

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This project will squeeze over 100 five bedroom units onto the lot at Severance and Adams. This project has set aside FIVE units as low-income. Clearly, this city has decided that it does not care to address the homeless problem, nor the affordability problems plaguing Los Angeles. I would think after the initial exposure of the "Pay-to-Play" scandal that is still being investigated was first made public, that the city of Los Angeles would work very hard to show that it is NOT in the back pocket of developers. To approve this project as it is, with no true commitment to addressing housing affordability and allowing this maximum density for what is clearly transient student housing will result in a degradation of our neighborhood. There will be no young families moving into this complex, letting their children attend Norwood Elementary School - which has been suffering declining enrollment year after year. This project will not support low and medium income families who continue to be priced out of the neighborhood that they grew up in, that has been a working class neighborhood for decades. I implore the Council to begin to mend the faith in our City Government. To show that the City Government is working for ALL Angelenos, not just the wealthy individuals and corporations that already control so much of the available rental units in this city. If this project is to be granted this density, a portion far greater than less than five percent of its units must be required to be dedicated to the housing crisis in Los Angeles for the low and medium income Angelenos. To grant this project is to make clear that only one type of citizen is truly welcome in Los Angeles - the rich! Rise above the corruption of your former colleagues, show us all that you are truly our Representatives. Deny this project as presented and demand a project that provides for the needs of this neighborhood and the city that you have sworn to serve. Thank you.