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Hollywood United Neighborhood Council  
Planning, Land Use and Management Committee  
PO Box 3272  
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**Opposition to Proposed Residential Complex at 6443-6459 Innsdale Drive**

Dear Chairperson Van Dusen and Committee Members:

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) strongly opposes the proposed residential complex at 6443-6459 Innsdale Drive, along with its proposed 38,000 cubic-yard fill area, adjacent to Griffith Park in the Hollywood Hills.

The previously circulated Mitigated Negative Declaration (ENV-2011-2939-MND) provides absolutely zero analysis of how the proposed house complex and 38,000 cubic-yard fill area, which would include an access road, could potentially adversely affect the Griffith park core habitat area. Without question, every incremental expansion of the project's size has a commensurate negative visual and biological impact on surrounding public resources, including the impacts of nighttime lighting.

A project that most certainly will result in unavoidable significant adverse biological and visual impacts should never be granted any of the variances requested. Why would the City pave the way with variances for an extremely deleterious project that adds hundreds of thousands of dollars of value to only the owner? The owner purchased the property with full knowledge of the site's constraints.

The subject proposed project would almost certainly result in significant adverse impacts to the core habitat area of Griffith Park and the Hollywood Hills, to the blue line stream on the subject property, and to the viewshed of the surrounding public parklands and public trails. The previously circulated Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subject project fails to address any of these significant impacts, and was deficient under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for its many omissions. A project of the proposed scale in this ecologically sensitive location requires an Environmental Impact Report in order to comply with CEQA.

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If any member of the Committee or Neighborhood Council wishes to discuss this project further, I can be reached by phone at (310) 589-3200, ext. 128, or by e-mail at [edelman@smmc.ca.gov](mailto:edelman@smmc.ca.gov). Thank for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Edelman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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