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Board of Public Works Commission
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CORRECTED ATTACHMENT "E"

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RE: 1090 Acanto Place, B Permit No. BR205685

Dear Commissioners:

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), and on April 24, 2019, a Brown-Act noticed public meeting was held by the BABCNC. With a quorum of __ board members present, and by a vote of __ yes, __ no, __ abstentions, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council voted to support the following position letter:

For the past few years, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, the neighbors, and the Bel Air community have experienced ongoing struggles with the developer of 1090 Acanto Place.

From clear-cutting the lot to attempts at subdividing the property, the developer has shown little regard for the community.

Based on our understanding of the situation, the developer illegally removed a protected tree that was in the area where the developer wanted to build a second home after Urban Forestry expressly denied the permit. This was noted by the UFD staff and prompted a hearing to be held with the developer and Urban Forestry. If there was an unpermitted/illegal removal of a healthy live oak, BABCNC respectfully asks why is further removal of protected trees being considered, and why has the developer not been sanctioned?

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Upon review of the tree report, it is clear the developer made little effort to create a project that would preserve the few remaining trees he has not already cut-down. The developer is working with a large, relatively flat lot, yet has found a way to design a project that would disrupt trees on the outskirts of the property. Most notably is a healthy, mature coastal live oak on the west side of the lot. This Oak tree should be preserved. Should your Commission decide to approve the developer's request to remove the three protected trees listed in the application, the BABCNC suggests that four oak trees are planted in the same area as each of the ones removed. Furthermore, the Commission should require that four oak trees be planted in the same location as the oak tree which was illegally removed.

Additionally, if the trees requested for removal are legitimately in an unhealthy state, BABCNC respectfully requests that a representative from Urban Forestry be present when the trees are removed to insure they do not remove the healthy, mature oak tree.

It is unfortunate the owner's desire to maximize profit have seemed to outweigh City statute and common courtesy.

Thank you, for your attention to this matter.

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