

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Silver Lake, who lives within 500 feet of the proposed development, I am strongly opposed to the proposed exemption that would allow the developer to circumvent the standards and protections of the California Environmental Quality Act. The fact that the developer has proposed including a handful of low income units--a small percentage that will NOT meaningful add to the general affordability of the area--is not sufficient justification for granting them multiple exemptions. Granting such wide ranging exemptions to a developer who is building a complex that will *predominantly* house high-income residents would be a terrible short-sighted mistake, because it would send a signal to all future developers that environmental standards are not mandates or regulations, they are simply red tape that developers can easily circumvent if they include an insignificant fraction of low-income units. The developer should be granted exemption from the Environmental Quality Act. They also should be granted an exemption that allows them to build a 89 foot building--a height that significantly exceeds the existing architectural landscape of the neighborhood. 1). First, I would like to stress that 3-story buildings are not currently the norm in the surrounding commercial and residential buildings. So, even if the developer is restricted to the existing 3-story building limit (as they should be), building a large new 3-story building would *already* significantly increase the density of the area and disrupt the current architectural trends that make Silver Lake an iconic part of Los Angeles. Given that, the requested exemption to build even higher is unreasonable and simply not in keeping with the neighborhood. 2), Second and—even more importantly, the proposed building site of 4100 Sunset is significantly elevated from a significant portion of the immediately surrounding streets. For example, the block of Manzanita immediately north of Sunset (which connects to Sunset by stairs) is approximately two stories *below* Sunset. Thus, for residents on the block of Manzanita immediately north of the proposed development, the proposed exemption would tower *seven* stories over the street. Given the unique topography of this site, it is even more urgent that the developer be held to the standards of the Environmental Quality Act. As a resident who owns a house one block from the proposed development, I strongly object to the proposed exemption. It is

fundamentally out of keeping with the surrounding area—both architecturally and geologically in terms of elevation. I hope and expect our representatives will do their part to preserve the environmental and architectural integrity of Sunset Junction so that the area thrives as it continues to grow. Thank you,