

Objection to 8150 Sunset Blvd. from Alison Simard reference City Case No. ENV-2013-2552-EIR

1 message

Save Sunset Boulevard <info@savesunsetboulevard.com>

Wed, Jan 21, 2015 at 9:29 AM

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LOSS OF SERVICE

I live in Laurel Canyon & suffer impact of commuter traffic. I strongly oppose the 8150 Sunset Blvd plan. This massive structure will be a destination that brings hundreds of cars. The very corner at Sunset & Crescent Hts is already dangerous.

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Objection to 8150 Sunset Blvd. from Norm Garr reference City Case No. ENV-2013-2552-EIR

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Planning Environmental Review <planning.envreview@lacity.org>

FW: 20 jan

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Wed, Jan 21, 2015 at 7:28 PM

Thank you for giving the public a chance to give its opinion regarding this project.

As a resident of We-Ho for the last 22 years, I enjoy the city very much, even as sadly I see it expand more than I would like.

Hoved the peacefulness of the place. But I guess its progress.

However, I am totally against that humongous project at the comer of Crescent Heights and Sunset.

Not only this type of glass building would fit more in Las Vegas than West Hollywood, but the size of it is way more than we can handled.

It is going to crowed an area that is already congested enough with the traffic in Laurel Canyon and on Sunset.

This is going to affect the residents in all adjacent residential streets....

Plus there are plenty of "for lease" signs in the neigbourhood, why build more business spaces???

I guess some people have big interests in this deal...and are not thinking of the residents' loss of quality of life if this project comes to realization.

Thank you for reading.

Marie-Odile Lambersens



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