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Kevin Golden
Office of Zoning Administration
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 621
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: ZA-2017-5243-ZAD (ENV-2017-5244-CE)

Dear Zoning Administrator Golden:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 43 homeowner and resident associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. At its meeting of January 9, 2019, the Federation heard from concerned community members and stakeholders in the vicinity of the above-captioned proposed project, which would require significant deviations from the City's Baseline Hillside Ordinance ("BHO"), as well as a categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act.

After reviewing project application materials and the project hearing notice and independently determining that the project is proposed for a site that is not currently accessible by any roadway, not even a substandard hillside street segment, we wonder how the BHO deviations are even possible, let alone advisable. In addition, according to community members, project approval would necessitate the destruction of significant natural habitat and elimination of a hiking trail to a prominent ridge on the property that has been used by members of the public for many decades.

Following consideration of the item, the Federation voted to urge the City to maintain the project site's natural habitat and historic hiking trail. The Federation also urges you to extend the hearing date to a later time, or in the alternative, hold the record open for sufficient time to provide the City with the information necessary to fully appreciate and understand community members' valid concerns.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims
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President, Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc.

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