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Name: Virginia Kimball **Email:** **Phone:** 213- **Address:**
Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

City of Pasadena Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to build 3 homes on a wild, open hillside above my neighborhood. A storm drain runs through my family's property with rushing water and occasional mud and trash whenever rain falls on Inverness and nearby streets, down to the Arroyo Seco. Deer, bobcats, raccoons, opossum and other animals walk through our yard, up Linda Vista and into Cottonwood Canyon and St. Katherine's Canyon.

The proposed project will affect our neighborhood, and the potential loss of that open space concerns us. Open space is a priority in the master plan, maintaining beauty while supporting natural areas for wildlife corridors. I urge the council to require an EIR to advise of the impacts of hillside construction. If a sewer pipe has to be installed downhill through the open area to reach an existing main, what are the erosion impacts?

Finally, please consider the increased fire danger 3 new houses will bring to their neighborhood. What will be the impact of 3 families and their cars trying to escape a fire along with the existing residents? Will there be a fire equipment turn-around at the end of the new street? Could residents escape while the fire department responds?

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Robert **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena,
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Comments:

Re: St. Katherine’s Development Brief 200 words

We have lived in the immediate area of this proposed project for 30 Years.

We respectfully request a full and complete “Environmental Impact Report” to review the following:

Hydrology: This area is drainage deficient and significant flooding, mudslides and damage continue to occur in this area.

To date mitigation is suboptimized. The city provided hill repairs and sandbags have not eliminated the impact of poor hillside drainage. We have experienced flooding and extensive damage to our property as well as compromised / dangerous road conditions on Inverness and Normandy. We have photographs that may be helpful in your review.

Other environmental / safety concerns include:

Fire safety: This area was impacted significantly by fires and recently the “Bobcat” fire that had the neighborhood in evacuation preparation for almost 3 weeks.

Construction and Traffic Management: Current projects in the area do not comply with regulations that have done damage to properties, roads, curbs and drainage.

We are aligned with the more detailed recommendations from the LVAA requesting a full EIR review and the recommended mitigations that will directly affect our home and property.

Thank You.

Rob and Debbie Rodin

Pasadena, CA 91103

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Comments:

As residents and stewards of this area for the proposed development, we are especially worried about the wildlife passage that is threatened. The proposed development is within the wildlife passage. This particular area of Cottonwood Canyon is a critical area to keep open and is home to endangered species. We ask that the General Plan Land Use Element Policies be extensively considered by the Applicant, especially those that protect wildlife and endangered wildlife: Policy 10.9 (protection of Natural Open Space); Policy 10.14 (utilization of Native Plants); Policy 10.15 (Open Space Connectivity-maintain/restore wildlife corridors and habitat linkages). The wildlife passage, known as the Hahamongna to Tujunga Wildlife Corridor is within the proposed building area, which supports a number of irreplaceable biological resources and is a hotspot for species at risk of extinction. This is of utmost concern and must be addressed by the applicants.

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Comments:

Proposed development of St. Katherine raises the question: How will the community be protected from additional runoff since the property is located above a long-established neighborhood that experienced 19 water-related disasters during one 39-year period?

This unstable hillside area has a long history of landslides, mudslides, flooding, and collapses because it has no complete public storm drainage system. Over the years, collapses from the St. Katherine property have blocked Inverness Drive. During the rainy season, storm water and debris emanating from St. Katherine flow onto streets and private properties. Several years ago, the roadway of Inverness Drive collapsed at the "Z" switchback thereby blocking vehicle ingress and egress for months. A huge collapse affected homes on Inverness Drive and Crofton Way.

The proposed massive hilltop project with three mansions, outbuildings, pools, paved areas, and landscaping will increase runoff and heighten danger for properties and persons down slope. Staff are urged to scrutinize the proposal's lack of safe disposal of storm and landscaping runoff because it has the potential to cause serious property damage or personal injury to residents down slope. Hydrology and Geotechnical Reports are vital and should include data obtained during and after the rainy season.

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Pallotta CA 91103

Comments:

I live on Inverness Dr. next to the Cottonwood Canyon wildlife passage, across from the proposed development. Everyday, I see multiple animals, big to small, emerge from Cottonwood Canyon and head up the hill (on the proposed development) to continue their trek. I am extremely concerned about the impact on wildlife from this development (specifically, the destruction of this natural wildlife corridor and resulting impact on our narrow hillside street, the noise impact from construction, and the impact of light pollution from the new required streetlights.) As such, I ask that you consider Policy 10.15 (Open Space Connectivity-maintain/restore wildlife corridors and habitat linkages). We moved to this area to be closer to nature, and I ask that Policy 10.9 (protection of Natural Open Space) be considered as that is a big part of what makes this area special, for animals and people alike. Lastly, I ask that Policy 10.14 (utilization of Native Plants) be considered. Not only are native, drought tolerant plants more environmentally friendly because they consume less water and are more fire resistant, but they are also crucial to supporting animals who thrive in this natural ecosystem (like the 2 endangered species of birds we recently observed).

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Name: Anita Fromholz **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:**
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Comments:

I live in the Linda Vista area of Pasadena, in which residential development is mixed with natural areas of open space and wildlife habitat and corridors. I urge you to consider the importance of the open space around 336 St. Katherine's Drive, and to require an EIR for the possible development there. The Open Space and Conservation Element of Pasadena's General Plan emphasizes the importance of maintaining, protecting and expanding natural open spaces, for the health and enjoyment of all Pasadena residents. These open spaces include hillsides, watersheds, and critical habitats; they include wildlife corridors that provide access and connectivity; and they afford recreational opportunities for Pasadena's residents. Any possible development at 336 St. Katherine's Drive must be balanced against the possible harm to current residents or the surrounding environment.

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Name: Nina Chomsky, for
the Linda Vista-Annandale
Association

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Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I am writing to call your attention to the Linda Vista-Annandale Association (LVAA) PPR Comment letter on the proposed project, and, to add a comment.

As indicated in our LVAA letter, we strongly support the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the proposed project. This Project involves potentially significant environmental impacts which require analysis and potential mitigation. Among these is the Hydrology, drainage, and storm run-off situation in this part of Linda Vista.

Not all current staff or Councilmembers may know that this hillside area was developed with no storm drains -- a situation that would not occur today. As a result, this area has suffered years of terrible impacts and damage from poor drainage and storm run-off control. Pasadena helped by improving the catchment of run-off at the bottom of Inverness and adjacent public streets thereby directing the flow of run-off into the Linda Vista Ave. storm drains, but significant problems remain higher up. Every area construction project, including this proposed one and ongoing construction on streets like Edgehill, adds directly and on a cumulative basis to these ongoing

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hydrology problems. It is imperative that hydrology and run-off issues from this project are studied and mitigated through the environmental process.

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Name: Ian **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** 1897 Braemar
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Comments:

We have lived at 1897 Braemar Road for 17 years, and greatly enjoy the natural beauty of the surrounding hills. We appreciate the role of the anti-“mansionization” rules in preventing the construction of inappropriately large houses in the area. We have also recently become aware through the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy of the need to preserve routes for the movements of wild animals between their natural habitats; an important example of these routes is Cottonwood Canyon, in our immediate area. We believe that the very large size of the 3 proposed mansions would interfere with both the hillside surroundings and the passage of wildlife, in particular via the Cottonwood Canyon space, and that the application should be fully examined with no exceptions made from existing regulations.

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