



Los Angeles City Council City Hall  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012  
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Letter of Opposition to Zone Variance Request at 825 N. Virgil Avenue

The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council is opposed to the “zone variance to allow the relocation of the mobile recycling center within 100' of the abutting RD1.5-XL Zone (27' away from the RD1.5 Zone) at 825 N Virgil Avenue.

- 1) The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council acknowledges that recycling centers provide one of the only mechanisms for unhoused community members to generate income. Many of our housed neighbors that are living on the financial margins are also dependents on recycling centers in order to supplement limited incomes. For this reason, the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council is not opposed to the creation and management of recycling centers in the boundaries of East Hollywood.
- 2) However, recycling centers within the boundaries of East Hollywood must also adhere to basic community standards of cleanliness, limited noise, and crime prevention. While the nature of the recycling business and the clientele of these recycling centers can provide inherent challenges to meeting the aforementioned standards, it is still the responsibility of the city of Los Angeles to make sure that either these standards are upheld or that the location of the recycling center is such that these inherent issues do not cause wider community problems.
- 3) For these reasons, the city of Los Angeles’s municipal code does not allow for such recycling centers to be within 100’ from residential properties as to not unduly disturb the lives of the citizenry.
- 4) The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council, after multiple community meetings and input from community stakeholders, believes that the recycling center, located at 825 N. Virgil Avenue, is in fact a disruption to both the commercial and residential properties nearby. Residential property owners within 100’ from the recycling center have complained of noise starting at 6am daily from bottles, physical violence, public intoxication, and public urination. Commercial property owners have expressed concern about cleanliness

issues at the location's parking lot, surrounding streets, and sidewalks as a result of the recycling center.

- 5) For these reasons, the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council believes that the current code is appropriate for this location and that granting a variance to the city ordinance would be highly detrimental to the community.

For these reasons, the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the granting of a "zone variance to allow the relocation of the mobile recycling center within 100' of the abutting RD1.5-XL Zone (27' away from the RD1.5 Zone) at 825 N Virgil Avenue.

Sincerely,

The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council