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Councilmember, Fifth District

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Kevin Hughes, President
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Dear Mr. Hughes:

Thank you for your Association's letter regarding the Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan (NTMP) and your desire that my Office delay implementation of any changes to the Plan.

As you know, I and the City's Department of Transportation worked very closely with Neighborhood Councils, residents, and Homeowner organizations, including the former Cheviot Hills Homeowners Association board, to create a Plan that would protect your community from the cut-through traffic experienced by residents from those trying to get to and from Century City and its surroundings. It appears to have been overall effective in achieving its goals.

However, after examining the current situation, and hearing feedback from hundreds of residents over the past year, it is clear that there are some portions of the NTMP that are not perfect. For some, it is the increase in time getting in and out of their own neighborhood. For others, it is the increase in traffic on the side streets, as commuters and residents themselves seek new ways to avoid Motor Avenue. It has become clear that some slight tweaking of the Plan can and should be done to make some minor improvements for the residents themselves.

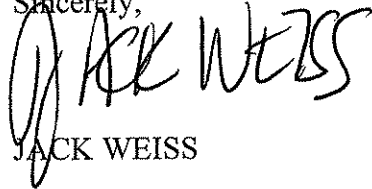
I appreciate that many may feel that the City should wait until Phase II of the Plan is completed before adjusting any of the mitigations. At your Board's previous request, I did postpone implementing any changes. However, it is now time to make a single, modest change. The change that I am proposing, adding a second right turn pocket from northbound Motor to eastbound Pico, will effectively allow commuters and residents to exit the community more quickly than currently allowed. For some, the several minute

wait now experienced may be immaterial, yet I have received dozens of communications from residents within the boundaries of your association who are extremely frustrated with the delay. It does not make sense to keep people from getting out once they are already in the neighborhood. And while it may be difficult to prove that this will not bring in more commuters, as the rest of the mitigations are in place the City does not believe this will happen. DOT will continue to monitor traffic levels to determine if an increase in the amount of cars occurs.

As for the proposal to add a right turn pocket from Pico directly into the Cheviot Hills Recreation Center, I have heard the voices of those who cited safety concerns of potential cut-through traffic, and have asked that this change not be implemented.

Thank you for your commitment to continuing to work with my office on all things related to the NTMP and other Cheviot Hills issues. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JACK WEISS". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The first letter of "JACK" is a large, stylized "J" that loops around the first letter of "WEISS".

JACK WEISS

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