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## Opposition to the Revised Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan Implementation Guidance

Dear Mr. Bertoni:

I write today in opposition to Los Angeles City Planning's ("Department") [memorandum](#) to exempt non-visible projects from the Mulholland Design Review Procedures of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan ("MSPSP") dated March 30, 2021.

I share concerns with the community that this superseding interpretation strays from the City's intent to preserve and enhance the parkway's unique scenic features and recreational, educational, and ecological value. Pursuant to the MSPSP and long standing City practice, the Design Review Board's ("DRB") role is to review all projects within the MSPSP area including projects visible and non-visible from the Mulholland Drive right-of-way. The Los Angeles City Council affirmed the role of the DRB when it adopted a modification of the "Section 3D Exemption Interpretation" and required virtually all new projects to be subject to the provisions of the MSPSP and reviewed by the DRB ([CF: 98-1384](#)).

Although the City is currently engaged in several policy efforts including the Community Plan Updates, the Wildlife Pilot Study, and the Ridgeline Protection Ordinance; the DRB has served as the de facto line of defense for several decades to protect our City's environmentally sensitive areas and their aquatic, biologic, geologic, and topographic features.

Therefore, I request that the Department amend / rescind the memorandum in order to restore the City's previous interpretation to include both visible and non-visible projects under the purview of the DRB, until such a time that the City has adequate policies and regulations in place to manage and preserve our fragile wildland-urban interface.

Please contact my Senior Planning Deputy Jason P. Douglas at (213) 473-7011 if you have any questions regarding this request.

Respectfully,

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