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Subject line: Agenda for August 13, 2013, items 7F, 8A and 8B

To the Santa Monica City Council,

As you consider the above-referenced matters before you on the August 13 agenda, we urge you to consider the following points raised by NOMA members at our most recent meeting:

- Community members don't want to see a taller, denser, more congested downtown.
- It's premature to start the approval process for tall buildings downtown before our community has had a chance to develop a comprehensive plan for the downtown.
- The city should develop and disseminate models of the downtown so that community members and decision makers can understand the heights and densities that are being proposed.
- The city should complete its promised scientific (and unbiased) survey of resident attitudes toward downtown height and density before making any decisions about the future of the downtown.
- Community members don't want to see any more traffic and congestion in the Bergamot area, and oppose efforts to increase density there.

NOMA Board of Directors