Dear CMHO members,

As some of you may recall, I have represented CMHO on the Getty Villa Community Relations Committee (GVCRC) for the last three years, and also represented CMHO during the period of time before the Getty Villa opened. This was the period when mitigation of the potential traffic and noise issues were being negotiated.

As your representative I attend monthly meetings to discuss and resolve issues that might negatively affect our neighborhood. These include delving into such minutia as the timing of traffic signals at Sunset/PCH or Coastline Drive/PCH, the placement of bollards on PCH, ticket and entrance policies for the public, signage, etc. For the Outdoor Classical Theater, my duties have revolved primarily around the monitoring system put in place by the City to assure compliance with noise level restrictions.

The Getty Villa's conditional use permit is now up for review and evaluation by the City of Los Angeles for compliance. During the course of this review the Getty has requested several changes to help streamline operations and/or take into account changed conditions.

They have also asked that they be allowed to use voice and music amplification with a limit of no more than 65 decibels, which is the current limit on unamplified sound. In order to assure ourselves that such a change would not negatively impact the neighbors, we asked that an extensive sound test be staged, with GVCRC members present, and with sound monitors positioned around the rim of the Getty.

Representatives from Pacific View Estates, Sunset Mesa, Paseo Miramar and CMHO, including Norma Spak and myself, attended the sound test on January 29, from 3:30 - 5:30 PM. In our opinion the requested changes, including the sound amplification, will create no noticeable impact in our neighborhood, and we have recommended to the CMHO Board that these changes be allowed to go forward.

A detailed copy of the conditional use permit changes is posted on the CMHO website for your review. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me at: kcomras@gmail.com, or call me at 310-459-5661. I will also be present at our annual meeting on February 26 should you wish to speak with me personally.

I take my responsibilities as your representative very seriously and remain committed to maintaining a beneficially cooperative relationship with the management of the Getty Villa.

Sincerely, Kelly Comras