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ATTACHMENT NO. 16

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Dear Culver City Council,

Hello, I hope you are well. Regarding the property zoning change and construction proposed at address 9735 Washington Blvd., we are long-time, long-term, and also long-forgotten residents in the Downtown Area. While we are not opposing this specific zoning change, we do have major concerns about this and other construction projects in Culver City and especially Downtown, (including next to the Culver Hotel).

We are asking that the Council enact new rules that require any construction be restricted to the hours of 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. This is reasonable because anyone with any experience living close to even a small construction project has experienced loud noise much earlier than what is permitted. Trucks and Contractors come in early and stage their heavy duty trucks, even keeping the motors and compressors running the entire day while they work. They block streets, traffic, and parking spots. These same construction crews also close their workday early, so why can they not start later and then work until later? By the way, these early hours are not some imposed "Union Rules." We also feel that these new hours will actually improve the traffic nightmare currently happening in many parts of our city, keeping these construction trucks away from and not adding to and blocking traffic both before and after rush hour times. The new timings will also help some people (including myself) who are working professionals who happen to work night shifts. The City Council should change archaic and automatically allowed construction work timings and address these modern work hours and the needs of modern life in our City.

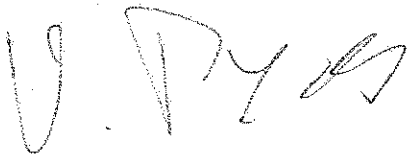
We are asking that Construction Projects not block any traffic lanes at any time without a traffic director at all times. As for example, the new building on the corner of Washington and Overland (which may or may not be in Culver City proper, I don't know for sure, but regardless), Washington Blvd. is blocked to only one lane of westbound and with no left hand turning onto southbound Overland from Washington. This is happening whether or not there are any people working directly near or on Washington Blvd. As you may have experienced, this major thoroughfare has one entire lane, starting two blocks before the construction zone, completely blocked the entire work day, and this has been going on for over one year. (I personally have witnessed a CCFD ambulance almost wreck at this very spot because of this nonsensical situation!) This unnecessary blocking of normal traffic flow has been frankly, unacceptable. New construction deliveries should only be allowed during times when traffic flow is low and

not negatively affected and only if the delivery can be made directly on their own property without impacting everyone else around.

We are also asking that these requests be put into law and not just policy changes and that there be major financial penalties involved and vigorous enforcement of these new rules.

These are not mere annoyances and inconveniences, but quality of life issues that go on sometimes for years and years on the backs of current residents and current businesses. Please consider these issues and please do not forget that new construction affects the area's current residents who are the stakeholders most directly, the most often, and the most continuously impacted. Everyone involved seems to profit from new construction projects, from the owners, the workers, and even the City, but this should not be on our backs and to the detriment of our day to day lives and neighborhood.

Thank you and please let us know what you think and if you need any clarification or information.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Vic Dyas' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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p.s. We have sent a similar letter expressing these issues to Jose Mendivil, but we have not heard back from him or anyone else in the Planning Division.