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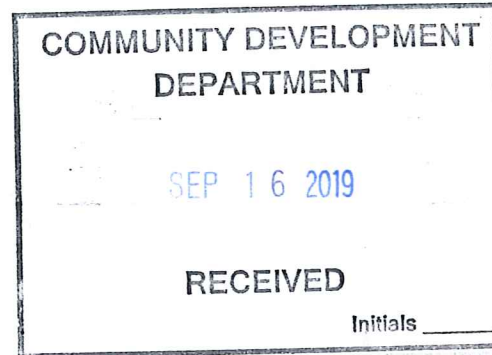
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September 11, 2019

John Signo, Planner
City of Gardena
Planning Department
1700 West 162nd Street
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Dear Mr. Signo:

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, "MELIA 178TH STREET TOWNHOMES PROJECT," PROPOSES TO REMOVE ALL EXISTING ONSITE IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE WAREHOUSE, ASSOCIATED SURFACE PARKING LOT, AND STORAGE (APPROXIMATELY 105,036 SQUARE FEET) AND CONSTRUCT 114 ATTACHED TOWNHOMES IN 22 BUILDINGS (APPROXIMATELY 191,348 SQUARE FEET), WITH BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX DWELLING UNITS PER BUILDING, LOCATED AT 1515 WEST 178TH STREET, GARDENA, FFER 2019004952

The Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been reviewed by the Planning Division, Land Development Unit, Forestry Division, and Health Hazardous Materials Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department.

The following are their comments:

PLANNING DIVISION:

We have no comments.

For any questions regarding this response, please contact Loretta Bagwell, Planning Analyst, at (323) 881-2404 or Loretta.Bagwell@fire.lacounty.gov.

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LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT:

The proposed project was reviewed at the Tentative Tract Map 82390 submittal to the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Fire Prevention Land Development Unit. The Tentative Map satisfied the requirements for water and access. The Land Development Unit has no outstanding requirements for the Tentative Map.

Submittal of the Final Map to the Land Development Unit is required prior to recordation.

The Fire Prevention Division, Land Development Unit has no additional comments regarding this project. The conditions that were addressed at the Tentative Map review have not changed at this time.

Should any questions arise regarding subdivision, water systems, or access, please contact the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Land Development Unit's, Inspector Nancy Rodeheffer at (323) 890-4243.

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Land Development Unit appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project.

FORESTRY DIVISION – OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, archeological and cultural resources, and the County Oak Tree Ordinance. Potential impacts in these areas should be addressed.

Under the Los Angeles County Oak tree Ordinance, a permit is required to cut, destroy, remove, relocate, inflict damage or encroach into the protected zone of any tree of the Oak genus which is 25 inches or more in circumference (eight inches in diameter), as measured 4 1/2 feet above mean natural grade.

If Oak trees are known to exist in the proposed project area further field studies should be conducted to determine the presence of this species on the project site.

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division has no further comments regarding this project.

For any questions regarding this response, please contact Forestry Assistant, Joseph Brunet at (818) 890-5719.

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HEALTH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION:

The Site Mitigation Unit (SMU) of the Health Hazardous Materials Division of the Los Angeles County Fire Department is currently the environmental oversight agency for the project site residential development. SMU is responsible for managing potential environmental risks and hazards associated with the assessment and mitigation of subsurface environmental concerns before and/or during site development activities.

Please contact HHMD senior typist-clerk, Perla Garcia at (323) 890-4035 or Perla.garcia@fire.lacounty.gov if you have any questions.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330

Very truly yours,



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PREVENTION SERVICES BUREAU

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