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## LETTER OF CONCERN

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Date: April 26, 2021

Dear Nicole Sanchez:

It has recently been brought to the attention of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Committee (ASNC PLUC) that the following planning cases on Cynthia Avenue were approved by a Zoning Administrator:

- DIR-2018-2385-SPP (780 North Cynthia Ave - Parcel D)  
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjIwNjY50>
- DIR-2018-2386-SPP (781 North Cynthia Ave - Parcel C)  
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjIwNjcw0>
- DIR-2018-2387-SPP (790 North Cynthia Ave - Parcel B)  
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjIwNjcx0>
- DIR-2018-2388-SPP (791 North Cynthia Ave - Parcel A)  
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjIwNjcy0>
- ENV-2016-3955-MND  
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjEwNTU10>
- AA-2016-3954-PMLA  
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjEwNTU00>

We are surprised to hear that the Commission came to this decision without the input of the ASNC PLUC and the community we represent and would like to request information from the Planning Department on why this PLUC was not informed about these cases, and why these projects were approved without first requiring that the applicant present the project to us.

There have been several other recent Mount Washington Specific Plan cases that were approved without LA City Planning requesting that the applicant first present to PLUC for community feedback. Examples of cases that were approved without PLUC feedback include DIR-2020-7876-SPP at 3931 N. Glenalbyn Drive, and DIR-2020-6086-SPP at 3600 N. Primavera Ave.

The ASNC PLUC has a long-standing agreement that LA City Planning Department will solicit the PLUC's input on planning cases within the neighborhoods of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council's jurisdiction. The fact that the typical procedure was not followed in the Red Hawk Canyon Development has created unnecessary skepticism of the planning process among stakeholders of our community. An explanation of why we were not noticed on these cases would help to assuage these concerns.

Additionally, we would appreciate the Planning Department's assurance that we will be invited to make a review of further projects within our jurisdiction going forward. We very much appreciate your work and look forward to a continued productive partnership.

Sincerely yours,

Drew Paonessa, President

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