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Re: ENV-2014-4706-EIR

2 messages

Sasha Ali <semi.divina@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 18, 2015 at 12:15 PM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org

Dear Mr. Lamborn,

My name is Sasha Ali, and I am a tenant of the Yucca-Argyle Apartments. We have recently learned that Champion Real Estate Company has submitted an application to turn our beautiful homes into a large multi-use complex.

I stand with the rest of the tenants of the Yucca-Argyle Apartments and demand no displacement, no development. Los Angeles is in the midst of a historic housing crisis with 13,000 people in the County going homeless every month. In 2014 the city lost 1,214 rent-stabilized apartments due to the Ellis Act. We lost over five-hundred rent-stabilized apartments due to the Ellis Act in the first five months of 2015. We must stop proliferating the housing crisis and stop destroying rent-stabilized apartments.

The developer of the Yucca-Argyle project has proposed to include only twenty "affordable" units in the development. These units will be available through a lottery system open to anyone who qualifies. We know that the displaced tenants will have no guarantee of securing one of the twenty "affordable" units. We also know that the definition of affordability used by the city will exclude the majority of the 45 households at risk of displacement.

We demand the City of Los Angeles reject the new development on existing housing. The new development not only displaces 45 existing households, but it will also increase automobile traffic on an already accident-prone intersection of Argyle and Yucca, it will increase noise for existing residents during and post construction, and it will induce the issues of building a large housing complex onto an existing live earthquake faultline. With a nearby elementary school and renowned school of dance for youth, traffic is a major point of danger for children walking to and from school and classes on a daily basis. In the event that the development does pass, the existing tenants of the perfectly well-maintained Yucca-Argyle Apartment building demand guaranteed right of return for all tenants at the exact same terms of their current tenancy and with no obstacles - no applications, no background checks, no open lottery, and no credit checks.

In November 2015, L.A. City Councilmember Huizar backed the demands of residents of the 1st and Soto apartments in Boyle Heights who were also facing eviction to make way for a development. Negotiating with the developer and with backing from the Councilman, the residents won guaranteed right of return for all current tenants at the existing terms of tenancy and with no obstacles. We demand at least the same for the 45 households in the Yucca-Argyle Apartments.

The tenants of Yucca-Argyle are part of the environment of Hollywood. Displacement will have a disastrous impact on peoples' lives and destroy the community. PLEASE stop destroying rent-stabilized housing in Los Angeles. Stop proliferating the housing crisis.

With warmest regards,

Sasha Ali

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Mon, Dec 21, 2015 at 9:09 AM

To: Sasha Ali <semi.divina@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Ali,

Thank you for your comments. They will be included in the file and forwarded to the consultants to be taken into consideration in the preparation of the Draft EIR.

Sincerely,

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