

DAVID E. RYU COUNCILMEMBER, 4TH DISTRICT

May 3, 2016

Mr. Vince Bertoni Director of Planning Los Angeles City Planning Dept. Room 525 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: VTT72370-CN, CPC-2013-2551-CUB-DB-SPR, ENV 2013-2552-EIR, 8148-8182 West Sunset Blvd., 1438-1486 No. Havenhurst Drive

Dear Mr. Bertoni:

The proposed mixed-use development called 8150 Sunset is scheduled for a public hearing on May 24, 2016 before the Advisory Agency/Hearing Officer.

My staff and I met with the developers and their representatives on January 20, 2016. They have hired iconic architect Frank Gehry to design a remarkable structure. At this meeting, we discussed the proposed project and community impacts. I asked the developers to look at scaling the project back by reducing the height and the bulk of the building. I understand that there is no height limit on Sunset Boulevard, however, these elevations are out of scale with the adjacent buildings as well as the residential properties on Havenhurst Drive.

Moreover, traffic impacts and congestion are also significant and the requested change of the right turn lane from Sunset going to Crescent Heights is one example of a potential traffic snarl. Incorporating the city property as part of the plaza and setback for the project needs to be scrutinized as to whether this will create more gridlock along with the impacts of heavy trucks on a residential street.

I am open to creative suggestions from the developers, Planning, DOT, and the community to address these serious concerns.

Sincerely,

David E. Ryu Councilmember

