

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Bianca Roe, my husband and I have owned the property; 3600-3602 Crestmont since 2005. We are the applicants of this proposed street vacation, together with our adjacent neighbor Cynthia Ito, who's family has resided on Crestmont for over 50 years. We are not 'Developers' we are a family, we are neighbors, and we are part of a community. As adjacent residents of the abandon area of Maltman between Effie & Crestmont, we have been burdened with the financial responsibilities that the city has transferred onto us, with no sign of relief. There are many reasons we have applied for the street vacation, all of which we discussed with surrounding neighbors before submitting this application, including but not limited to; Sewer System failures - Zero planning and maintenance on this vacated street, have lead to over grown trees which have invaded and destroyed our properties sewer systems. For years we have attempted to request the city of Los Angeles take financial responsibility for their negligence or maintain this area efficiently, all attempts have failed. Fire Abatement - The city of Los Angeles has deferred all financial responsibilities to the adjacent property owners, making us financially responsible for all fire abatement maintenance for an area of land, that is still under city jurisdiction. We have had numerous emails with Silverlake Council, requesting assistance in these matters, it is an ongoing process and a time consuming burden to the city council of silverlake and financial burden to the adjacent residents. Lastly but most importantly, the Homeless issue within Los Angeles. While this vacant street remains "as is"; the city, the police, the council, our local residents have ZERO jurisdiction to remove any single homeless individual, or encampment that may set up on this site, the area on Maltman between Effie & Crestmont can be occupied, without recourse at any time. We have major concerns for our community. As the risk of; Mental Heath, Drug Overdoses and Fire Danger surge, these issues can NOT be managed while the land remains under city ownership with no jurisdiction for remediation or any considered plan for the future. While I have read all of the comments from the community, I'd like to highlight most of the concerns have been addressed by the conditions of the vacation; both adjacent sidewalks shall remain as pedestrian access, there are major limitations to any development or grown on the location. There is

no requirement for an 'Envirmental Study' at this time, because we have not requested a change of use, or proposed any development. This is NOT the first vote on the vacation, the Silverlake Council unanimously voted in favor of this vacation, the proposed vacation has been evaluated by; Planning, Engineering, Public Works and has been a process that careful, thoughtful and professional evaluation has taken place, all departments have provided clear support for this street vacation. I hope, that the vote on Aug 9th continues to validate this measure and the vacation is approved, which will then elevate the burden on the adjacent property owners, the Silverlake Council and the City of Los Angeles, by providing an opportunity to create a safe environment for our neighborhood. Please approve this street vacation. Respectfully, Bianca Roe