FRANKLIN-COLDWATER CANYON NEIGHBORS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

RE: Subject: Council File 20-1101

: Support for Councilmember David Ryu's Motion re: Extension of Hillside Construction Regulation overlay (HCR) SUD to <u>Bowmont Hazen</u> and <u>Coldwater Canyon</u>

To Honorable Chair Harris-Dawson and Councilmembers:

I write in support of Councilmember David Ryu's Motion to include the area of Coldwater Canyon from Mulholland Drive to the border of Beverly Hills in the Hillside Construction Regulation Ordinance ("HCR") (Ordinance No. 184827, Council File No. 16-1472-S1 and 16-1472-S-2).

I am a member of Franklin-Coldwater Canyon Neighbors and founder of Hillsides Against Hadid.org. We are approximately three hundred households who live in or adjacent to Coldwater Canyon and Franklin Canyon Park. Our neighborhood is now under attack by predatory developers who have begun destroying hillsides, decimating wildlife habitats and threatening public safety.

The HCR program was intended to apply to the entire area covered by the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, including our neighborhood. Unfortunately, it has not been rolled out to all vulnerable neighborhoods (as intended), leaving us directly in the cross-hairs of unscrupulous developers. In absence of the reasonable regulation, oversight and enforcement mechanisms afforded by the HCR, rogue developers have already rushed massively oversized and inappropriate projects through LADBS to secure 'by-right' permits.

By way of one example, Mohamed Hadid, a known criminal mega-mansion developer (recently convicted of numerous misdemeanor violations of LA Building Code at Strada Vecchia, including building without permits and violating stop-work orders and responsible for a torrent of litigation) was summarily given permits to build a 78,000 sq. ft. mega-mansion at 9650 Cedarbrook. This hotel-sized monster house includes a 2000 foot elevated driveway (supported by hundreds of massive concrete columns) and several 30' high so-called retaining walls.

To the right are "before" and "after" images showing the environmental disaster caused by the grading and initial concrete forming work at Hadid's Cedarbrook building site, as of June 2020.





To further appreciate the enormous size and scope of Hadid's Cedarbrook project, please see the following attached exhibits:

A : Drone aerial images of the Cedarbrook construction site in context of surrounding neighborhoods and canyon areas (as of August 2020);

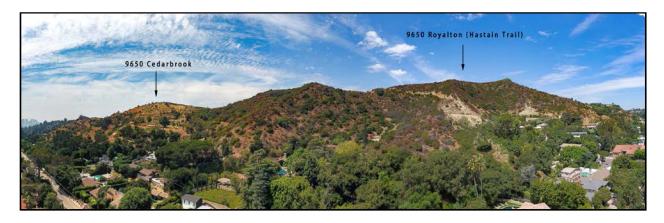
B : Operative Cedarbrook dwelling and grading permits; and

C : Previously published artist renderings of finished Cedarbrook house.

Please also see 360 degree drone footage of the Cedarbrook site in progress as of August 30, 2020 and the resulting decimation of the hillsides and surrounding open space and wildlife habitat. https://vimeo.com/453127256

Apart from the environmental devastation, the construction of this single Hadid project has damaged and blocked narrow canyon streets never intended for hundreds of heavy vehicles and equipment, including an endless brigade of cement trucks. Our homes are bombarded constantly by earth shaking, vibrations, noise and dust. Workers and contractors have sped through stop signs, clogged narrow canyon streets with limited street parking, and created traffic hazards. They have caused an influx of transient traffic, constant noise, and compromised security. The neighborhood has even been compelled to pool its resources, time and money to engage professionals (e.g., architects, engineers, surveyors and land use counsel) to scrutinize the issued permits and analyze its recourse in contemplation of litigation. In short, this massively out-of -scale construction has caused the public health & safety hazards (and neighborhood chaos) to be expected from construction of a <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.org/10.1001/j

But this is just the beginning. Builders like Hadid have already planned to destroy the other hillsides here, including the site at 9650 Royalton which is just a few blocks up Coldwater from Cedarbrook. The Royalton construction project is slated to be another 75,000+ sq. ft. monster house and apart from destroying the entire natural ridgeline (shown below), it would effectively end public access to a considerable portion of the famed Hastain Trail in Franklin Canyon Park enjoyed by thousands of LA residents and park visitors annually.



The HCR has been successful and highly effective in Bel-Air, Laurel Canyon and the Bird Streets. It has protected homeowners from overdevelopment, massive construction sites and overburdened haul routes. At the same time, it is narrowly tailored to fully allow homeowners to renovate and builders to construct appropriate homes in scale with the existing homes. We are simply asking for <u>extension</u> of an existing law which is already helping others similarly situated.

Time is of the essence, however. The longer Planning and City Council wait to act, the more likely it is that the remaining undeveloped hillsides of Coldwater Canyon (including the beloved Hastain Trail) will disappear, the substandard roads will become choked with workers' cars, cement trucks, dump trucks, food trucks and construction equipment all day. These issues pose inherent life-safety challenges to all members of the public.

Accordingly, we respectfully ask that you extend the HCR to include the area of Coldwater Canyon, from Mulholland Drive to the border of Beverly Hills, as soon as possible.

Thank you very much for your prompt and thoughtful consideration.

Steven L. Weinberg

Franklin – Coldwater Canyon Neighbors Founder of Hillsides Against Hadid.org

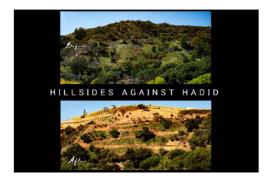
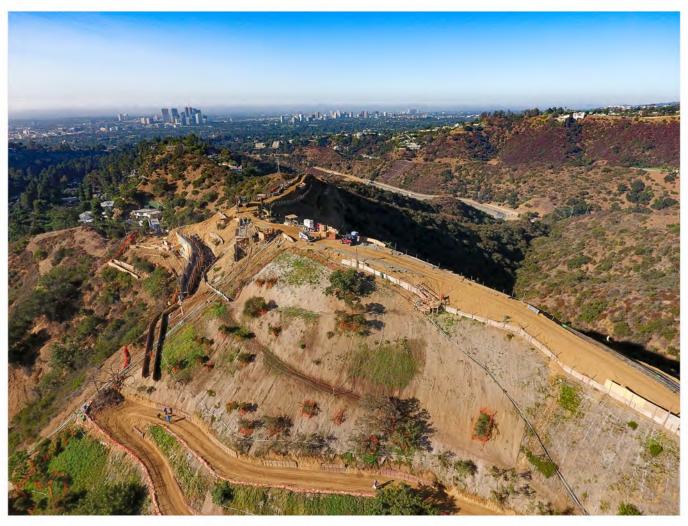
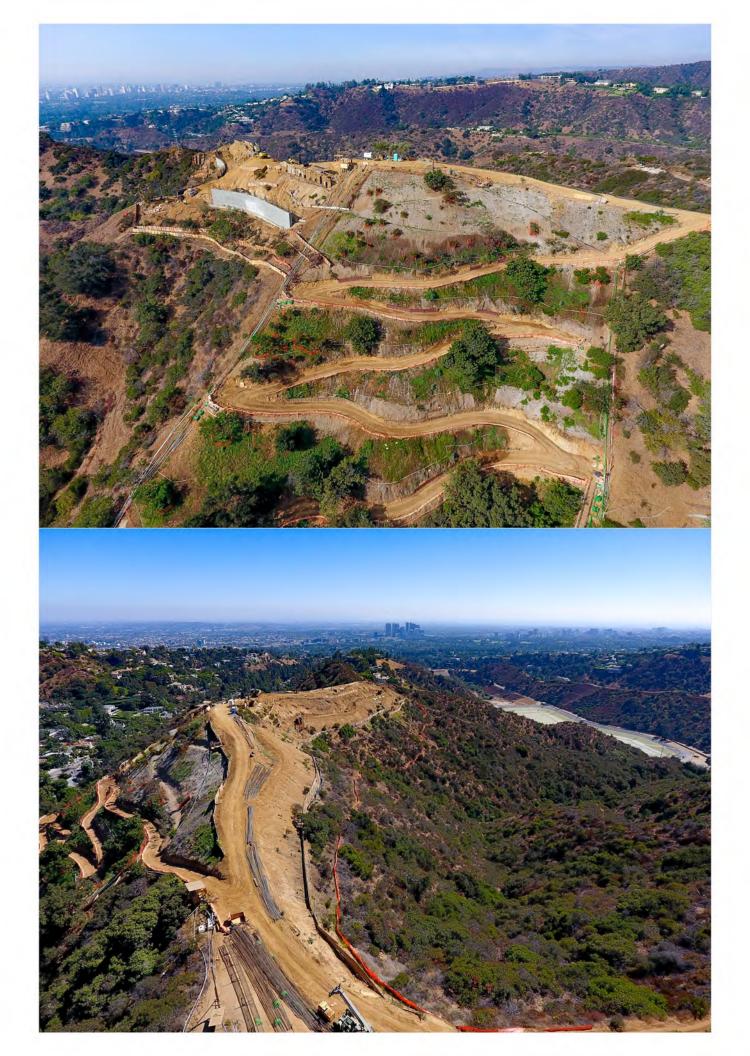
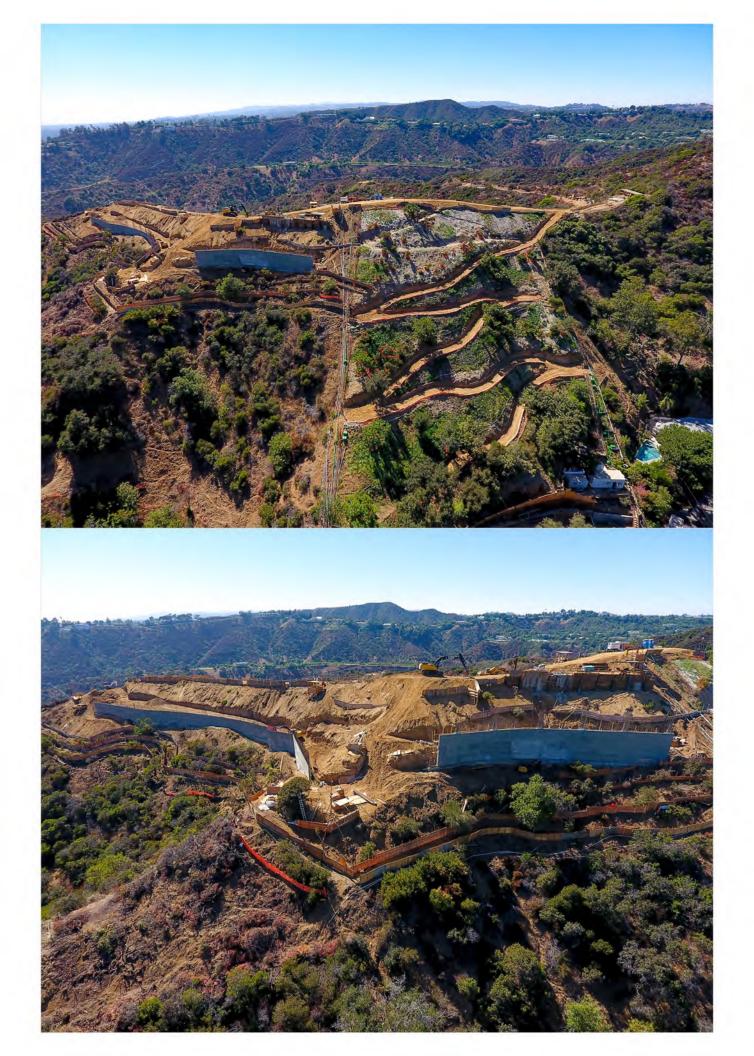


EXHIBIT A





















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Event Code:

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Bldg-New GREEN - MANDATORY City of Los Angeles - Department of Building and Safety Issued on: 03/19/2018 I or 2 Family Dwelling APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT Last Status: Issued Regular Plan Check Plan Check AND CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY Status Date: 03/19/2018

2. ASSESSOR PARCEL# COUNTY MAPREE! PARCEL ID # (PIN #) L. TRACT BLOCK LOT(s) BK 31-81 150B161 99 4387 - 022 - 021 PM 1987 D 150B161 119 4387 - 025 - 001 SW 1/4 SEC 1 TIS R15W 39 SW 1/4 SEC 1 T1S R15W

J. PARCEL INFORMATION Area Planning Commission - West Los Angeles

LADBS Branch Office - LA Baseline Hillside Ordinance - Yes

Council District - 4 Certified Neighborhood Council - Bel Air - Beverly Crest Community Plan Area - Bel Air - Beverly Crest

Census Tract - 2611.01 District Map - 150B161 Energy Zone - 9 Fire District - VHFHSZ Hillside Grading Area - YES Hillside Ordinance - YES

Earthquake-Induced Landslide Area - Yes

Near Source Zone Distance - 0 Parcel Map Ex. - PMEX-3169

ZONES(S): RE40-1-H

4. DOCUMENTS ZI - ZI-2438 Equine Keeping in the City of Lc ORD - ORD-167564-SA790

ORD - ORD-128730 ORD - ORD-129279 ORD - ORD-132416 HLSAREA - Yes CPC - CPC-18760

CPC - CPC-1986-829-GPC

BHO - Yes

AFF - AFF-36835 AFF - AFF-36836 AFF - AFF-38636

5. CHECKLIST ITEMS

Special Inspect - Concrete>2.5ksi Special Inspect - Field Welding Special Inspect - Grade Beam/Caisson Special Inspect - Grading: Area>60,000Sqft Special Inspect - S.M.R. Frame-Steel Special Inspect - Structural Observation

Special Inspect - Structural Wood (periodic) Fabricator Regd - Structural Steel

Storm Water - LID Project

6. PROPERTY OWNER, TENANT, APPLICANT INFORMATION

Owner(s):

MUNAYYER, MISHEL

287 CRESCENT BAY DR, LAGUNA BEACH CA 92651 --

Tenant:

Applicant (Relationship: Agent for Owner)

BLYTHE MCKINNEY -

4340 CALETA RD, AGOURA, CA 91301 -- (818) 991-4060

7. EXISTING USE

PROPOSED USE

(01) Dwelling - Single Family (07) Garage - Private

8. DESCRIPTION OF WORK

M (1)

NEW 4-STORY S.F.D. OVER BASEMENT

1 OF 2 9. # Bldes on Site & Use:

10. APPLICATION PROCESSING INFORMATION

BLDG. PC By: Zaw Han OK for Cashier: Sandi Jimenez DAS PC By: Coord. OK:

Date: 03/19/2018

Signature

II. PROJECT VALUATION Permit Valuation: \$1,200,000

PC Valuation:

Sewer Cap ID:

Total Bond(s) Due:

12. ATTACHMENTS

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Hillside Referral Form

Owner-Builder Declaration

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> Sub Total: \$263,770.78

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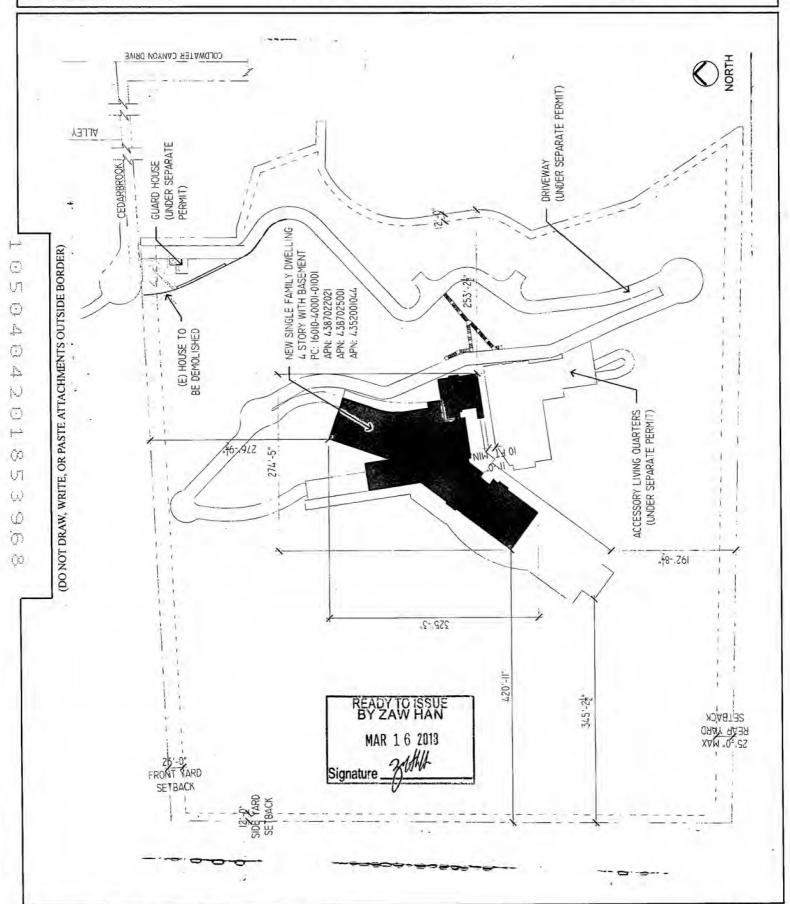
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14. APPLICATION COMMENTS: ** Approved Seismic Gas Shut-Off Valve may be required. ** 115561.8 sq ft Proposed RFA = 78541SF. Proposed RFA < Gur 110w 65 feet in height per LABC. Lot fronts on Substandard Hi +(Garage(5933SF)+ ALQ(24336SF)+) Garage for ALQ(3018SI and ALQ (15018SF)+7??=78541SF.*** To be verified***. E	anteed Minimum RFA FOR RE40 ZONE; ok. Type I illside Street. GPI # 16030-40K-01726. Total RFA= F)+Cover Patio for House and ALQ(16382 SF) + Ba	IV construction House(59920SF) sement for House	electronically and co restrictions. Neverthe	ional information has ould not be printed due eless the information ion 19825 of the Heal	been captured to space printed exceeds
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Bldg-New 1 or 2 Family Dwelling Plan Check

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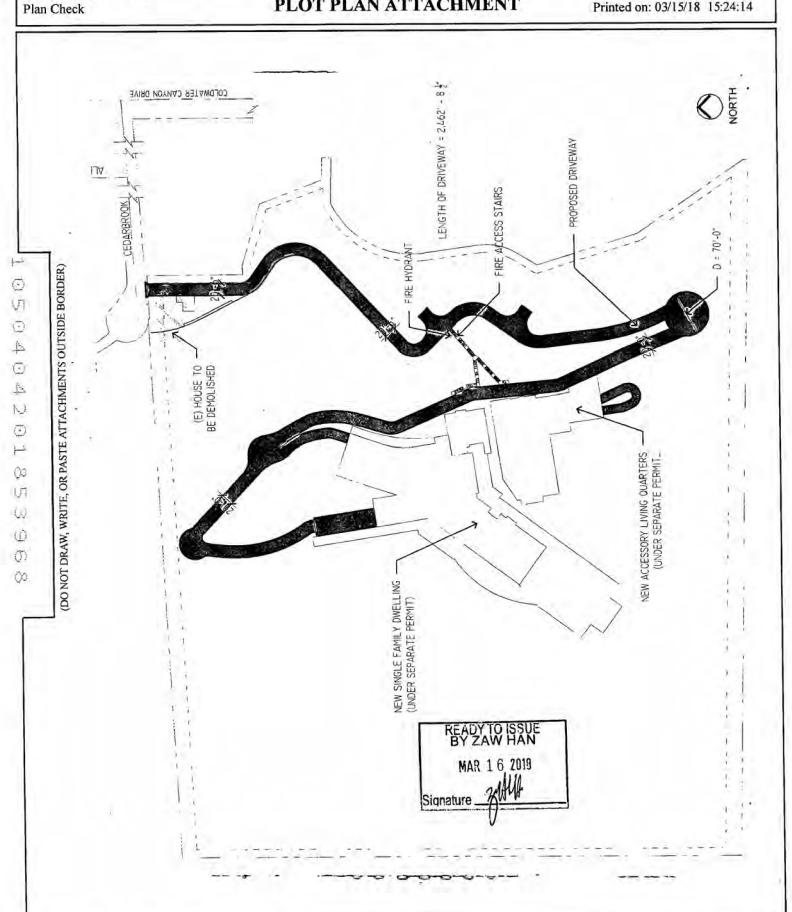
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LADBS Branch Office - LA

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Certified Neighborhood Council - Bel Air - Beverly Crest

Community Plan Area - Bel Air - Beverly Crest

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CPC - CPC-18760 CPC - CPC-1986-829-GPC BHO - Yes

AFF - AFF-36835 AFF - AFF-36836 AFF - AFF-38636

OKD - ORD-132416 5. CHECKLIST ITEMS

Special Inspect - Grading: Area>60,000Sqft

6. PROPERTY OWNER, TENANT, APPLICANT INFORMATION

Owier(s):

TREETOP DEVELOPMENT LLC

11301 OLYMPIC BLVD 537, LOS ANGELES CA 90064 -- (562) 316-6519

Tenant:

Applicant: (Relationship: Agent for Owner)

BLYTHE MCKINNEY -

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7. EXISTING USE

PROPOSED USE

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8. DESCRIPTION OF WORK

SIT PREP FOR A NEW 4-STORY S.F.D. OVER BASEMENT

2 OF 2 9. # Bldgs on Site & Use:

10. APPLICATION PROCESSING INFORMATION

BLDG. PC By: Zaw Han OK for Cashier: Sandi Jimenez DAS PC By: Coord OK:

Total Bond(s) Due: \$195,994

Signature:

Date: 03/19/2018

11. PROJECT VALUATION

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12. ATTACHMENTS

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Plotplan Owner-Builder Declaration

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Owner

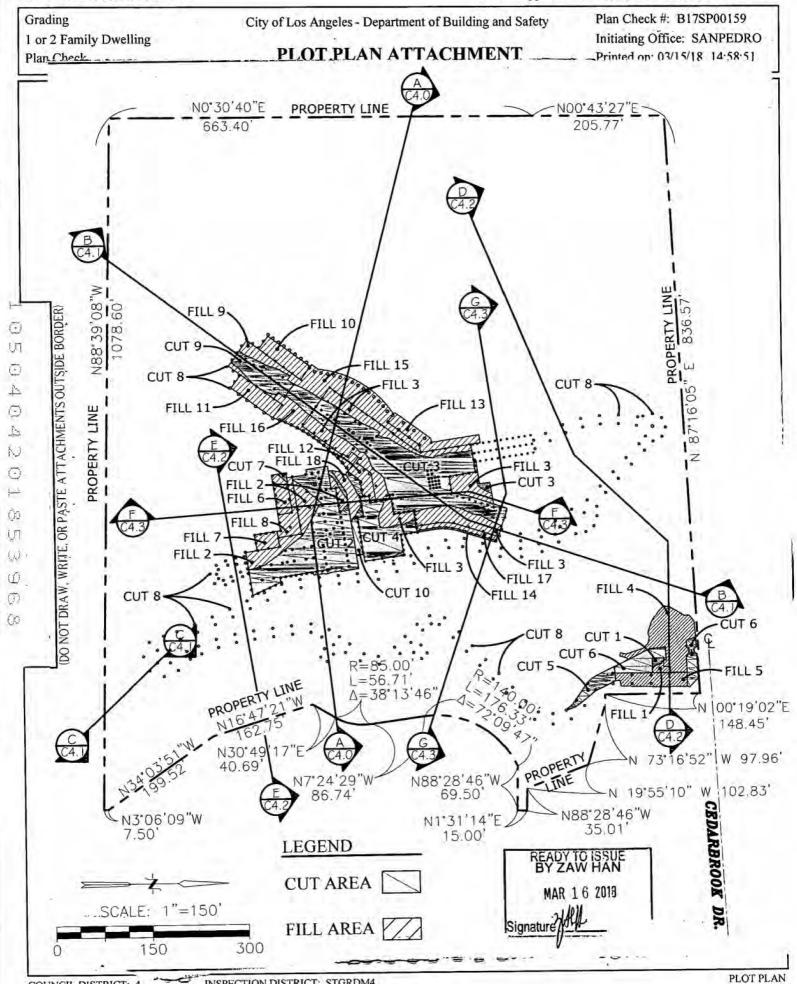
X Authorized Agent

Declaration; and

Print Name: JANAYE CALLAGHAN

(2) This permit is being obtained with the consent of the legal owner of the property

Sign



INSPECTION DISTRICT: STGRDM4

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4













