



CITY OF LOMITA CITY COUNCIL REPORT

TO: City Council June 16, 2008

FROM: Gary Y. Sugano, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Letter to the City of Los Angeles Opposing the Ponte Vista Project

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council authorizes the Mayor to sign and submit the attached letter to the City of Los Angeles opposing the Ponte Vista project as currently proposed.

BACKGROUND

On February 19, 2008, the City Council authorized the Mayor to sign and submit a letter to the City of Los Angeles requesting recirculation of the Ponte Vista DEIR.

On February 4, 2008, the City Council directed staff to prepare a letter to the City of Los Angeles requesting recirculation of the Ponte Vista DEIR.

On January 16, 2007, the City Council authorized the submittal of a response letter to the Ponte Vista DEIR.

ANALYSIS

The Draft EIR which was circulated for public comment in January of 2007 analyzed a 2,300 unit townhome and condominium development, 10,000 square feet of retail space and 9 acres of open space. In late May, the City received a public hearing notice which states that the proposed project now consists of 1,950 residential units, 10,000 square feet of commercial space and six acres of open space. This constitutes a reduction of only 350 residential units. The public hearing before the Deputy Advisory Agency and a Hearing Officer will take place on June 26, 2008. The purpose of this hearing is to accept public comment on the project only. The Hearing Officer will take this public testimony and make a recommendation to the City's Area Planning Commission at a future date.

The City of Los Angeles project planner has indicated that the response to the City's comments on the DEIR will not be completed for many months. This has made it difficult to provide a full response at this first hearing. However, staff believes it would be appropriate at this time to formally take a position on the Ponte Vista project. Attached is a draft letter for the Mayor's signature which opposes the Ponte Vista project due to concerns related to additional traffic, density and aesthetics issues.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1) Authorize the signing and submittal of the letter.
- 2) Do not authorize the submittal of the letter.
- 3) Give staff alternative direction.

Recommended by:

Approved by:

GARY Y. SUGANO
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

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CITY MANAGER

Attachment:

1 - Draft letter to City of Los Angeles

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