

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I am a 20+ year resident and homeowner. When my child was small, my solace was the Lake Hollywood Park. We used to have our neighborhood mommy and meet up with new babies at the Park and then ride them in strollers around Lake Hollywood Reservoir. This happened weekly as a group and daily for many of us as it was our solace out of a house with new babies. It is also the park we brought the kids to after school to play and where the residents brought their local doggies to play with each other. This is our neighborhood park which is so important in all neighborhoods, it is not a photo op for tourists to come by the thousands, snap some pictures, take a pee in grass, and get back to their tour of the City after a few minutes. The locals needs of what they need and want from this park should be looked at above the tourists. I imagine everyone of you Council members had a park that you escaped to for playdates with your new babies? This is what this park was for us. With the understanding that park and streets are public, there needs to be a balance to meet the locals who use this park and the tourists who want their selfies. Residents parking here for a hike could easily need 6 hours of parking or more to hit some of the amazing trails we have up in the mountains. Residents also need a place to park to take their kids to playdates and lunches at the park (not limited to paying money for this!) Dog owners locals also need access without paying as this is a daily social occurrence for them. Please don't forget about the locals and their community needs as we are not Disneyland here. We care about the very narrow roads which are unsafe and rammed with cars and very rarely monitored by any City agency. The money? Whoever is making money from the Hollywood Sign fees should be made to give money for the harm that is being caused by it. That sign generates millions yet a group is allowed to keep it all. If you really think it is so important that the tourists get to the Park and be able to take a selfie, buy some micro-clean-energy buses and get them up there so they can take a picture. If those tourists want to hike, let them jump off their micro-clean energy bus to go for a hike with a time table so they can catch a bus back. I am completely in favor of tourists being up there. Just keep their cars off the small winding and dangerous roads that are not able to handle the residents and construction going on there. Build a tourist parking lot and shuttle

them up for a fee. You can add bathrooms to your parking lot so they don't have to pee at the park by the thousands. There must be a sensible way to find a meeting point between the locals and tourists on this one. Thank you.