

Public Comments Not Uploaded 1600 Venice Boulevard - CEQA Appeal - ENV-2019-4921-CE-1A

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Dear PLUM Committee Members,

It is my understanding that notice of this appeal was not posted on the property, so perhaps the hearing on this matter will be continued so that the appellant and neighbors can provide more information to your committee, including documentation about the project across the street at [1503 Venice Boulevard](#), where work to de-water the lot for a development project has been ongoing for over a year and nine more pumps were recently added (making a total of 14), and about recent water main breaks in the neighborhood, including nearby at Walgrove and Victoria on April 3, 2021.

These issues with water demonstrate the need for projects like the one proposed for [1600 Venice Boulevard](#) to be subject to CEQA review for their cumulative impacts on neighborhood infrastructure, which was not designed for projects of this size. Venice's water system is over 100 years old, and demands from this and similar projects (including the one at [1503 Venice Boulevard](#)) -- and their impacts -- on the neighborhood's water, sewer, power, and transportation infrastructure must be considered as part of their review by the City.

If and when the City does approve projects like the one proposed for [1600 Venice Boulevard](#), after requiring and as part of CEQA review, the City should require developers to pay for improvements to water, sewer, and other neighborhood infrastructure that will be impacted disproportionately by their projects, especially when they result in displacement of working families and loss of the economic, racial, cultural, and artistic diversity of Venice and other neighborhoods.

I urge you to continue the hearing on the proposed [1600 Venice Boulevard](#) project so that people have proper notice and can voice their concerns, and to require CEQA review to examine and mitigate the impacts of this and other proposed projects, including those along Venice Boulevard between Walgrove and Lincoln, on Venice's aging infrastructure.

Respectfully,

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