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Re: **CF # 18-0201**  
2521 Nottingham Avenue denial of haul route appeal; PLUM  
hearing March 27, 2018; City Council hearing March 28, 2018

Honorable Councilmembers:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 44 homeowner and resident associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. The mission of the Federation is to protect the property and quality of life of residents in the hillsides and to promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles. The Federation supports the February 27, 2018 decision of the Board of Commissioners of the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety to deny a haul route permit for the export of 10,000 cubic yards of dirt from the project at 2521 Nottingham Avenue.

The applicant must comply with the provisions of the Baseline Hillside Ordinance (BHO) regarding restrictions on the export of dirt from the property. Under the BHO, an R11 property on a substandard street is only permitted to export 2,800 cubic yards, not the 10,000 cubic yards the applicant is requesting.

Furthermore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is inadequate for a project of this scope. The property is too large, the slopes too steep, the amount of exported dirt too large, the streets too narrow. Additionally, the location of the property on the southern border of Griffith Park means that it is excellent wildlife habitat. The MND did not properly evaluate the impact that the massive degradation of the habitat would have on wildlife.

The Federation urges you to deny the March 9 appeal by the applicant and to support the denial of the permit by the Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,

*Charley Mims*  
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