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VIA EMAIL

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Re: Mount Saint Mary's University Chalon Campus Wellness Pavilion Project; ENV-2016-2319-EIR

Dear Ms. King,

The Brentwood Homeowners Association ("BHA") hereby supplements its comments regarding the DEIR for Mount Saint Mary's University ("MSMU") by submitting that:

The issuance of the FEIR must be deferred until it can incorporate the results of the Department of City Planning compliance with the Los Angeles City Council directives in the Motion relative to evacuation routes in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones ("Motion") adopted by unanimous vote on November 10, 2020 (Council File No. 20-1213).

The Motion directed the Department of City Planning:

1. To report back on the capacity, safety, and viability of existing and potential evacuation routes in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and identify the policies and development standards, including land use and building restrictions, necessary to support those evacuation routes;
2. To amend the General Plan by incorporating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Office of Planning and Research's "Fire Hazard Planning" provisions into the Safety Element concurrent with the ongoing update of the Housing Element;
3. To address State and Local goals for climate adaptation and resilience.

The issues of fire risk and evacuation relative to the MSMU Project are not abstract, hypothetical concerns. They are based on a reality evidenced by the experience of the Getty Fire in October 2019. The Getty Fire was a wildfire that burned 745 acres in Brentwood, Los Angeles, California. The fire was first reported on October 28, 2019 and was contained on November 5, 2019. Thousands of people were forced to flee pursuant to mandatory evacuation orders, 10 homes were destroyed, and 15 residences were damaged.

The fire enveloped the MSMU campus forcing its students and staff to flee, many on foot, in nightclothes, carrying backpacks and suitcases, walking several miles to Sunset Blvd. Some of these students were picked up by residents who were also evacuating in their own crowded vehicles. A Los Angeles Times 10/28/2019 headline read: "Getty fire: Students make harrowing escape from Mount St. Mary's University as flames approach." America Magazine – The Jesuit Review reported that 450 students and staff fled MSMU and "75 retired Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and nine staff

members were asked to stay in their three-story retirement community while the fires grew nearby . . . Eight of the sisters in the community were bedridden, and others were quite elderly. Given the rapidly changing nature of the situation, [LAFD Captain] Mr. Escobedo feared by the time they had gathered the resources to move the sisters they would be trapped.” The local streets, Bundy Ave., Saltair Ave., Norman Place and Barrington Ave., used as the ingress and egress routes for MSMU are dangerously narrow, curvy, and lacking sidewalks.

Reference is made to the letter, dated June 12, 2018, submitted as part of the comments to the DEIR from Peter Bryan, fire and life safety expert with The McMullen Company, and incorporated herein by this reference.

Sincerely,



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