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Councilmember Paul Koretz
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RE: BPW-2018-0475 TREE REMOVAL - 10768 WEST BELLAGIO ROAD

Dear Honorable Councilmember Koretz, Board of Public Works President James, and Honorable Commissioners:

The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABCNC) represents the City of Los Angeles hillside communities from Laurel Canyon to Sepulveda Blvd, and from Sunset Blvd. to Mulholland Drive. As the advocate for more than 27,000 residents, BABCNC is made up of 32 representatives of residential associations, local schools, businesses, and faith-based institutions, in addition to members-at-large.

We, Robin Greenberg and Nickie Miner, declare that we are the President and Vice President respectively of the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABCNC). On July 10, 2018, at its Planning and Land Use Committee meeting, and on July 25, 2018, at its full Board meeting, the BABCNC considered the above-named project and its environmental impacts with specific attention to its effects upon protected trees and wildlife habitat.

At the July 25, 2018 publicly-noticed meeting, the BABCNC, with a quorum of 19 board members present, voted unanimously to express the view that a Notice of Exemption is an inappropriate environmental document for the proposed removal of 23 protected trees and 62 non-protected trees, with impacts upon 267 trees in total.

The BABCNC voted to respectfully request that the Board of Public Works send the aforementioned environmental document back to the Department of City Planning to be replaced by a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in order to provide the appropriate level of analysis to a project whose significant scale and environmental impacts are plainly self-evident.

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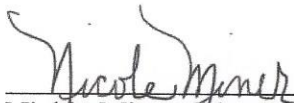
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The BABCNC also respectfully requests that the Bel Air Country Club be asked to allow an independent PSHB (polyphagous shot hole borer) specialist to visit the project site to inspect the trees purported to be infected with PSHB and provide advice on correct and scientifically-supported management protocols.

Sincerely,



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