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## **VIA E-MAIL**

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Re: Bergamot Transit Village in Santa Monica

Dear Representatives and Staff:

As you are aware, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a regional coalition of 13 member neighborhood and community councils from Council Districts 5, 10 and 11 (the Westside of Los Angeles). On behalf of our member councils, we are concerned about the 7-acre development known as the Hines Bergamot Transit Village at 26th and Olympic Boulevard ("Bergamot Village").

The City of Santa Monica presently contemplates over 2,120,000 square feet of development at an estimated 24,000 new vehicle trips per day in the Olympic Blvd corridor bordered by Colorado Blvd, 26th St., the 10 Freeway, and the Los Angeles city boundary. The City of Santa Monica has also identified future areas which could be developed under Development Agreements which far exceed the underlying zoning. This includes Bergamot Village, which proposes a 700,000 square foot development, including 500,000 square feet of office space and 1,800 parking spaces.

There has been no cumulative study of the regional traffic and infrastructure impacts these present and future Santa Monica projects represent.

Therefore, with regard to the regional impacts that will result from multiple large development projects pending in the 140 acre Bergamot area in Santa Monica, including Bergamot Village, all of WRAC's thirteen member councils have independently voted to support review and comment on the project's Draft Environmental Impact Report by the City of Los Angeles, by and through its City Attorney, City Council, responsible City departments and CalTrans; and further, because the 140-acre Bergamot area is presently being planned by the City of Santa Monica under a HUD Grant, WRAC supports the need for a comprehensive EIR that fully considers the regional impacts on the City of Los Angeles and that takes into account the cumulative impact of all the major development projects pending in this area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike R. Newhouse". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

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