homes, PCH, and the bulkhead that supports Tramonto Drive. A worst case scenario where both PCH and Tramonto are blocked would make it impossible for vehicles to access the entire Castellammare community of over 350 homes.

This development should not go forward, given the risks to our homes and the roads used by thousands of people. You are the decision makers. At the very least you should require a complete EIR so the risks can be impartially evaluated. I hope you will do the right thing.

Respectfully,
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