



COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

March 2023

Re: CF-17-1071-S1

The Encino Neighborhood Council supports CF-17-1071-S1, which includes the updated information submitted by Councilmember Nithya Raman:

Additionally, the Specific Plan establishes the Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Plan Review Board (PRB), as detailed under Section 15 of the plan, whose members are appointed by Council Districts in which the Specific Plan area is located as well as the Mayor, and which makes recommendations to these appointing authorities. These provisions were severely impacted by the 2021 redistricting process. In November 2022, the Planning Department informed PRB members and affected Council Offices no longer within the purview of the Specific Plan following the 2021 redistricting process about their respective removals as a legal necessity based on existing rules as detailed in Section 15 to ensure that PRB reviews and actions are not in a state of legal precariousness. Our understanding is that this change has been effectuated for some PRB members, but not others, and has unfortunately caused confusion and frustration for many community members. As such, City Council should consider and propose a sustainable solution and language amendments that center equitable community representation, feasible tenureship, and a diversity of voices for designated advisory bodies under the jurisdiction of this Specific Plan and other relevant plans that may be similarly affected by the redistricting processes.

We believe this will set a precedent for other appointed seats slide affected by redistricting including, but not limited to, the Van Nuys Airport Citizen's Advisory Council (VNY CAC).

Thank you,

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President

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