

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon. On behalf of Loyola Marymount University, please see the attached comments. Very best, John

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VIA EMAIL

Planning and Land Use Management Committee
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Re: May 17, 2022, Agenda, Item 2: Loyola Marymount University – Specific Plan
Amendment – Case No. CPC 2019-4651-SP (Council File No. 22-0300)

Dear Chair Harris-Dawson and Honorable Councilmembers:

On behalf of Loyola Marymount University, we look forward to your consideration of the University's proposed amendment to its campus Specific Plan. The City approved the Specific Plan in 2011, and the amendment before you will allow the University to meet the evolving needs of its campus community, without increasing the previously approved campus square footage or maximum student enrollment. Following extensive neighborhood outreach over the last three years, we are pleased the City's Hearing Officer and Planning Commission (unanimously) recommended approval of the amendment. We respectfully request your approval.

The approved Specific Plan provides the University with the path to modernize and enhance its campus with sustainable and modern academic buildings, athletics facilities, and residential housing. The limited amendment will allow the University to retain and repurpose the iconic Gersten Pavilion, update its existing Event Parking Management and Transportation Demand Management programs to enhance campus event operations, establish a dedicated compliance officer to advance communications with the Westchester community, and implement a number of other provisions at the request of the Neighborhood Council.

Since August 2019, when it submitted its amendment application to the City, LMU has made dozens of presentations and engaged in numerous productive discussions with Councilmember Bonin's office, the Neighborhood Council, and other members of the community. The collaborative partnership with the community forged the amendment before you today. LMU has received numerous endorsements from civic organizations, homeowners associations, neighborhood groups, and community members, as well as concurrence from the Neighborhood Council.

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The amendment will provide the University with the flexibility to meet the needs of the campus and support its efforts to continue its position as a premier educational institution and integral resource for the City of Los Angeles.

We greatly appreciate your consideration and approval on May 17.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Heintz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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