

Planning Board,

I am one of the owners of 1818 South Lakeshore Blvd., the condominium complex adjacent to this proposed project.

I would like to go on record as opposing this request, specifically the portion related to removal of the deed restriction that addresses “for-sale units.”

If you review the history of redevelopment of this property dating back to 2005, you will see that a significant amount of green space, trees and public access was removed in order to build the current AMLI buildings. A great amount of energy and time was spent in negotiations between the City, stakeholders, and adjacent property owners crafting the density bonus package and deed restrictions currently on this property.

I understand there are housing demands, and the City is looking for increased density, however we should not give away the concept of homeownership for this goal. It was important 15 years ago and even more so now to make available “for sale units” in this area of the City. I am certain AMLI will decry opine that it does not fit into their business practices, or business model. This was their position in 2005 and significant bonuses were received by them at the time of redevelopment.

I would ask that this Board and the City insist that AMLI live up to their obligations and that you deny their request.

Sincerely ,
Stephen Tittle

Clark, Kate

From: Tim Thomas
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: C14-05-0112(RCA2)

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Hi,

I would like to add my enthusiastic support for removing the requirement for home ownership on this property and add additional rental units.

The majority of the people who live in my neighborhood rent. While opportunities for home ownership sound good in theory, in practice they help to increase segregation the neighborhood. Due to historical structural racism, such as the way the GI Bill was handled, the majority of people with the generational wealth to purchase a home in this area are white, and so saying you prefer home ownership is implicitly saying you would prefer more white people in the neighborhood without having to say it explicitly.

These additional rental units will provide additional housing for the people who need it most and I urge you to remove the conditional overlay.

Thanks,
Tim Thomas
3403 Santa Monica, 78741

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