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**Comments for Public Posting:** I STRONGLY oppose the motion under Charter Section 245 made by Councilmember Koretz and urge the PLUM Committee and City Council to uphold, ratify, sustain and affirm the determinations of the ZA and West L.A. Area Planning Commission to DENY the zone variance requested by YULA. I am concurrently submitting the following documents and photographs to be included in the public record for this Case (NOTE: it appears this webpage allows the user to attach only one document at a time, so I'll submit these in 9 postings, to be viewed together) : 1. Letter dated 4/4/22 from Susan Gans (SG) to the West LA APC; 2. "FAQ's" attached to SG's 4/4/22 letter; 3. List (as of 4/4/22) of YULA-affiliated contributors to Councilmember Koretz's campaigns; 4. Photo of donor recognition sign on INTERIOR wall in building on U. of Michigan campus; 5. Photo of large "donor wall" sign on INTERIOR wall in building on U. of Michigan campus; 6. List of people who have signed letters in opposition to the Variance; 7. Letters opposing the Variance (Part 1); 8. Letters opposing the Variance (Part 2); and 9. Article written by Susan Gans and published in CityWatchLA.com on 5/16/22.

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Attention: PLUM Committee

RE: Council File 22-0505 / Motion by Councilmember Paul Koretz pursuant to Charter Section 245 to assert jurisdiction over April 13, 2022 (Letter of Determination dated April 28, 2022) of the West L.A. Area Planning Commission ("**WLA APC**"), with respect to Planning Dept. Case No. ZA-2019-5552-ZA-1A

Applicant: Yeshiva University of Los Angeles Boys High School ("**YULA**")

Dear Honorable Members:

I am submitting concurrently with this letter the following documents and photographs, which are hereby incorporated herein, for purposes of including them in the public record:

1. My letter to the members of the WLA APC dated April 4, 2022 (the "**April 4 Letter**");
2. The "FAQ's" that were attached to the April 4 Letter, which provide an overview of the issues in this case and explain why the zone variance requested by YULA ("**Variance**") must be denied;
3. A list (current as of April 4, 2022) of contributors to Councilmember Koretz's campaigns who are affiliated with YULA, including the 24 contributions from people whose names or surnames would be on the signs which require the Variance;
4. A photograph (taken today) of a beautiful INTERIOR sign which identifies both the building (the College of Literature, Science and the Arts) AND the donor (the Okun Bomba Family), at the University of Michigan. (In this regard, please note that although the University campus is enormous - - the size of a small city - - there is almost NO exterior signage to identify ANY of the buildings on campus or any donors, evidencing that such signage is neither necessary nor customary;
5. A photograph (also taken today) of an enormous donor sign which is located in the INTERIOR entrance to the College of Literature, Science and the Arts at the University of Michigan - - likewise evidencing the MORE CUSTOMARY AND TYPICAL placement of donor wall signage (*i.e.*, INSIDE of buildings, rather than on an exterior wall, where YULA is insisting on installing its 275 sq. ft. "donor wall");

6. List of people who have signed letters in opposition to the Variance (there are 51 such letters, of which 48 are signed by homeowners in the neighborhood adjacent to the YULA campus);
7. Letters opposing the Variance (Part 1);
8. Letters opposing the Variance (Part 2); and
9. Article entitled: "Wannabe Controller Paul Koretz Proves "Pay-to-Play" is Alive and Well in City Hall", as published in CityWatchLA.com on May 16, 2022.

The facts supporting the DENIAL of the Variance are summarized in the two documents described in items 1 and 2 above, and **I hope that you will take the time to read them.** I also recommend that the PLUM Committee members LISTEN to the audio of the very thorough hearing conducted by the WLA APC on April 13, 2022. It will be readily apparent from listening to such hearing that the WLA APC members did an exemplary job, had read all of the documents submitted, asked excellent questions, and should be COMMENDED for their excellent work (instead of having the results of their efforts nullified with this attempt to overturn their decision).

The purpose of this letter is to respond to the motion made by Councilmember Paul Koretz pursuant to City Charter Section 245 (the "**245 Motion**") to assert jurisdiction over the April 13, 2022 action (and Letter of Determination dated April 28, 2022) of the WLA APC to deny YULA's appeal and sustain the determination of the Associate Zoning Administrator (Theodore Irving) (the "**ZA**") to deny the Variance.

A. Writing on behalf of the 51 homeowners who signed the letters described in item nos. 7 and 8 above, we **strongly oppose the 245 Motion** and urge the PLUM Committee to submit the case to the City Council with a strong recommendation to UPHOLD the action of the WLA APC and the ZA (and DENY the Variance) or remand the case to the ZA with instructions to deny the Variance, as appropriate.

I'd like to note that we had **NO notice** of the 245 Motion - - which was filed by Councilmember Koretz as a highly unethical "sneak attack" on opponents of the Variance - - which is the ONLY reason why no one made public comments to object to the 245 Motion before it was voted on by the City Council at its May 11, 2022 meeting. This is **inherently unfair** and totally lacking in transparency, especially in light of the fact that 21 days' advance notice was required with respect to all previous significant events in connection with the disposition of this case.

B. **If the PLUM Committee votes to support the 245 Motion (and the grant of the Variance) and the City Council then votes to reverse the unanimous decision of the WLA APC, the PLUM Committee members and other City Council members will be active participants in yet another "pay-to-play" corruption scheme, since Councilmember Koretz has received substantial campaign contributions, and stands to receive substantial additional contributions if the Variance is granted, from persons and companies affiliated with YULA. Councilmember Koretz has already received at least \$22,750 in campaign contributions from people or companies directly affiliated with YULA, including 24 separate contributions from people whose names or family names would be on the "donor recognition" / "vanity" signs for which YULA needs the Variance.** This information is all detailed in the list described in item 3 above. The \$22,750 is a conservative estimate, because it's

very difficult to trace contributions made by people who are affiliated with YULA but have other surnames (e.g., a different “married name”), and it doesn’t include any contributions that Councilmember Koretz undoubtedly expects to receive if his 245 Motion is successful. The signs are for the benefit of a group of very wealthy donors to YULA, who will be very appreciative of the Councilmember’s efforts on their behalf, and the logical way to reward him for such efforts is to contribute generously to his current campaign for City Controller.

In light of such financial motives for Councilmember’s 245 Motion, **IT IS CLEARLY AN ABUSE OF AUTHORITY for Councilmember Koretz to make such motion and for the PLUM Committee and City Council to support his efforts and to take any action that results in the grant of the Variance. *The credibility and reputation of the PLUM Committee and its members will be seriously compromised if the Committee acts in any manner that serves to advance Councilmember Koretz’s pay-to-play scheme.*** In this regard, please be advised that neighborhood residents have already contacted the F.B.I. and L.A. City Ethics Commission to request an investigation into this matter.

C. The potential for abuse of a Section 245 motion is simply too great (as this case proves). The process of making a motion pursuant to Section 245 should **only** be undertaken in truly egregious situations in which the Area Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator have *clearly* abused their discretion. That is definitely NOT the case here. Both the ZA and the WLA APC did a very thorough review of the hundreds of pages of documents submitted by both YULA and opponents of the Variance, and they listened carefully to both sides at FOUR very long hearings. The ZA carefully analyzed each of the five findings he is required to make, found the evidence lacking as to each of such findings, and thus upheld the very high bar established for the grant of a zone variance under LAMC Sec. 12.27 and City Charter Sec. 562. ***The ZA and WLA APC members absolutely did not abuse their discretion or authority,*** and the decision of the WLA APC was UNANIMOUS and CORRECT. Theodore Irving is an outstanding and exemplary public servant whose hard work, knowledge of the zoning regulations, and analytical abilities should be commended.

**Conversely, the members of the PLUM Committee and City Council would be abusing *their* discretion and authority if they vote to overturn and reverse the determination of the WLA APC in this case and grant the Variance.**

D. As all of the members of the WLA APC stated at the April 13 hearing, YULA’s insistence on a particular sign size and design/style and its refusal to comply with the City’s sign regulations (of which they were or should have been aware) created a ***SELF-IMPOSED HARDSHIP*** - - exactly the situation for which City Charter Sec. 562 and LAMC Sec. 12.27.D. expressly authorize the Zoning Administrator to deny a zone variance: “*The Zoning Administrator may deny a variance if the conditions creating the need for the variance were self-imposed.*” In this regard, Chair Lisa Morocco referenced the following sentence contained in a letter opposing the Variance: “The zone variance process is not intended to accommodate an applicant’s design preferences.” If YULA’s true objective is to identify buildings, the 30 square feet of sign area to which it is entitled *without* a variance is more than enough to serve that purpose.

E. **It is completely irrelevant that only one of the six signs in the R-1 zoned portion of YULA’s campus will be visible from the street,** because this completely misses the point that the five requirements for a Variance (under City Charter Sec. 562 and LAMC Sec. 12.27) have not been met, the need for a Variance arises from a self-imposed hardship, and the grant of the Variance will establish a bad precedent (regarding signs in the R-1 zone) which can be used in



the future not only by YULA but also by other institutions and businesses located on R-1 or multi-zoned property.

In this regard, please note that there is a case almost directly “on point”, which involved an illegal “third dwelling unit” (“**TDU**”) that was in violation of the zoning regulations. The Zoning Administrator and Central L.A. Area Planning Commission in that case likewise denied the requested zone variance to “legalize” the violation. As is the case here, Councilmember Koretz intervened with a motion pursuant to Section 245, claiming that the TDU that violated the zoning laws “wasn’t visible from the street” so that an exception should be made (see: <https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-xpm-2014-mar-04-la-me-ln-bel-air-home-protest-20140304-story.html>). The City Council approved the motion and ultimately granted the variance. A lawsuit was filed (see Donna Chazanov et al vs. City of Los Angeles et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS135382, January 17, 2013) (the “**Chazanov Case**”), and Judge Luis Lavin ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, finding that “**the City Council abused its discretion by failing to follow the requirements of the City Charter and the Municipal Code**” and ordered the City and City Council to set aside their decision. Judge Lavin also noted that even though some City Council members based their vote on “laudable public policy goals” (i.e., increasing the City’s housing stock), such “laudable public policy goals . . . may not be used by the City Council to dismantle the City’s zoning scheme in a piecemeal fashion.”

In the YULA case before the PLUM Committee, there aren’t even any “laudable public policy goals” to cite, as the variance is to allow unnecessary donor recognition / vanity signs that could easily be either moved to an interior location or be re-designed to conform to code requirements. In this case, **the 245 Motion is being used to effectuate a de facto amendment, without taking any of the normal and necessary legal and administrative procedural steps required to amend the Municipal Code, and creating a new exception for signs that violate the regulations but are just not “visible from the street” - - thus dismantling “the City’s zoning scheme in a piecemeal fashion” as condemned by Judge Lavin in his opinion in the Chazanov Case.**

F. **The grant of the Variance would set a bad precedent with respect to eroding the protections against excessive signage for all R-1 neighborhoods.** YULA’s attorney has been unable to find a single previous Planning Department case where a variance has been granted in anything remotely close to a similar situation.

G. The list of Conditions of Approval and Findings which Councilmember Koretz has asked the PLUM Committee to adopt were clearly **written by YULA’s attorney** (since they are virtually identical to the proposed Conditions and (ridiculous) Findings previously submitted by YULA to the Planning Department); they directly contradict the Findings made by the ZA and contain many false and/or unsubstantiated, self-serving statements, which are NOT supported by ANY evidence or facts (despite the requirement that findings of fact be “based upon evidence”, as set forth in Charter Section 562 and LAMC Section 12.27.D.). Moreover, such specious, unsupported findings would certainly be cited by YULA in future requests for zone variances and be used to erode the protections afforded to YULA’s residential neighbors by L.A.’s zoning (and other) laws.

Councilmember Koretz is behaving like a marionette, with YULA’s land use attorney pulling all the strings and doing all the work behind-the-scenes, furnishing him with the so-called “Findings of Fact” for the Councilmember to submit to the PLUM Committee. This practice may not be uncommon, but it is still an abhorrent practice for an elected official to kowtow so obsequiously to an applicant’s counsel in this manner. I seriously question whether Councilmember Koretz has

even read any of the Conditions of Approval and Findings that YULA's attorney gave to him to submit (and which are attached to the letter dated May 11, 2022 from Councilmember Koretz to the Los Angeles City Council, attention: PLUM Committee).

H. We are well aware of the unwritten "rule of reciprocity" that too often governs the decisions of City Council members, whereby Councilmembers exchange political favors and usually vote to support a matter of concern to a Councilmember involving a project located in that Councilmember's district. **Such unwritten "rule of reciprocity" should not be honored in this case**, however, because (1) as discussed above, other Councilmembers should not do anything to facilitate a "pay-to-play" transaction; (2) any efforts to reverse the decisions of the ZA and WLA APC would constitute an abuse of authority by the PLUM Committee and City Council, as discussed above; and (3) Councilmember Koretz has only a few months remaining to his term, is very disliked in his own district (a voter base which could well tip the election) and failed to get the endorsement of the L.A. Times despite his many years in politics, and thus is not likely to succeed in his campaign for City Controller and soon will not be in any position to participate in the "quid pro quos" contemplated by this "unwritten rule".

**For all of these reasons, we respectfully request that the members of the PLUM Committee vote to submit the case to the City Council with a strong recommendation to UPHOLD the action of the WLA APC and the ZA (and DENY the Variance) or remand the case to the ZA with instructions to (again) deny the Variance, as appropriate - - so that the determination of the WLA APC and the ZA is upheld, ratified and affirmed, and the Variance is DENIED.**

Respectfully,

*// Susan L. Gans //*

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## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The attachment contained in this post is attachment #1 to the May 16, 2022 comment letter previously submitted. This is the last of SEVEN attachments to such comment letter and all attachments should be deemed to be incorporated in such May 16, 2022 letter.

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April 4, 2022

West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission /  
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Esther Margulies and Adele Yellin

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RE: Yeshiva University of Los Angeles Boys High School ("YULA")  
Request for Zone Variance / Public Hearing on April 13, 2022  
Case No. ZA-2019-5552-ZV-1A (**Remand**)

Dear Commissioners Morocco, Laing, Margulies and Yellin:

I'm sending this letter and the attachments hereto as "Regular Submissions" in connection with the appeal filed by YULA of the determination, as set forth in the letter dated January 26, 2022 (the "**Determination Letter**") from Theodore L. Irving, Associate Zoning Administrator (the "**AZA**" or "**Mr. Irving**"), to YULA and its attorney John M. Bowman, Esq. to DENY its requested zone variance (which would allow YULA to install 9 new signs which require relief from the city's sign regulations [specifically, LAMC §§ 12.21.A.7(h), 14.4.8.A, 14.4.10.D.2, and 14.4.19] ).

I am writing on behalf of the 51 people (including 46 neighborhood residents) who signed the attached letters in **opposition** to the requested variance ("**Opposition Letters**") but do not have the time or desire to attend any public hearings. Although the Opposition Letters pertain to the signage program as originally proposed (*i.e.*, when the total sign surface area was 501 sq. ft. and three signs would have been visible from the street), the form is clearly drafted to provide for the Opposition Letters to be resubmitted in connection with future hearings, and the basic tenet that "approval of the Variance would create a very dangerous and unwarranted precedent" (as discussed below), continues to be a major concern.

The primary objectives of this letter are to refute the assertions made in the "Justification/Reason for Appeal" (the "**JRA**") attached to YULA's Appeal Application dated February 4, 2022, and to explain why the Determination Letter is 100% correct and why the changes YULA proposed at the initial West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission ("**WLA APC**") hearing (held on September 16, 2020), which caused the WLA APC to remand the case to the AZA, do NOT justify or warrant the reversal of the AZA's determination and the grant of the requested zone variance.

**Flaws in YULA's Justification/Reason for Appeal / Why the Changes in the Signage Program Should Not Change the Outcome**

The following bullet points loosely correspond to the order of arguments made by YULA in the JRA.

- Although the AZA did make a few minor, non-substantive errors in the Determination Letter (which can be forgiven in light of his having to work remotely on an undoubtedly heavy caseload, during an unprecedented pandemic), **the AZA absolutely did NOT abuse his**

**discretion, and his decision was well-reasoned and certainly NOT “arbitrary”** (as YULA contends in Section II.B. on page 3 of the JRA). The Determination Letter contains a thoughtful, well-articulated analysis of the issues, and reflects Mr. Irving’s commitment to following the mandates of the LAMC and his integrity, professionalism, knowledge and understanding of the issues, and many years of experience. To accuse him of abusing his discretion in order to justify the appeal, as YULA’s attorney has done, is an *unjustified insult* to this dedicated and hardworking member of the Planning Department. **Reversing Mr. Irving’s determination (and granting the variance) would require the WLA APC to concur that he abused his discretion and would thereby ratify and compound the insult. Further, if the WLA APC votes to approve the appeal and grant the variance, such approval/grant would actually be an abuse of discretion by the WLA APC!**

YULA repeatedly accuses the AZA of failing to support his findings with substantial evidence (see, for example, Section II.B on page 3 of the JRA), but **it is not the AZA’s job to provide evidence that a requirement can’t be satisfied (even though in this case Mr. Irving *has* provided sufficient evidence in a well-articulated and well-reasoned determination letter); rather, it’s the applicant who has the burden of presenting substantial evidence to the AZA that all five of the required findings can be satisfied -** - and YULA has not presented any such evidence. It simply makes self-serving assertions with respect to each of the required findings, without providing any facts, evidence, or citation of any valid and applicable precedents, to support such assertions. For example, YULA asserts (in Section B.1 of the JRA on page 3, and elsewhere) that the signage is “customary and appropriate for a private school” and “necessary for the identification of the various buildings and facilities” - - but YULA provides no evidence to support these claims.

- **The proposed signage is NOT “customary, necessary, and appropriate” as YULA claims in the JRA, because:**

(a) The YULA campus is only 1.36 acres, has only 3 buildings, and has very few visitors who might be unfamiliar with the campus; on a typical day, the only persons present on campus are the students, faculty and employees, and on “game days” or during “Special Events” (when there would be more visitors), the gym entrance is obvious and directions could be provided at the front gate. YULA’s campus can’t be compared to vast campuses, hospital complexes, etc. which are spread out over many acres, with many buildings. In any event, there is always a guard present at the front gate during school hours, who can provide directions.

(b) The proposed signage is NOT necessary for identification or directional purposes. As explained at length in Par. 2.B. of the updated “FAQ’s” attached to this letter, I spoke directly to Senior Lead Officer Christopher Baker of the LAPD and Captain Samuel Galvan in the Schools, Churches and Institutions Division of the LAFD, and both were practically insulted at the suggestion / implication that their highly trained professionals would need signs to tell them where they need to go in an emergency. Both adamantly denied the necessity of the proposed signs, especially in such a small area.

(c) YULA can’t compare itself to other private schools or other institutions that are not on land zoned R1 and immediately adjacent to single-family residences, with respect to what is customary and appropriate. In this regard, YULA continues to refer to the 20-year old L.A. City Planning Department cases involving a zone variance granted with respect to signs at the Motion Picture & Television Fund Home (“**MPTF Home**”) (Case Nos. ZA 2001-4345(ZAI) and 2001-5976-CU-ZV-ZAD-SPR). These cases, however, involved a nearly

FORTY-FIVE ACRE (1,719,891 sq. ft) site comprising four different zones (RS-1XL, R3-1, RA-1 and RA-1XL), with numerous buildings, parking areas and uses (including a hospital, residential complex, administrative offices, hospice care and a fitness center), which attracts many daily visitors who are unfamiliar with the complex. In addition, the complex is completely screened from the view of all surrounding streets by very dense landscaping, and the variance granted was in connection with the *renovation* of the *existing* (previously approved) sign program, and the cases involved replacement of signs “with a *lesser* number of signs and a *lesser* square footage than previously existed.” Further, the City Planning Commission repeatedly emphasized the “*unique* size and scope” of the healthcare complex in support of its findings. Comparing the MPTF Home cases to this case is “apples and oranges”; while a few sentences in the MPTF cases, when taken out of context (as YULA has done), may appear to support YULA’s arguments, the fact is that the MPTF cases have no relevance whatsoever and do not establish any precedent.

(d) All signage of a “conservative identification or directional type” (as contemplated by Condition No. 42 of YULA’s Conditional Use Permit (“**CUP**”) can easily be made to fit within the maximum 30 sq. feet of surface area mandated by the LAMC, which is actually quite a lot of surface area. It is NOT necessary to exceed such maximum - - it is simply YULA’s *design preference* to have so many large signs, and the City’s sign regulations should not be circumvented via the extreme measure of a zone variance simply to accommodate an applicant’s design preferences. Several of the proposed “identification” type signs have less than 9 sq. ft. of surface area, and YULA could easily have one identification sign for each of the 3 buildings and be well within the 30 sq. ft. maximum and thus not need a variance. The signs which exceed 9 sq. ft. do not “simply identify the YULA campus or specific buildings” (JRA, page 2), since they are far larger than necessary for simple identification purposes.

Even if the signs are deemed to be “identification” type rather than donor recognition signs, and thus (arguably) “necessary” and “appropriate”, the large size is NOT a necessity, and the design/style of the signs (to the extent that it doesn’t conform to LAMC requirements) is simply a self-imposed choice / decision made by YULA. In short, YULA CAN have all the signage it NEEDS, without the extreme measure of seeking a zone variance.

**As Mr. Irving stated at the September 16, 2020 hearing, “the [City’s] sign regulations have been around for many years. The zone variance [process] shouldn’t be used to correct a failed task of [the applicant’s] design team . . . . The applicant elected [to implement] a set of plans that called for a variance, *by the applicant’s own choice*. It didn’t present plans that complied with the Code. This is not the purpose of a zone variance.”**

**In this regard, LAMC §12.27.D. expressly provides: “The Zoning Administrator may deny a variance if the conditions creating the need for the variance were self-imposed.” That is exactly the situation here.**

(e) Even though the total sign area of the 6 signs in the R1 zone has decreased to 108.96 sq. ft., that is still **3.6 times the maximum allowed** by the LAMC.

(f) The largest of the proposed signs (ST-31, the “Donor Wall” monument sign, comprising 208.83 sq. ft.) could and should be installed in an indoor location (such as the lobby/entrance area of one of the buildings), which is more respectful of the donors, since the sign would be protected from the elements and would not be bombarded with bird poop. Most donor walls I’ve seen ARE indoors (often in a lobby). There is NO necessity, *nor is it customary or even appropriate*, to install such a large donor wall sign outdoors, and a

variance isn't needed to install it indoors - - indeed, YULA could honor its donors indoors with as large a sign as they want *and* leave room to expand the sign area to add additional donors at a later date. This one sign - - which YULA acknowledges IS a "donor recognition sign" - - is almost *three times* the maximum size allowed under LAMC §14.4.8.A. We concur with the AZA that the zone variance process was not intended to be used to circumvent Code requirements, especially when other options are available to the applicant.

(g) With respect to its contention that the proposed signs are "appropriate", YULA hasn't provided a single example/precedent of another school that is *located in the R1 zone* and has signs similar in size, number and style to what YULA is proposing. It is NOT appropriate for YULA to compare itself to schools or other institutions that are not located in the R1 zone or on similarly dual-zoned property.

(h) Sign ST-02a ("YULA Boys High School / Nagel Family Campus") is NOT "a critically-needed identification sign", because there is already a very large, free-standing monument sign (ST-01, 23.24 sq.ft.) with almost identical text (i.e., "YULA / Nagel Family Campus") on Pico Blvd., and since all visitors driving to YULA must turn right or left from Pico Blvd. to access YULA's garage, all visitors will see that large sign. And those people who walk to YULA (and may access the campus from the south and not see the sign on Pico Blvd.) likewise do not need another sign to identify the entrance. The location of the school and its main entrance is **obvious**, since the entrance is readily visible from both Pico Blvd. and Castello Ave., and there are no other structures in this half-block which look anything like a school, so the additional sign is not necessary. If there is any confusion about YULA's location, the proper (and far less radical) thing to do is to change YULA's address from Pico Blvd. to Castello Avenue (where the entrance is situated).

(i) Sign ST-02b (monument sign, 32.60 sq. ft.) serves no identification or directional purpose whatsoever. It is located *inside* the campus and not visible from the street (so anyone who sees this sign already knows where they are), and contains text IDENTICAL to sign ST-02b and substantially identical to sign ST-02a. This large monument sign is clearly and solely a donor recognition sign.

- YULA is twisting the AZA's words when it suggests that he proposed that YULA cover the courtyard. The AZA was simply making the point that the situation here is **self-imposed**. YULA can easily install the 3 identification signs it claims it needs (one sign outside the entrance of each of the 3 campus structures), within the 30 sq. ft. maximum and without a variance. YULA **elected** to have an open (roof-less) courtyard, which limited YULA's options regarding sign size and design. The AZA never suggested or intended to suggest that YULA cover the courtyard. Accordingly, the AZA's conclusions as to required Findings Nos. 1 and 3 are **NOT** "based on a false premise."
- In Section II.B of the JRA, YULA accuses the AZA of denying YULA's application "in its entirety" - - suggesting that the AZA decision to do so was "arbitrary" and he had the authority to issue the variance as to some signs but not others. This suggestion is false and misleading, since the applicant must present facts and evidence sufficient to support ALL FIVE of the required findings, and there is no provision in either LAMC §12.27 or Charter §562 for bifurcation so as to grant the variance as to some signs but not others. These code/charter provisions dictate an "all or nothing" result, and the AZA had no choice except to deny or grant the application in its entirety.
- YULA argues that "there is no evidence in the record that the proposed signs would be incompatible with the adjoining low density residential neighborhood." This is false, because

the type/size/style of the proposed signage is not *allowed* in the adjacent neighborhood, so it follows that the drafters of the City's sign regulations concluded that these signs are incompatible with a residential neighborhood.

- YULA asserts (JRA, page 3) that “all [of the required] findings are supported by substantial evidence” - - but it has provided ZERO “evidence” (e.g., facts, data, applicable precedents, supporting statements from the LAPD and LAFD, etc.) other than its self-serving assertions, to support the necessary findings. For example, YULA claims “substantial hardships” and “practical difficulties” arising from the lack of signage, but - - although the school has been operating in its new campus for well over 5 years - - it fails to mention a single instance of an actual hardship or practical difficulty of any kind arising from the lack of signs. On the other hand, we have interviewed officers of both the LAPD and LAFD, who support our position that the proposed signs are totally *unnecessary* for their purposes (e.g., responding to an emergency).
- The grant of the zone variance WILL be “materially detrimental” to the public welfare, because it will create a dangerous precedent to both the adjacent residential neighborhood and open the floodgates to a tide of future zone variance requests by YULA, and to other residential neighborhoods dealing with similar issues (particularly those abutting private schools). Just as YULA attempts to cite language in its own previous case (Case No. CPC-2009-1049-VCU-ZV-PAD) (the “**2009 Case**”) as evidence to support a finding of “special circumstances”, YULA will certainly use this case (IF the variance is granted) as precedent every time it needs a zone variance in the future. And there is a long history to support this prediction, as well as the neighborhood’s fears of future disturbances and incompatible uses by YULA) - - attached is another copy of the extremely long list of Planning Department cases involving YULA. This needs to stop, and the best way to discourage any further detriment to the public welfare is to deny this variance and require YULA to comply with the City’s sign regulations.

I suspect that one of the main reasons YULA is pursuing this appeal so aggressively is that it understands the enormous value that a victory here (*i.e.*, the grant of a zone variance) will have in any requests it may want to make for a variance in the future. Given the flimsiness of its case here (*i.e.*, the lack of evidence to support the required findings), it will be that much easier to obtain a variance in the future if it has this case to cite as a precedent.

**As Commissioner Morocco warned at the September 16, 2020 hearing, “a variance [sets] a high bar to meet. The five findings *must* be met.” It would lower, or possibly remove, that bar if the WLA APC were to reverse the AZA’s determination and grant the variance, in the absence of substantial evidence to support all five of the required findings, and merely to accommodate the design preferences of the applicant and kowtow to the egos of its wealthy donors.**

And for the record, YULA’s reference to language in the 2009 case as precedent for a finding of “special circumstances” (JRA, page 4) is misguided. It takes this language out of context, as the Commission in that case found numerous other factors besides the dual zoning and location to support its determination (see page F-5 of the 2009 Case).

- YULA claims that “the hardships associated with strict application of the relevant sign regulations . . . are inconsistent with the purposes and intent of the zoning regulations.” (JRA, Page 4). This completely misconstrues such purpose and intent, which is to protect the quality of life in residential neighborhoods. Further, the only “hardship” incurred by YULA in this instance would be the embarrassment of not being able to deliver on promises



made to its donors (and perhaps the breach of a contractual obligation to a donor, which is not the City's problem).

- The YULA campus is not "unique" (contrary to its statement on page 4 of the JRA), because the Museum of Tolerance (located next door to the west) has the exact same configuration of C4 and R1V2 dual zoning).
- YULA always refers to the signs as "non-illuminated", which clearly is preferable to an illuminated sign. However, the campus itself is already so brightly (and intrusively) lit up at night, with little to no effective screening, that sign illumination is just unnecessary overkill. The signs will be heavily illuminated by other, existing lighting that is already in place, so YULA's description of the lights as "non-illuminated" isn't all that meaningful in reality.
- YULA refers to the installation of signs as a "right" of property owners (JRA, Par. 3 on page 5), which is misleading. To the extent such a "right" exists in Los Angeles, it is always subject to the applicable requirements of the LAMC.
- Whether the proposed signage has an "aesthetically pleasing appearance" and will be "compatible with nearby residential uses" (JRA, Par. 4 on page 5) is entirely subjective and irrelevant. Some neighborhood residents like the appearance of YULA's architecture, while others think it's awful - - the same will apply to sign design.

As a final point, I'd like to reiterate that Councilman Paul Koretz's support, if provided, of YULA's request for a variance, should **not** be accorded any weight in the decision of the WLA APC. As discussed at length in Section 5 of the attached FAQ's, persons affiliated with YULA (including most of the donors whose names would be on the proposed signs) have contributed at least \$22,750 to Councilman Koretz's campaigns for City Council and (now) City Controller. This gives his support for the variance at least the appearance of impropriety, and his support for the variance will look very questionable and suspicious if it is followed by a flow of donations to his campaign coffers by the same such group who contributed heavily in the past or any other people currently affiliated with YULA.

***Notwithstanding the overwhelming amount of information available to support the Z.A.'s findings and deny YULA's appeal,*** in the event that the WLA APC votes to reverse the Z.A.'s findings and grant the variance with respect to any or all of the signs, and to the extent that the WLA APC actually has the authority to grant a variance limited to only some of the proposed signs and/or to impose conditions on YULA in connection with such grant, we request that such grant include the following limitations and conditions:

1. Excluded Signs:

- (a) Sign ST-02b be eliminated from the signage program, since it is redundant and unnecessary and serves no purpose other than as a donor recognition sign; and
- (b) Sign ST-31 be re-located to an indoor location (and thus not require a zone variance)

2. Conditions of the Grant. We request that the WLA APC impose the following conditions, to be agreed to in writing and satisfied prior to the installation of any new signs:

(a) that YULA replace the bulbs/filaments in all exterior lights (including the lights under the awnings/canopies of Gelman Hall facing Castello Ave., and the lights embedded on the sides of the two stairwells exiting onto Castello Ave.) with the dimmest lights allowed by applicable codes and regulations (but still adequate for the “low level security lighting” purposes provided for in Condition No. 58 of YULA’s 2012 Conditional Use Permit [the “**C.U.P.**”]);

(b) that all interior lights in any campus building (which has lighting which would be visible from Castello Ave.) be turned off whenever such building is not in active use, and in no event will any such interior lights remain on after 10:15 PM (*i.e.*, the school “closing time” set forth in Condition No. 22 of the C.U.P.);

(c) that there shall be no flashing lights (regardless of the frequency of the flashing) or multi-colored lights (including lighting which changes color) of any kind at any time (including during Special Events), which would be visible from outside the YULA campus;

(d) that YULA fully comply with Condition No. 58 of the C.U.P., which requires all outdoor lighting to be “installed with shielding so that the light source cannot be seen from adjacent residential properties and so it does not create glare to those properties”;

(e) that the landscaping along the east side of campus (facing Castello Ave.) be substantially enhanced and improved (including, without limitation, planting two additional canopy trees (each being a minimum 36” [preferably 48”] size box) along the parkway on the west side of Castello Ave. (to supplement the two trees already located in such parkway), and/or up to five canopy trees [minimum 36” box], subject to the approval of the owners of the properties at 9751 Saturn St. and 9752 Alcott St., as applicable, along the parkway on the east side of Castello Ave., between Alcott St. and Saturn St.), so as to provide substantial screening of the view of Gelman Hall and of the driveway/entrance area from Castello Ave. (taking into account reasonable campus security requirements);

(f) that YULA add landscaping, in conjunction with new fencing (with sufficient foliage to conceal/screen the fence), along the east side of campus, so as to provide the “substantial buffer” and “screening” effect contemplated by the Environmental Impact Report (which was prepared in connection with YULA’s expansion), and to screen the east-facing building (*i.e.*, the Gelman Center) and electrical equipment from the view of the residential neighborhood; and

(g) that YULA takes appropriate and effective measures to prevent all traffic going to or from the YULA campus from driving in the alley behind the homes on the north side of Alcott St.

**In conclusion, while we appreciate the fact that YULA has revised its proposed signage program by deleting two of the signs that would have been visible from the street, as well as moving one sign so that it will no longer be visible from the street, the FACT is that YULA has still not provided the evidence sufficient for the AZA or WLA APC to make ALL FIVE of the findings that must be made in order for a variance to be granted. Accordingly, the AZA’s determination should stand, YULA’s appeal should be denied, and the variance should not be granted.**

**As Commissioner Morocco has already noted, “The bar [for a variance] is high.” We urge the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission not to lower it by granting this variance.**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

// *Susan L. Gans*

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President, Roxbury-Beverwil Homeowners Alliance

cc: Connie Chauv (via e-mail: [Connie.Chauv@lacity.org](mailto:Connie.Chauv@lacity.org))

Attachments/Enclosures:

1. Opposition Letters and Cover Sheet/Summary
2. FAQ's
3. List of Planning Department Cases regarding YULA (9760 W. Pico Blvd.)

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2022 10:02 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0505

**Comments for Public Posting:** #3 of 9 public postings.

## **YULA-RELATED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO CD5 CITY COUNCILMAN PAUL KORETZ**

Following is an updated list of campaign contributions, **TOTALING \$ 22,750\*\*** to Councilman Paul Koretz (as shown on the website of the Los Angeles Ethics Commission (see: <https://ethics.lacity.org/data/campaigns>), for the period 2009 – 2020, made by the following persons:

1. Executives of Decron Properties (the family-owned real estate business of David Nagel) and their family members;
2. David Nagel (President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of YULA, and President and CEO of Decron Properties), as well as relatives of David Nagel who share the surname "Nagel";
3. The wife of YULA's outside land use counsel (in connection with the campus expansion), Allan Abshez;
4. Members of YULA's Board of Directors, and their relatives with the same surname; and
5. Donors whose names would be on the Proposed Signs for which YULA is seeking a zone variance (these are **highlighted in yellow**).

**\*\* Note:** additional contributions may well have been made by other friends, relatives and business associates of the persons listed, whose names are unknown to us at this time. **Accordingly, the total of \$22,750 is just the minimum that is easily traceable.**

### **1. FROM DECRON PROPERTIES AND ITS EXECUTIVES (AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS): \$8,200**

Date	Name	Amount
01/19/17	Eric Diamond	\$ 250
12/31/20	Fran Diamond (for Koretz's campaign for City Controller)	\$1,500
01/19/17	Daniel Nagel	\$ 700
01/19/17	David Nagel	\$ 700
01/19/17	Jack Nagel	\$ 700
01/13/17	Zev Nagel	\$ 500
01/23/13	Jack Nagel	\$ 700
01/14/13	Daniel Nagel	\$ 700
01/14/13	David Nagel	\$ 700
01/14/13	Marnie Nagel	\$ 700
05/01/09	Thomas Schiff	\$ 250
07/11/18	Decron Properties	\$ 800

### **2. FROM OTHER NAGEL FAMILY MEMBERS: \$3,600**

Date	Name	Amount
02/02/17	Ronald Nagel	\$ 700
01/19/17	Gitta Nagel	\$ 700
01/19/17	Marnie Nagel	\$ 700
05/02/09	Cheryl Nagel	\$ 250
05/02/09	Marnie Nagel	\$ 500
05/02/09	Ronald Nagel	\$ 250
05/01/09	Gitta Nagel	\$ 500

### **3. FROM THE WIFE OF YULA'S OUTSIDE COUNSEL: \$1,250**

Date	Name	Amount
04/29/11	Wendy Abshez	\$ 250
10/16/09	Wendy Abshez	\$ 500
01/19/17	Wendy Abshez	\$ 500

### **4. FROM CURRENT & FORMER MEMBERS OF YULA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS (AND THEIR RELATIVES): \$6,300**

Date	Name	Amount
06/30/09	Michael Schlesinger	\$ 500
05/18/09	Arnold Schlesinger	\$ 250
02/26/14	Howard Levkowitz	\$ 250
01/14/13	Howard Levkowitz	\$ 150
01/17/17	Michael Baum	\$ 250
01/14/13	Michael Baum	\$ 700
04/30/09	Michael Baum	\$ 250
04/27/09	Mark Hyman	\$ 250
01/15/17	Samuel Barak	\$ 100
03/01/13	Ann Hier	\$ 200
02/02/17	Benny Kohanteb	\$ 250
02/28/17	Lee Samson	\$ 500
01/17/17	Daniel Samson	\$ 700

04/27/09	Lee Samson	\$ 500
01/13/17	Kevin Schlanger	\$ 250
01/14/13	Kevin Schlanger	\$ 500
03/01/17	Rachel Gindi	\$ 700

**5. FROM DONORS WHOSE NAMES WOULD BE ON THE PROPOSED SIGNS: \$3,400**

Date	Name	Amount
05/01/09	Gertrude Kestenbaum	\$ 500
05/02/09	Mark Kestenbaum	\$ 500
01/18/13	Mark Kestenbaum	\$ 700
01/14/13	Mark Kestenbaum	\$ 700
12/12/16	Reuben S. Robin	\$ 500
08/08/16	Sunny Sassoon	\$ 500

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2022 10:10 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0505

**Comments for Public Posting:** I just learned that this webpage doesn't allow the user to attach photographs (jpg format), so I'm skipping the attachments described in items 4 and 5 of my May 16, 2022 letter, so this post includes # 4 of a revised total of SIX postings.

**CASE NO. ZA-2019-5552-ZV-1A**

**List of People Who Signed Attached Letters in OPPOSITION to Zone Variance**

**REVISED / UPDATED AS OF 9/13/2020**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Neighborhood Resident*</u>	<u>CD 5</u>	<u>Zipcode</u>
Susan Gans	Yes	Yes	90035
Carol Weiss	Yes	Yes	90035
Jordan P. Weiss	Yes	Yes	90035
Ivan Varadi	Yes	Yes	90035
Edward Wizelman	Yes	Yes	90035
Mark Bronson	Yes	Yes	90035
Maria V. Tafari	Yes	Yes	90035
Joseph A. Tafari	Yes	Yes	90035
Joanne Romanovich	Yes	Yes	90035
David Lutes	Yes	Yes	90035
Richard Vitolo	Yes	Yes	90035
Sydney Cetner	Yes	Yes	90035
Helene Cetner	Yes	Yes	90035
Marilyn Stern	Yes	Yes	90035
Jill Borris	Yes	Yes	90035
Solomon De Picciotto	Yes	Yes	90035
Carol De Picciotto	Yes	Yes	90035
John Summerville	Yes	Yes	90035
Vicki Arenson	Yes	Yes	90035
Harry Lerman	Yes	Yes	90035
Sharron Lerman	Yes	Yes	90035
Stacey Bronson	Yes	Yes	90035
Rita Miller	Yes	Yes	90035
Lawrence Miller	Yes	Yes	90035
Daniel Fink, MD	Yes	Yes	90035
Natalie Karic	Yes	Yes	90035
Richard Fink	Yes	Yes	90035

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Cynthia Sirota	Yes	Yes	90035
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Neighborhood Resident*</u>	<u>CD 5</u>	<u>Zipcode</u>
Janet Newman	Yes	Yes	90035
David Varadi	Yes	Yes	90035
Elizabeth Varadi	Yes	Yes	90035
Sharon Berger	Yes	Yes	90035
Jerry Berger	Yes	Yes	90035
Hayley Wilcox	Yes	Yes	90035
Susan Slanina	Yes	Yes	90035
John Ong	Yes	Yes	90035
Roxanne D. Jasper	Yes	Yes	90035
Robert B. Weber, MD	Yes	Yes	90035
Ann Nguyen	Yes	Yes	90035
Steve Nguyen	Yes	Yes	90035
Luis DeAnda	Yes	Yes	90035
Akbar Rahmati	Yes	Yes	90035
Zahra Farzami	Yes	Yes	90035
Erlin Joy France	Yes	Yes	90035
Kathleen Hogaboom	No	Yes	90025
Julia M. Davis	No	Yes	91316
Aerin Snow	No	Yes	90046
Tatyana (Tanya) Rubin	Yes	Yes	90035
Vladimir Rubin	Yes	Yes	90035
Aaron Friedland	No	Yes	TBD
Diana Eisele	No	Yes	TBD

**TOTAL Number of Letters (as of 9/13/2020): 51 (46 of which are signed by people who are "Neighborhood Residents", as defined below)**

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is TANYA RUBIN ✓, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035  
[insert zip code above]

☒ reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

☒ reside or own property in the neighborhood in which YULA Boys High School is located.

I am unable to attend the September 16, 2020 public hearing before the West L.A. Area Planning Commission ("West LA APC"), regarding the appeal by Yeshiva University Los Angeles Boys High School ("YULA") to the Zoning Administrator's denial of a zone variance (i.e., as required to enable YULA to proceed with its proposed signage program)(the "Variance"). Further, I will probably be unable to attend future hearings, if any (including those which may be held by the West LA APC, L.A. City Planning Commission, L.A. City Council and/or committee(s) thereof) in connection with the reconsideration and/or further appeal(s) of this case, and I agree that this letter can be resubmitted in connection with such future hearings, if any.

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Accordingly, **I urge you to uphold and reaffirm the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny the Variance**. Thank you.

Sincerely,

T. Rubin ✓  
[Type in name above]

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA



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My name is VLADIMIR RUBIN ✓, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]  
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(use sig type in name above)

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA



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My name is Aaron Friedland, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is \_\_\_\_\_;  
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[please sign or type in name above]

e-mail address (optional): [aafriedland@yahoo.com](mailto:aafriedland@yahoo.com)

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[PRINT name above]

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## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2022 10:12 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0505

**Comments for Public Posting:** This contains attachment # 5 of SEVEN postings.

List of People Who Signed Attached Letters in OPPOSITION to Zone Variance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Neighborhood Resident*</u>	<u>CD 5</u>	<u>Zipcode</u>
Susan Gans	Yes	Yes	90035
Carol Weiss	Yes	Yes	90035
Jordan P. Weiss	Yes	Yes	90035
Ivan Varadi	Yes	Yes	90035
Edward Wizelman	Yes	Yes	90035
Mark Bronson	Yes	Yes	90035
Maria V. Tafari	Yes	Yes	90035
Joseph A. Tafari	Yes	Yes	90035
Joanne Romanovich	Yes	Yes	90035
David Lutes	Yes	Yes	90035
Richard Vitolo	Yes	Yes	90035
Sydney Cetner	Yes	Yes	90035
Helene Cetner	Yes	Yes	90035
Marilyn Stern	Yes	Yes	90035
Jill Borris	Yes	Yes	90035
Solomon De Picciotto	Yes	Yes	90035
Carol De Picciotto	Yes	Yes	90035
John Summerville	Yes	Yes	90035
Vicki Arenson	Yes	Yes	90035
Harry Lerman	Yes	Yes	90035
Sharron Lerman	Yes	Yes	90035
Stacey Bronson	Yes	Yes	90035
Rita Miller	Yes	Yes	90035
Lawrence Miller	Yes	Yes	90035
Daniel Fink, MD	Yes	Yes	90035
Natalie Karic	Yes	Yes	90035
Richard Fink	Yes	Yes	90035
Cynthia Sirota	Yes	Yes	90035

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Elizabeth Varadi	Yes	Yes	90035
Sharon Berger	Yes	Yes	90035
Jerry Berger	Yes	Yes	90035
Hayley Wilcox	Yes	Yes	90035
Susan Slanina	Yes	Yes	90035
John Ong	Yes	Yes	90035
Roxanne D. Jasper	Yes	Yes	90035
Robert B. Weber, MD	Yes	Yes	90035
Ann Nguyen	Yes	Yes	90035
Steve Nguyen	Yes	Yes	90035
Luis DeAnda	Yes	Yes	90035
Akbar Rahmati	Yes	Yes	90035
Zahra Farzami	Yes	Yes	90035
Erlin Joy France	Yes	Yes	90035
Kathleen Hogaboom	No	Yes	90025
Julia M. Davis	No	Yes	91316
Aerin Snow	No	Yes	90046

**TOTAL Number of Letters (as of 9/04/2020): 47 (44 of which are signed by people who are Neighborhood Residents, as defined below)**

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Dear Sir / Madam:

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[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

☒ reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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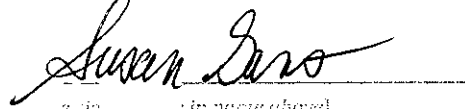
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Sincerely,



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Mailing address (optional): 9751 SATURN ST. #, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Carol Weiss, and I [check all that apply]

X [PRINT name above]  
reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;

X [insert zip code above]  
reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Carol Weiss  
[Signature] in name above

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): 1451 Beverwil Dr., Los Angeles, CA

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My name is Jordan P. weiss, and I [check all that apply]

X [PRINT name above]  
reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
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e-mail address (optional): jpweiss@aol.com

Mailing address (optional): 1451 Beverwil Drive, Los Angeles, CA

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My name is VAN VARDI, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

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[insert zip code above]

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Edward Wizelman, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

☐ reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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[Signature] [in name above]

e-mail address (optional): edwize@yahoo.com

Mailing address (optional): 9700 Saturn St., LA, CA, 90035, Los Angeles, CA

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My name is Mark Bronson, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

X        reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
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Mark Bronson

[please sign or type in name above]

e-mail address (optional): mark@mbkapparel.net

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X [PRINT name above]

X reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
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Maria V Tafar

[please sign or type in name above]

e-mail address (optional): Mariataz@hotmail.com

Mailing address (optional): 1515 S-Castello Ave, Los Angeles, CA

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Case No. ZA-2019-5552-ZV-1A (and any and all subsequent related cases)**

Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Joanne Romanovich, and I [*check all that apply*]  
[*PRINT name above*]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[*insert zip code above*]

☒ reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Sincerely,

  
[*PRINT name above*]

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

As of August 28, 2020

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My name is David Lutes, and I *[check all that apply]*  
[PRINT name above]

☒        reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

☒        reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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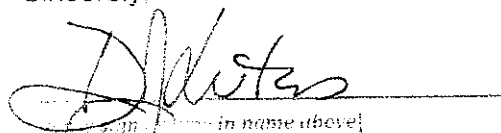
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Sincerely,

  
in name above

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Richard Vitolo, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

X        reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is                                 ;  
[insert zip code above]

X        reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Sincerely,

Richard Vitolo

[Signature] [name above]

e-mail address (optional): vitolos@earthlink.net

Mailing address (optional):   , Los Angeles, CA

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Commission Executive Assistant II

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Sydney Cefner, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]  
☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]  
☒ reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or  
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Accordingly, **I urge you to uphold and reaffirm the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny the Variance**. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sydney Cefner  
e-mail address (optional): H Cefner @ 901. Cdu  
Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Helen Cether, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

☒ reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Sincerely,

Helen Cether

e-mail address (optional): H Cether@aol.com  
Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is MARILYN STERN, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

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Sincerely,

Marilyn Stern  
[Signature]

e-mail address (optional):

Mailing address (optional): 9757 CASHIO ST., Los Angeles, CA 90035.

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Jill Borris, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

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Sincerely,

Jill Borris  
[Signature] [PRINT name above]

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is SOLOMON DE PICCINOTTO, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

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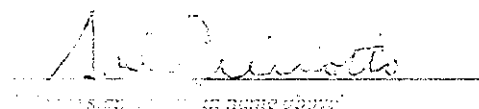
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[PRINT name above]

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Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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My name is CAROL DE PICCIOTTO, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

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Sincerely,

Carol De Picciotto  
[PRINT name above]

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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[PRINT name above]

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Sincerely,

John Summerville

[Signature] [in name above]

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Vicki Arenson, and I [check all that apply]

X \_\_\_\_\_ [PRINT name above] reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035; \_\_\_\_\_  
[insert zip code above]

X [insert zip]  
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Sincerely,

Vicki Arenson

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e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Harry Lerman, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

X \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>[PRINT name above]</sup> reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035 <sup>[insert zip code above]</sup>;

X reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Accordingly, ***I urge you to uphold and reaffirm the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny the Variance.*** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harry Lerman

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e-mail address (optional): shlerm40@ gmail.com

Mailing address (optional): 9743 Cashio Street 90035, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Sharron Lerman, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

X        reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

X        reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Accordingly, **I urge you to uphold and reaffirm the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny the Variance**. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sharron Lerman

[please sign or type in name above]

e-mail address (optional): shlrm40@gmail.com

Mailing address (optional): 9743 Cashie Street 90035, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Stacey Bronson, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

X            reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

X            reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Sincerely,

Stacey Bronson

[please sign or type in name above]

e-mail address (optional): stacey@mbkapparel.net

Mailing address (optional): 9742 Saturn St., Los Angeles, CA

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[PRINT name above]

\_\_\_\_\_ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is \_\_\_\_\_;  
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Yota Grant Miller  
[Signature]

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is AURENCE MILLER, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

\_\_\_\_\_ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 900 5  
[insert zip code above]

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A. Miller  
[signature]  
[PRINT name above]

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA



## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2022 10:14 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0505

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is # 5 of 7 postings.

List of People Who Signed Attached Letters in OPPOSITION to Zone Variance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Neighborhood Resident*</u>	<u>CD 5</u>	<u>Zipcode</u>
Susan Gans	Yes	Yes	90035
Carol Weiss	Yes	Yes	90035
Jordan P. Weiss	Yes	Yes	90035
Ivan Varadi	Yes	Yes	90035
Edward Wizelman	Yes	Yes	90035
Mark Bronson	Yes	Yes	90035
Maria V. Tatar	Yes	Yes	90035
Joseph A. Tatar	Yes	Yes	90035
Joanne Romanovich	Yes	Yes	90035
David Lutes	Yes	Yes	90035
Richard Vitolo	Yes	Yes	90035
Sydney Cetner	Yes	Yes	90035
Helene Cetner	Yes	Yes	90035
Marilyn Stern	Yes	Yes	90035
Jill Borris	Yes	Yes	90035
Solomon De Picciotto	Yes	Yes	90035
Carol De Picciotto	Yes	Yes	90035
John Summerville	Yes	Yes	90035
Vicki Arenson	Yes	Yes	90035
Harry Lerman	Yes	Yes	90035
Sharron Lerman	Yes	Yes	90035
Stacey Bronson	Yes	Yes	90035
Rita Miller	Yes	Yes	90035
Lawrence Miller	Yes	Yes	90035
Daniel Fink, MD	Yes	Yes	90035
Natalie Karic	Yes	Yes	90035
Richard Fink	Yes	Yes	90035
Cynthia Sirota	Yes	Yes	90035

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David Varadi	Yes	Yes	90035
Elizabeth Varadi	Yes	Yes	90035
Sharon Berger	Yes	Yes	90035
Jerry Berger	Yes	Yes	90035
Hayley Wilcox	Yes	Yes	90035
Susan Slanina	Yes	Yes	90035
John Ong	Yes	Yes	90035
Roxanne D. Jasper	Yes	Yes	90035
Robert B. Weber, MD	Yes	Yes	90035
Ann Nguyen	Yes	Yes	90035
Steve Nguyen	Yes	Yes	90035
Luis DeAnda	Yes	Yes	90035
Akbar Rahmati	Yes	Yes	90035
Zahra Farzami	Yes	Yes	90035
Erlin Joy France	Yes	Yes	90035
Kathleen Hogaboom	No	Yes	90025
Julia M. Davis	No	Yes	91316
Aerin Snow	No	Yes	90046

**TOTAL Number of Letters (as of 9/04/2020): 47 (44 of which are signed by people who are Neighborhood Residents, as defined below)**

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[PRINT name above]

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[insert zip code above]

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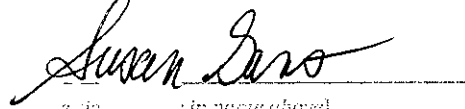
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Sincerely,



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Mailing address (optional): 9751 SATURN ST. #, Los Angeles, CA

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My name is Carol Weiss, and I [check all that apply]

X [PRINT name above]  
reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;

X [insert zip code above]  
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Sincerely,

Carol Weiss  
[Signature] in name above

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): 1451 Beverwil Dr., Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Jordan P. weiss, and I [check all that apply]

X [PRINT name above]  
reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

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Sincerely,



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My name is VAN VARDI, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Edward Wizelman, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

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Sincerely,



[Signature] [in name above]

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Mailing address (optional): 9700 Saturn St., LA, CA, 90035, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Mark Bronson, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

X        reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

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Sincerely,

Mark Bronson

[please sign or type in name above]

e-mail address (optional): mark@mbkapparel.net

Mailing address (optional): 9742 Saturn St., Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Maria V Tafar, and I [check all that apply]

X [PRINT name above]

X reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

X reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Sincerely,

Maria V Tafar

[please sign or type in name above]

e-mail address (optional): Mariataz@hotmail.com

Mailing address (optional): 1515 S-Castello Ave, Los Angeles, CA

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My name is Joseph A Tafari, and I [check all that apply]  
{PRINT name above}

X reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
{insert zip code above}

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Joseph A Tafari

{please sign or type in name above}

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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My name is Joanne Romanovich, and I [*check all that apply*]  
[*PRINT name above*]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
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My name is David Lutes, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

X        reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
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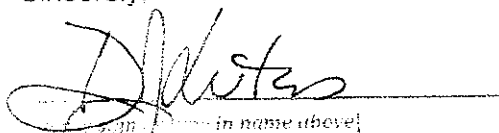
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[Signature] in name above]

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[PRINT name above]

X        reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is                                 ;  
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Accordingly, **I urge you to uphold and reaffirm the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny the Variance**. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Vitolo

[Signature] [name above]

e-mail address (optional): vitolos@earthlink.net

Mailing address (optional):   , Los Angeles, CA

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As of August 28, 2020

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c/o: James K. Williams ( )  
Commission Executive Assistant II

RE: Letter in Opposition to YULA's Appeal Regarding Zone Variance/YULA Sign Program  
Case No. ZA-2019-5552-ZV-1A (and any and all subsequent related cases)

Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Sydney Cefner, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]  
☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]  
☒ reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or  
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Accordingly, **I urge you to uphold and reaffirm the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny the Variance**. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sydney Cefner  
e-mail address (optional): H Cefner @ 901. com  
Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA



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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Helen Cether, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

☒ reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Sincerely,

Helen Cether

e-mail address (optional): H Cether@aol.com

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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Commission Executive Assistant II

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is MARILYN STERN, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

☒ reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Accordingly, **I urge you to uphold and reaffirm the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny the Variance**. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Stern  
[Signature]

e-mail address (optional):

Mailing address (optional): 9757 CASHIO ST., Los Angeles, CA 90035.

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Jill Borris, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

☒ reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Sincerely,

Jill Borris  
[Signature] [PRINT name above]

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is SOLOMON DE PICCINOTTO, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

☒ reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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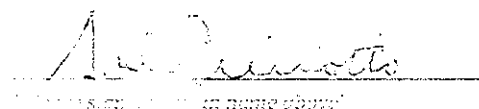
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Sincerely,

  
[PRINT name above]

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is CAROL DE PICCIOTTO, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

☒ reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Sincerely,

Carol De Picciotto  
[PRINT name above]

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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Commission Executive Assistant II

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is John Summerville, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

X reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;

X [insert zip code above]  
reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Sincerely,

John Summerville

[Signature] [in name above]

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Vicki Arenson, and i [check all that apply]

X \_\_\_\_\_ [PRINT name above] reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035; \_\_\_\_\_  
Y \_\_\_\_\_ [insert zip code above]

X \_\_\_\_\_ reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Sincerely,

Vicki Arenson

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e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA



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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Harry Lerman, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

X <sup>[PRINT name above]</sup> reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035; <sup>[insert zip code above]</sup>

X reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Sincerely,

Harry Lerman

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e-mail address (optional): shlerm40@ gmail.com

Mailing address (optional): 9743 Cashio Street 90035, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Sharron Lerman, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

X        reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

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My name is Stacey Bronson, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

X        reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

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Sincerely,

Stacey Bronson

[please sign or type in name above]

e-mail address (optional): stacey@mbkapparel.net

Mailing address (optional): 9742 Saturn St., Los Angeles, CA

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[PRINT name above]

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Yota Grant Miller  
[Signature]

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[PRINT name above]

\_\_\_\_\_ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 900 5  
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[signature]  
[PRINT name above]

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Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2022 10:15 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0505

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is # 6 of 7 postings

**CASE NO. ZA-2019-5552-ZV-1A****PART  
2****List of People Who Signed Attached Letters in OPPOSITION to Zone Variance**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Neighborhood Resident*</u>	<u>CD 5</u>	<u>Zipcode</u>
Susan Gans	Yes	Yes	90035
Carol Weiss	Yes	Yes	90035
Jordan P. Weiss	Yes	Yes	90035
Ivan Varadi	Yes	Yes	90035
Edward Wizelman	Yes	Yes	90035
Mark Bronson	Yes	Yes	90035
Maria V. Tafari	Yes	Yes	90035
Joseph A. Tafari	Yes	Yes	90035
Joanne Romanovich	Yes	Yes	90035
David Lutes	Yes	Yes	90035
Richard Vitolo	Yes	Yes	90035
Sydney Cetner	Yes	Yes	90035
Helene Cetner	Yes	Yes	90035
Marilyn Stern	Yes	Yes	90035
Jill Borris	Yes	Yes	90035
Solomon De Picciotto	Yes	Yes	90035
Carol De Picciotto	Yes	Yes	90035
John Summerville	Yes	Yes	90035
Vicki Arenson	Yes	Yes	90035
Harry Lerman	Yes	Yes	90035
Sharron Lerman	Yes	Yes	90035
Stacey Bronson	Yes	Yes	90035
Rita Miller	Yes	Yes	90035
Lawrence Miller	Yes	Yes	90035
Daniel Fink, MD	Yes	Yes	90035
Natalie Karic	Yes	Yes	90035
Richard Fink	Yes	Yes	90035
Cynthia Sirota	Yes	Yes	90035

**PACKAGE  
# 2  
ATTACHED**

\* "Neighborhood Resident" refers to anyone who lives in, and/or owns a house located in, the neighborhood of single-family homes adjacent to the YULA campus, i.e., the area bordered by Pico Blvd. (on the north), the south side of Horner St. (on the south), the west side of S. Roxbury Drive (on the west), and the west side of Beverwil Drive (on the east).



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My name is Natalie Karic, and I [*check all that apply*]

X [*PRINT name above*]  
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My name is Richard Burnam-Fink, and I [*check all that apply*]  
[*PRINT name above*]

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Cynthia Sirota, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
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[PRINT name above]

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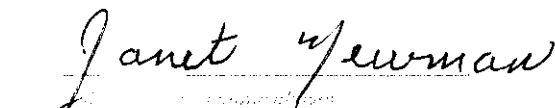
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[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

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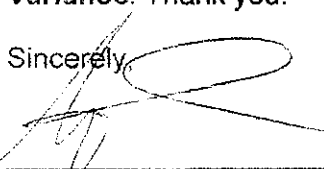
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Sincerely,

  
[please sign or type in name above]

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Elizabeth Varadi, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90045;  
[insert zip code above]

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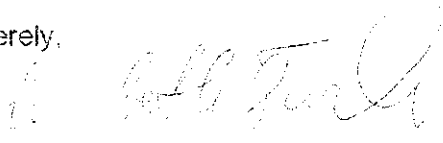
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Sincerely,



s/v [signature above]

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is SHARON BERGER, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

☒ reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Sincerely,

Sharon Berger  
[Signature]

e-mail address (optional): sharonread@aol.com

Mailing address (optional): 9732 Alcott St, Los Angeles, CA 90035

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is JERRY BERGER, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above] 90035  
☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
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[PRINT name above]

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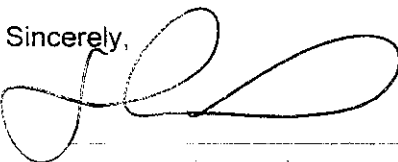
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My name is Susan Slanina, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]  
☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
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e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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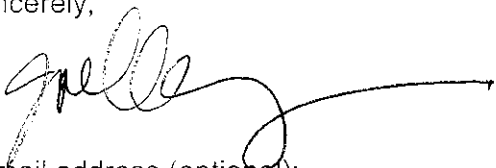
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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is ROXANNE D. JASPER, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above] 90035  
reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is [insert zip code above]

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Sincerely,

  
[PRINT name above]

e-mail address (optional): 1Roxannej@gmail.com

Mailing address (optional): 1461 So. Roxbury Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035

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My name is ROBERT B. WEISER, II, and I [check all that apply]  
(PRINT name above)

/ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
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Sincerely,

Robert B. Weiser, II  
(in printed name)

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Ann Nguyen, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

       - reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

  X   - reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Sincerely,

  
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My name is STEVE NGUYEN, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035  
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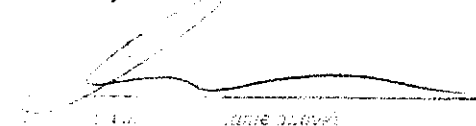
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[Signature]  
[PRINT name above]

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Luis De Anda, and I ☒ [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
[insert zip code above]

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Sincerely,



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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is AKBAR RAHMATI, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035;  
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[PRINT name above]

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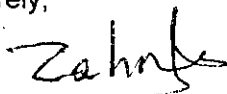
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[please sign or type in name above]

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is ERIN JOY FRANCE, and I [check all that apply]  
[PRINT name above]

☒ reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90035  
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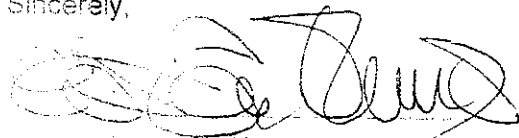
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Sincerely,



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Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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My name is Kathleen Hogaboom, and I [check all that apply]  
☒ [PRINT name above]

X [PRINT name above]  
reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 90025

X \_\_\_\_\_ reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

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Dear Sir / Madam:

My name is Julia M. Davis, and I [check all that apply]

☒ [PRINT name above]  
reside in the City of Los Angeles, and my zip code is 91316;

☒ [insert zip code above]  
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Sincerely,

Julia M. Davis

[Signature] (print name above)

e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, CA

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My name is Aerin Snow, and I [check all that apply]

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reside or own property in L.A. City Council District 5; and/or

reside or own property in the neighborhood in which YULA Boys High School is located.

I am unable to attend the September 16, 2020 public hearing before the West L.A. Area Planning Commission ("**West LA APC**"), regarding the appeal by Yeshiva University Los Angeles Boys High School ("**YULA**") to the Zoning Administrator's denial of a zone variance (i.e., as required to enable YULA to proceed with its proposed signage program)(the "**Variance**"). Further, I will probably be unable to attend future hearings, if any (including those which may be held by the West LA APC, L.A. City Planning Commission, L.A. City Council and/or committee(s) thereof) in connection with the reconsideration and/or further appeal(s) of this case, and I agree that this letter can be resubmitted in connection with such future hearings, if any.

I am submitting this letter to confirm my **support for the Zoning Administrator's decision to DENY the Variance** and also to confirm my **opposition to YULA's proposed signage program**. The Zoning Administrator did **not** abuse his discretion or err in any way in denying the Variance, but rather made the **correct** decision in full accordance with L.A. Charter § 562, L.A.M.C. §12.27, thereby requiring YULA to comply with the City's sign regulations as set forth in L.A.M.C. §12.21.A.

Further, YULA's proposed signage program provides for the installation of 12 signs totaling 501 square feet of surface area on land zoned R1, in lieu of the maximum 30 square feet of surface area (*i.e.*, almost **17 times the square footage allowed by the City's sign regulations**). The proposed signage is excessive and totally **inappropriate** in a residential neighborhood of single-family homes, and (especially in light of the redundancy of three of the proposed signs, including one sign with letters that are 3 feet high) will be **a visual blight** on the aesthetics of the neighborhood -- and approval of the Variance would create a very dangerous and unwarranted precedent. There is simply no need for so many (and such large) signs on such a small campus, especially when there are numerous other -- and **safer** -- ways (which would not require a zoning variance) to identify campus buildings, as have been implemented by most, if not all, other private high schools in Los Angeles.

Accordingly, ***I urge you to uphold and reaffirm the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny the Variance.*** Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**GUEST COMMENTARY** - In yet another shocking abuse of the City Council’s veto power over decisions of Area Planning Commissions, Councilmember -

and desperate candidate for City Controller - Paul Koretz recently introduced a motion under City Charter Sec. 245 (the “245 Motion”) to assert jurisdiction over (and potentially veto) the decision of the West L.A. Area Planning Commission (APC) to deny a zone variance to Yeshiva University of Los Angeles Boys High School (YULA).



Opponents of the zone variance didn't receive any notice of the 245 Motion or of the City Council meeting at which such motion was approved - - so there was no opportunity to oppose it - - and the 245 Motion is set for review at the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee meeting on May 17, 2022. Moreover, Koretz has submitted to the PLUM Committee, for it to rubber-stamp, a list of Conditions of Approval and Findings which were clearly written by YULA's attorney and contain many false and/or unsubstantiated statements which contradict the Findings made by the Zoning Administrator (ZA) and which could be cited by YULA in future requests for zone variances and be used to erode the protections afforded to YULA's residential neighbors by L.A.'s zoning laws.

The requested zone variance has been the subject of FOUR very long and comprehensive hearings, two held by the ZA and two held by the APC. Hundreds of pages of documents were submitted by both sides to, and carefully reviewed by, the ZA and APC, concluding in the APC's unanimous vote to DENY the zone variance. YULA needs the variance to install nine large exterior signs - - which YULA representatives have acknowledged are primarily "donor recognition signs" - - on campus structures, because the signs don't comply with the size limitations and design requirements of the City's zoning and signage regulations.

But the BIG problem is that approximately two-thirds of the YULA campus is on land zoned R1 for residential use, and the grant of a variance would create a **terrible precedent** regarding signs in the R1 zone - - and there is simply **no legal basis for the grant**. The City Charter (Sec. 562) and LAMC (Sec. 12.27) require that an applicant for a zone variance satisfy all five of the requirements for the grant of a variance. The ZA concluded that YULA's application failed to meet ANY of the five requirements, and the APC upheld the ZA's determination. In particular, the President of the APC noted that the requirements for a zone variance "set a very high bar" to meet, and she quoted from a letter sent by Marcia Selz, President of the Coalition of CD5 Homeowner Associations, that "**The zone variance process is not intended to accommodate an applicant's design preferences.**" The Commissioners all noted that YULA could have all the signs it needs, **without** a variance, if it modifies the sign design to reduce the size, moves the 275 square foot "donor wall" sign indoors (or instead displays donors' names in decorative floor tiles) and makes other minor changes. In short, all the Commissioners recognized that YULA's insistence on a particular sign size and design/style and its refusal to comply with the City's sign regulations (of which they were or should have been aware) created a **self-imposed hardship** - - exactly the situation for which City Charter Sec. 562 and LAMC Sec. 12.27.D. expressly authorize the Zoning Administrator to deny a variance.

Koretz claims that the signs in the R-1 zone shouldn't be a concern because only one of the signs will be visible from the street (the other 5 signs in the R-1 zone are visible only from the interior courtyard). But this completely misses the point that the requirements for a variance have not been met, the need for a variance arises from a self-imposed hardship, and the grant of the variance will establish a bad precedent which can be used in the future not only by YULA but also by other institutions and businesses located on R-1 or multiple-zoned property. Moreover, in a 2013 L.A. Superior Court case (Donna Chazanov et al vs. City of Los Angeles et al), Judge Luis Lavan ordered the City Council to set aside its decision to veto the Area Planning Commission's denial of a zone variance (likewise pursuant to a 245 Motion made by Paul Koretz); with respect to that strikingly similar case, Koretz also stated that the disputed project shouldn't matter because "it wasn't visible from the street" (see: **Taller Bel-Air home opposed;**

residents say hillside rules being eroded - Los Angeles Times ([latimes.com](http://latimes.com))), but clearly Judge Lavan didn't agree.

**So WHY is Paul Koretz so determined to reverse the unanimous decision of both the ZA and the APC, by taking the extreme measure of making a 245 Motion?**

The answer is simple and two-fold: first, he (mistakenly) thinks that his support for YULA will garner support in the Orthodox Jewish community in the race for City Controller; and second is the classic "pay-to-play" scheme that remains rampant in L.A. City Hall. Koretz has (according to records kept by the L.A. Ethics Commission) received at least \$22,750 in campaign contributions from people affiliated with YULA, including 24 separate contributions from people whose names or surnames would be on the disputed donor recognition signs - - and that amount is probably a conservative estimate, because it's very difficult to spot contributions made by people related to such "YULA affiliates" but who have a different surname. Moreover, if Koretz is successful in overturning the APC's action and the variance is granted, no doubt Koretz expects to receive a bounty of much-needed campaign contributions so he can clutter our mailboxes and airspace with political ads. Indeed, neighborhood residents who oppose the variance are asking the F.B.I. (whose investigations led to the indictment of Jose Huizar for his "alleged" pay-to-play dealings) and L.A. Ethics Commission to look into Councilmember Koretz's actions in the YULA case.

**But the ultimate question is - - do we really want someone like this, who subverts the rule of law for his own gain, to be the City's next Controller???**

*(Susan Gans is an attorney and longtime community activist, Acting President of the Roxbury-Beverwil Homeowners Alliance, and an active member of the Coalition of CD5 Homeowner Associations. She is also very proud of her Jewish heritage and agrees that YULA is a fine educational institution (but that doesn't give it the right to a zone variance to accommodate its design preferences). Please send questions and comments to [RoxBevHOA@gmail.com](mailto:RoxBevHOA@gmail.com). The opinions expressed by Susan Gans are solely hers and not the opinions of CityWatch.)*