



To: Office of CD11
Fr: Jay Handal, President, Board of Directors
Date: Feb. 22, 2012
Re: Resolution: City to submit comments to EIR for Santa Monica development projects

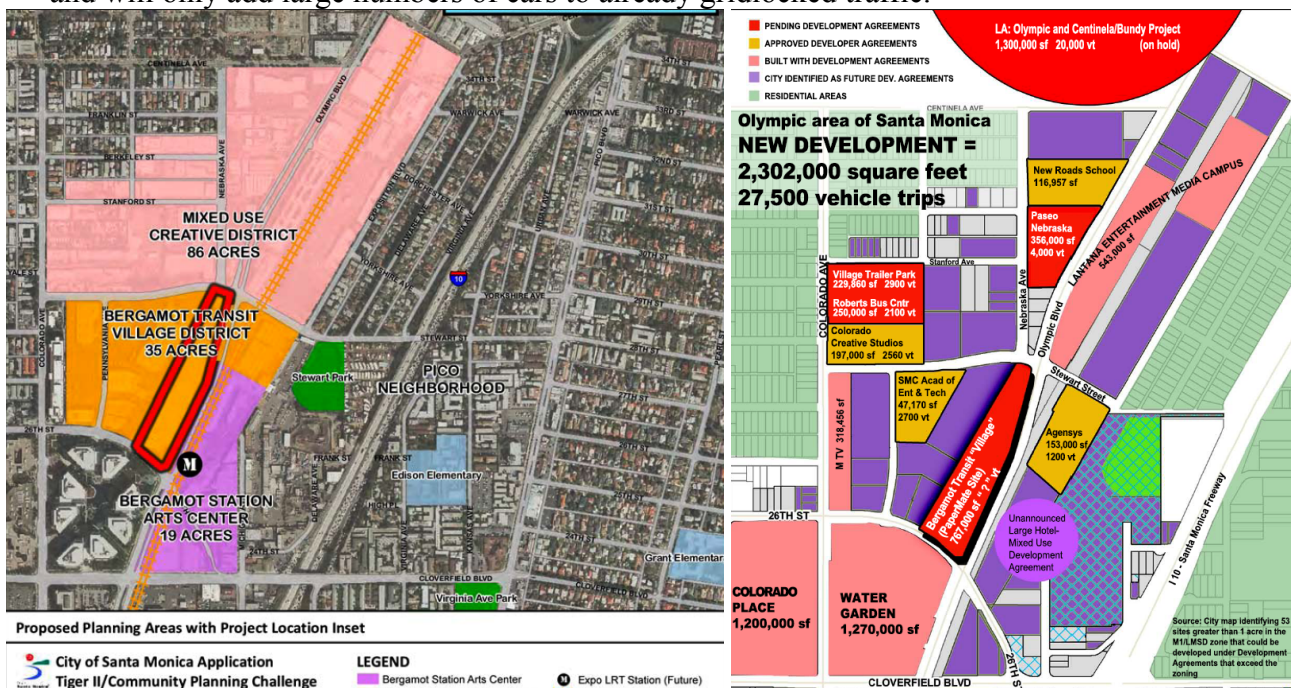
Resolution: The Board of Directors voted, 6-0, to request that the City of Los Angeles shall contribute testimony and findings to the EIR for the Santa Monica Bergamot Station project and Papermate project. The impacts on the City of Los Angeles from traffic, air pollution, noise and health shall be documented and submitted in advance of the Feb. 27 deadline.

Facts and background:

1. Santa Monica does not have a jobs-housing balance because of significant development of commercial/office from 1980 to now. The city desires the revenue from sales tax.
2. New projects are proposed for 2,000,000 sf and 27,000 car trips, but no master plan EIR is proposed to study cumulative impacts.
3. Hines Bergamot Station proposal is for 700,000 sf, including 400,000 sf of office on 7 acres.
4. More info: Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (www.SMCLC.net) or Diana Gordon (DianaGordon5@Gmail.com or 310/849-0032).

Findings and justification:

1. The quality of life of West L.A. is diminished because of Santa Monica's planning policies and failure to properly mitigate the negative impacts.
2. The large amount of office/commercial does not include significant amounts of affordable housing, and will only add large numbers of cars to already gridlocked traffic.



Submitted for your consideration,

Jay Handal