

This 'Community Impact Statement' was duly voted upon and passed by the WLA/Sawtelle Neighborhood Council Special Meeting held on 9/7/16. The CIS was then formally submitted by Xochitl Gonzalez Chair of the WLASNC Planning & Land Use (PLUM) to the City of Los Angeles on 9/10/16. The LA City PLUM meeting (separate and distinct from the local WLASNC PLUM) was scheduled to review the Martin Expo project on 9/13/16 but it was stricken from the agenda due to an unspecified filing issue. There were multiple community requests to re-agendize this item for a subsequent LA City PLUM meeting but this did not happen. The project went forward as an agenda item for the regular LA City Council meeting held on 9/20/16. The Martin Expo Town Center proposal as submitted by the applicant Philena Properties was approved by the LA City Council with a vote of 12-0 on 9/20/16 including Councilmember Mike Bonin, District 11 where the project is proposed to be built at the corner of Bundy and Olympic Blvd.

Motion to **Oppose** Martin Expo Town Center and Community Impact Statement

The West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council opposes the Martin Expo Town Center project because of **the significant, severe negative traffic impacts that will make our community a more dangerous place to live.**

- 1) the traffic impacts are excessive for one project. Martin Expo proposes to significantly impact 16 intersections, growing to 18 by the year 2030. **We oppose the tremendous, negative traffic impacts from this one project.**
- 2) though the developer agreed to a reduction in the square footage of the commercial space, the inclusion of Expo parking has left the project with almost the exact daily trip count—a reduction from 7100 daily trips to 7000 daily trips. Because of such minimal downsizing, **the community is left with the same significant traffic impacts from this project!**
- 3) the developer increased the retail from the original proposal of 67,000 sq. ft. to the now 99,000 sq. ft. **We oppose the increase in retail square footage.** The developer, aware that the commercial component of the project was unpopular, decreased the commercial but then increased the retail, again **leaving the community with essentially the same significant, negative traffic impacts!**
- 4) the developer is requesting a permit for live entertainment. The community is resoundingly opposed to the yet further increase in traffic and noise adjacent to an R-01 neighborhood that will result from these live events. **We unequivocally oppose a permit for live entertainment.**
- 5) the significant traffic impacts from this project will make it more dangerous for the residents to access the Metro. The majority of Angelenos access the Metro on foot, as will we, the community that surrounds this project and Metro stop. **We want safe access to our public transportation, but allowing this project at its current size will only make access more dangerous for the community.**
- 6) **within under a mile radius of this project, there are over 4 million square feet of office space! We oppose the 150,000 sq ft of office/commercial space as currently proposed by the developer and want the commercial/office space in this project reduced to 50,000 sq ft.** The abundance of office space is why the traffic in West Los Angeles and Sawtelle is particularly severely impacted. The community experiences on a daily basis frustrated and distracted drivers, cutting through our residential streets because the major thoroughfares are at a standstill, all trying to head east.
- 7) this project requests tremendous up-zoning that should have been accompanied by a sensitive focus on the uniqueness of the proposed site. The proposed project is situated at the northwest corner of Bundy and Olympic, the most heavily congested intersection in West Los Angeles. The addition of 7000 car trips to that intersection is more than any one project should impose. **WE OPPOSE THE SIGNIFICANT, NEGATIVE TRAFFIC IMPACTS FROM THIS PROJECT THAT HAVE NEVER, from the Draft EIR to the Final EIR to the current proposed project, BEEN REDUCED IN ANY MEANINGFUL WAY.**