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**Please Appeal the CPC approval of the Harvard Westlake River Park CPC-2020-1511-VCU-SPR**

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Dear Mayor, City Council President, and honorable members of the Planning Land Use Management Committee, and City Council:

This will be my last comment on the Harvard Westlake River Park Project. I live on Goodland Avenue- between the proposed sportzilla complex at Weddington and the massive Sportsman's Lodge Apartment Building with its adjacent shops. Our life in this peaceful neighborhood will be forever impacted by these mega developments. Have I been idle letting these things happen? No , I as thousands of my neighbors, have fought for years to be heard by local politicians.

The HW river park project is, in my opinion, a crime against humanity. Anyone that supports it is complicit in the obliteration of not only precious green space, but the dignity of the citizens that live in this tranquil studio city neighborhood. We have tried to make our voices heard with accurate and valid pleas to stop, or at least, drastically reduce the size of this unnecessary environmental disaster. But time and again- we are beaten down by lies, secrets and disrespect. News has recently leaked that an entrance to the 400 space underground parking will be located on Bellaire and Valley Spring. Why was this never disclosed?

When Harvard Westlake was able to rent the public parking structure at the Van Nuys Courthouse for the August 24<sup>th</sup> public hearing so that only their "people" could use it, I knew this fight was hopeless. First, that a governmental agency allowed this to be done, and second for the lack of common courtesy shown for concerned citizens, your constituents, who had to scramble to find alternative parking to attend a public hearing. This was cruel and undemocratic. Another example of how our local government is no longer for the people. Developers and those who fund them call the shots, leaving us helpless to try to intervene for our best interests. Clearly our efforts will not be rewarded.

For the last time, I humbly request that a new precedent be set and the approval of the Harvard Westlake River Park be unanimously denied. I believe this school, in its copious resources, will be able to find a better suitable location elsewhere for their extracurricular sports activities and fundraising.

Respectfully,

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Church

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