

South Brentwood Residents Association

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Kevin James, President
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Via email: kevin.james@lacity.org

Re: 12303-307 Gorham Ave., LA, CA 90049
Parcel Map No: AA-2014-0837-PMLA

Dear President James and Board Members:

SBRA requests that the Commission waive the street widening condition and grant Mr. Ohebsion a Certificate of Occupancy after all other conditions are fulfilled.

I am writing on behalf of the board and members of the South Brentwood Residents Association (SBRA). SBRA represents approximately 13,000 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.

Residents are always complaining about developers who remove trees in order to build their project, thus diminishing the beauty and health of our neighborhoods. But...we have a problem now where a *developer, Sassan Ohebsion, has been fighting to **save** the trees on his property!*

It is our understanding that widening the street is no longer a current planning department requirement, but the city is requiring that the developer remove two Mexican Fan Palm trees, a Juniper tree and a magnificent Camphor tree in order to widen the street...but that street will never be widened!

The LA Bureau of Engineering has designated Amherst a "substandard street." Consequently, per Bureau of Engineering's recommendation, The Planning Dept. made widening of Amherst Street a requirement and condition for completion of the project. The City's own records confirm that Amherst does NOT carry a traffic load, making the destruction of these mature trees pointless.

Mr. Ohebsion and many residents of our community have worked for well over a year trying to save the trees... thereby wasting the valuable time and tax dollars of our residents and City of LA staff.
Is this not a perfect example of senselessly following the rules?!

Thank you for your consideration.

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