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September 11, 2013

Los Angeles City Planning Commission, South Valley
6262 Van Nuys Blvd.
Van Nuys, CA 91401

Re: 20460 Sherman Way (**APCSV-2012-2487-ZC and ENV-2012-2488-EAF**)

Dear Los Angeles City Planning Commission:

At last night's regular Winnetka Neighborhood Council (WNC) Regular Board meeting, the Board heard extensive comments from both the developers of this project and many of the residents and stakeholders of the surrounding area.

As president of the council, I want to again express to the commission that the WNC is not an organization that regularly disapproves of developments of this nature. We have a history of encouraging well-planned proposals that will add value and beauty to the community without conflicting with the existing charm of our neighborhood. We also have a well-documented history of working with developers who are willing to seriously consider community concerns.

Unfortunately, this proposal is still not one of those types of projects. Admittedly, the developers have made extensive revisions to their initial proposal. Their actions to reach out and listen to the community are to be commended.

But despite the newest plan revisions that were presented to the WNC Board and the stakeholders at our meeting, the Board voted to deny support of this project. There were a multitude of reasons for this action. The most significant reasons presented were that the project is still too large and out of character with the neighborhood and that the traffic at that intersection will be quite adversely affected, causing gridlock during morning and evening commutes.

If you have any questions please contact me at 818-497-6464 or ELewis@WinnetkaNC.com.

Sincerely,

Eric Lewis
President, Winnetka NC

CC: LA City Councilman Bob Blumenfield; Mark Tavakoli, MDT Developers