

Sullivan Canyon Advocates

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We residents of Sullivan Canyon, call on all neighborhoods in Los Angeles to support a new environmental impact report into a suspicious plan for two 15,000 sq. f. mega mansions in an oasis of open space. This is a citywide issue because City Council member Mike Bonin says it "represents a fundamentally broken development project in LA's culture of real estate development."

We need you to tell Mayor Eric Garcetti, City Attorney Mike Feuer, Councilmember Bonin, city and state officials to do the right thing in our Los Angeles City Planning Appeal set for June 18. Here are the essentials:

Last September, the Namvar developers cut and demolished 58 old growth oak and sycamore trees in Sullivan Canyon. They plan two mega-mansions using enough soil to bury a football field 33 feet deep, including the end zones. They will bury Sullivan Creek and damage its surrounding riparian habitat.

There is a need for a new EIR to replace the original one which is eight years old. The current mansion project is twice as large in scale and cumulative impact as the original one. Under environmental law, the "stale" permit must be replaced by a fresh one.

A principal partner behind the development, Ezri Namvar, is in federal prison for a Ponzi scheme that defrauded hundreds of families of their savings. They called him, "the Bernie Madoff of Beverly Hills." Now he and his brothers are organizing a shell game of shadowy owners.

These are the kind of zoning failures that plague all our communities. It's time to fix the process.

Contact SullivanCanyonAdvocates@gmail.com for a petition to the City Council.

Please send this message to your friends, your residents' organizations and post on your social media pages.

Thank you!