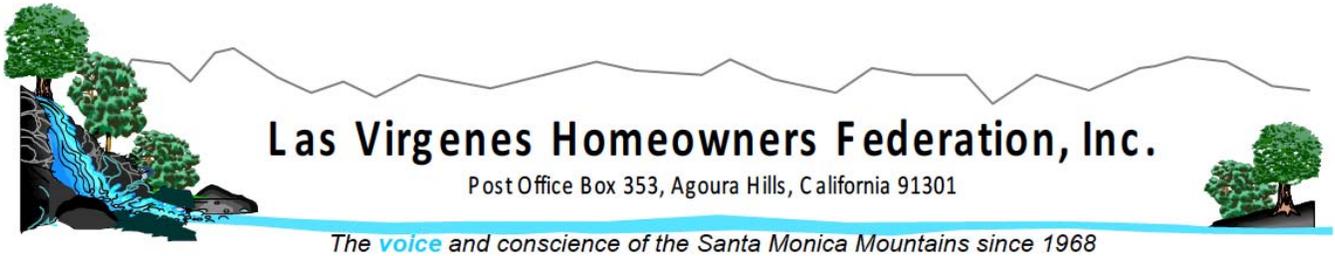

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Re: Agenda Item #5
PROJECT NO. 02-201-(3)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT MODIFICATION NO. RPPL2016002885
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 201500175

Honorable Regional Planning Commissioners:

We respectfully ask that you deny the request to modify CUP CP02-201. The fact is, Mr. Rasmussen will benefit substantially from the illegal importation of 2,544 cubic yards of soil that was in direct violation of his CUP if you authorize the modification. It is an undeniable financial gain for him to not have to build split level homes - a requirement that was carefully and thoughtfully negotiated by the planning commission as a mitigation for the community. Additionally, should the planning commission approve the modification, Mr. Rasmussen would benefit from not having to pay the cost to export the excess soil from the site.

At your commission's request, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kuehl convened a meeting between residents and Mr. Rasmussen to discuss the project and requested modification. At the meeting, residents asked Mr. Rasmussen to SHARE the FINANCIAL BENEFIT he would garner from his illegal actions, by donating \$50,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for stream restoration work in the Liberty Canyon watershed -- for public benefit. Mr. Rasmussen declined to provide the community with any public benefit.

Approval of the modification request without any additional public benefit sets a very dangerous precedent and sends the message that it is OK to violate a CUP for gain because you can always go back and obtain a retroactive permit for doing so. The residents in the Santa Monica Mountains must be able to rely upon the carefully crafted and negotiated conditions of approval and not worry that they will be changed later. We understand a denial will result in truck trips through the neighborhood to remove the soil but we believe the message it will send future potential violators will be clear and strong.

We also concur with the staff memo in that at a minimum, conditions must also be added to REQUIRE the land and monetary donations be finalized, transferred and recorded prior to any issuance of building permits -- and that the recipient of both should be the MRCA.

Please do not reward the applicant and greenlight this project forward at this time.

Sincerely,
Kim Lamorie
President
Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, Inc.