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Beth Firestone <bfirerock@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 1, 2021 at 10:26 AM

Reply-To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

To: Robert.keating@lacity.org, clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org, daniel.skolnik@lacity.org

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to lend support to Belmont Village's efforts to build a second location in Westwood. I believe increasing space for senior care in the area is needed, and will certainly not have a negative impact on the Wilshire Corridor. I don't see how it could be anything but a positive addition to the Westside of LA!

My mother has lived at Belmont Westwood for 4 years. As a regular visitor to that site, I can attest to the fact that there are never any problems with traffic, parking or neighborhood disruption in any way.

Belmont is a lovely, well-run retirement living facility that has given my mother a wonderful quality of life. For her children and grandchildren, it's always a pleasure to visit her on the beautiful grounds and facilities in a neighborhood that is in close proximity to where we live.

Respectfully,
Beth Firestone

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Mon, Mar 1, 2021 at 12:05 PM

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Cc: "Arp, James" <jarp@belmontvillage.com>

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Robert Keatinge
Mr. Daniel Skolnick

RE: Belmont Village Westwood Project SCEA / Council File 20-1624

Dear Mr. Keatinge and Mr. Skolnick,

My name is Brad Krevoy and I am writing to voice my support for the new Belmont Village senior care project at Westwood Presbyterian Church. After the Church and Belmont Village did a comprehensive analysis of potential environmental impacts, it's clear to me that the project will not have a negative impact on the Wilshire Corridor. We need more projects like this that produce minimal new automobile traffic and other impacts.

On a personal level, my mother, Cecile Krevoy, is a Belmont Resident who would benefit immensely from the project. The additional resources and added services will provide her, and residents like her struggling with memory problems, an improved quality of life. I am grateful for the amazing work Belmont Village does and fully support expanding their outreach to help more people in the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,
Brad Krevoy

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'Trena Greitzer' via Clerk-PLUM-Committee <clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 1, 2021 at 3:02 PM

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I very much want to be able to login and address the committee myself, but in the event I am unsuccessful in calling in with all these confusing instructions, here are my comments which need to be addressed. Thank you very much,

Trena Greitzer

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I live next door at the Californian and I am on the Executive Board of Directors ever since it was first formed. I've been involved in community activities and served on National Boards as well as chairing local boards. I am very familiar and experienced with parliamentary procedure. I have never witnessed anything such as what I saw in the North Westwood Business Council and Westwood Design Committee Review Board meeting. I have always believed that we live in a democratic and fair city. How is it possible that the meetings and certainly that very last meeting was so one-sided. Clearly the chairs opening remarks made known their decision long before the meeting even began.

Our side, the Westwood Neighbors for Sensible Growth, presented our opinions in a timely manner and within the rules set forth. We stated our reasons for opposition and then the Belmont Committee was given their opportunity to speak. However, the chair allowed Belmont to go over the set time limit many times and never stopped them. Hopefully this meeting of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee will be different and fair.

Patricia Will, CEO of Belmont Village, presented her case for a senior care facility at one of the first occasions that I became aware of what was being planned. That was a special meeting held for the Board of Directors at The Californian, where she presented her case along with her attorneys and architects. She stated her interest in building another elder care senior facility. All this was in conjunction with the Westwood Presbyterian Church. She cited that there was a need for another elder care facility. However, she already has a Belmont Village just a few blocks east on the north side of Wilshire near the proposed new Belmont site. Also, The Watermark at Westwood Village has a 188 units, and is another senior facility just like The Belmont. It was just completed and it's only a few blocks north of Wilshire in Westwood Village.

All of this must be taken into consideration along with the fact that there is a six-story limit already approved years ago by the city called, The Westwood Specific Plan.

The proposed Belmont has never addressed the environmental impact of noise, vibration, air quality, lack of parking which is already on Wilshire Blvd, for vendors, moving trucks, delivery trucks, sanitation trucks and postal delivery.

There is not a separate "Delivery Entrance" planned for these numerous deliveries. The Belmont Village is assuming that all these vans and trucks will use their underground parking with that one entrance. In actuality, 90% of all vendors will consider their deliveries fast and timely so they will park on Wilshire or around the corners on Malcolm, Ashton or even Welworth. More congestion and more pollution!

The preschool that is planned is just fine.

However, Belmont and the church are exceeding the limits there as well. I love the idea that children will have a neighborhood preschool and it is very convenient for the parents. But the Belmont project, wants all incoming and outgoing visitors and staff, and the outgoing preschool parents, to use the Wilshire Blvd exit. Currently, the traffic is horrendous right now on Wilshire Boulevard, and these extra vehicles will create even more of a traffic jam and of course more pollution and noise.

It is Ms. Wills intent to build a 12-story Belmont Village yet their own studies show an alarming increase in traffic circulation. They also plan to construct a new 20,000 square-foot preschool and an administration building all in a residential zone which is already way over the city allowed limit.

There is not adequate parking on the street, as it is, for all the services that are required to maintain this facility. Especially when you are doubling the current limit of six-stories that is currently allowed. Let alone considering the absence of a separate delivery entrance into the building. Again, all this is going to add to the pollution and traffic congestion that already exists.

If indeed, you are going to proceed with the Belmont Project, please keep to the allowed six story limit.

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Mon, Mar 1, 2021 at 3:03 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to voice my support for the new Belmont Village senior care project at Westwood Presbyterian Church. I think the proposed project will be a great addition to Wilshire Boulevard insofar as it will create less automobile traffic and other negative impacts than other types of residential and business developments typical in this area. Senior residents tend to create very little traffic as they mostly stay within their resident communities. Our senior population is growing and is in need of more housing and care options within the West Los Angeles area. Please approve the Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment for the Belmont Village senior care project at Westwood Presbyterian Church.

Sincerely,
Wendy Kaufman

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Diana Holbert <diana@westwoodumc.org>

Mon, Mar 1, 2021 at 4:21 PM

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Greetings:

I am writing to voice my support for the new Belmont Village senior care project at Westwood Presbyterian Church. As the Pastor for Children and Families Ministry Westwood United Methodist Church, I have been impressed by the relationship that our church has had and is having with Belmont Village. The children have made valentines each year for the residents, and they have been warmly received - even when we needed to do so at a distance this year because of the pandemic. Anita Rashtian in Community Relations has been a joy to work with, as well as Hannah, the Saturday receptionist.

*Sincerely,
Diana Holbert*

Pastor Diana Holbert
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