

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Barbara Broide

**Date Submitted:** 02/13/2022 06:31 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1385

**Comments for Public Posting:** While I am pleased to offer my support for this Council Motion (21-1385) which will provide for more effective requirements for on-site posting and mailed notices by the Planning Department for all proposed discretionary land use actions; including larger sizes, longer posting periods, renderings where and when appropriate, and use of plain language, I would be remiss if I did not note that additional minimum notification requirements should be incorporated into the City's procedural ordinance. I write to request that PLUM and the full Council direct the Planning Department to require email notifications and mailed notices to all within 500 feet of a project. Current practices provide notification limited to adjoining landowners for many types of entitlements. This is not adequate notice. Additionally, PLUM should do whatever is necessary to put into action an easy to subscribe to email notification system for all major actions on a project including hearings, release of NOPs, EIRs, NOAs, NODs, and MNDs, and issuance of project approval decisions. The neighborhood councils, neighbors and adjoining property owners in proximity to a project should receive email notification for every document issued about a project under consideration. For all notices, whether mailed, emailed, or posted, the notice should include a website link and/or email where interested persons can enroll in the email system that sends all notices and decisions via email to any individual who requests it. With the many communications challenges introduced by the current ongoing pandemic, it is even more important to update notification methods to reflect the ways that people get and see information relevant to their lives. Improved communications will serve to improve the City's credibility with its stakeholders. This should be a goal of the City's leadership and considered in all legislative actions. Please take swift action to strengthen this measure as noted above.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. Homeowners Association

**Date Submitted:** 02/13/2022 06:44 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We support Council Motion (21-1385) which seeks to provide for more effective requirements for on-site posting and mailed notices by the Planning Department for all proposed discretionary land use actions; including larger sizes, longer posting periods, renderings where and when appropriate, and use of plain language. However, we must request that additional minimum notification requirements be incorporated into the City's procedural ordinance, and request that PLUM and the full Council direct the Planning Department require email notifications and mailed notices to all within 500 feet of a project. Concerned constituents who live or work near proposed projects and who are affected by those projects are often unaware of what is to come as they have received no notification. They come to our local HOA and/or the neighborhood council late in the process never having received any notification. Oftentimes notifications sent to adjoining property owners go unopened or misunderstood. Those property owners fail to realize that others have not been notified and that it is up to them to share the information or seek assistance. The current practices that provide notification limited to adjoining landowners for many types of entitlements is inadequate. In addition, to effectively communicate with stakeholders, PLUM, the Council and Planning Department should do whatever is necessary to implement an easy to subscribe to email notification system for all major actions on a project including hearings, release of NOPs, EIRs, NOAs, NODs, and MNDs, and issuance of project approval decisions. The neighborhood councils, neighbors and adjoining property owners in proximity to a project should receive email notification for every document issued about a project under consideration. For all notices, whether mailed, emailed, or posted, the notice should include a website link and/or email where interested persons can enroll in the email system that sends all notices and decisions via email to any individual who requests it. The technology to implement the above recommendations exists. Is there also the will to do so?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dan Silver

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I object to limitations on public notices and request broad distribution and notification by electronic as well as postal mail. A wide radius rather than just directly adjacent properties is necessary. This is at the heart of democracy.