**South Brentwood Residents Association**

**149 South Barrington Ave. #194**

**Los Angeles, California 90049**

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Los Angeles City Planning Department

200 N. Spring Street Rm 621

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn: Greg Shoop

Via email: greg.shoop@lacity.org

Re: Demolition of Buildings located at 11977 and 11991 San Vicente Blvd. and 642 and 644 Saltair Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90049

Dear Mr. Shoop:

I am writing on behalf of the board and members of the South Brentwood Residents Association. SBRA represents approximately 7,000 home-owners and renters who reside in the area south of San Vicente Blvd., north of Wilshire Blvd., east of Centinela Ave. and west of Federal Ave.. Additionally, SBRA represents the interests of those in multi-family dwellings throughout the entire Brentwood community.

***Importantly, we represent residents who live near San Vicente Blvd.*** San Vicente is a key retail district for our neighborhood, and is in walking distance from most of our residents’ homes.

We support the application to tear down the empty buildings at the above addresses. These buildings have been vacant for many, many months and are in disrepair. They are attractive nuisances which create public safety hazards for our area. Transients have been cutting fences and breaking into the buildings to camp out in them overnight, which creates a serious fire hazard.

Vacant buildings in the middle of our neighborhood create a range of other public safety issues such as the potential for children or adults to go into the buildings and injure themselves on cut metal, broken glass, or loose nails and wood.

Having dark, vacant buildings next to the San Vicente retail district raises serious concerns about crime against people walking back to their cars at night, or other criminal behavior.

Empty lots would be preferable to the current situation, until such time as new projects are approved.

Sincerely,

**Lauren Cole**

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Transportation and Traffic Chair, SBRA

cc: Mike Bonin, Councilmember CD 11

Nancy Freedman, Chair, BCC