

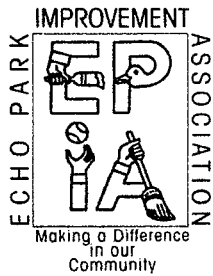
Communication from Public

Name: Echo Park Improvement Association

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Comments for Public Posting: Committee Members: The Echo Park Improvement Association (EPIA) urges the City of Los Angeles to reject this proposal. The firing range at the Police Academy in status quo, is already incompatible relative to its setting. This proposal expands this inappropriate use with zero benefits to the city or residents of Los Angeles. The Police Academy range is in the middle of Elysian Park - a place that should be one of serenity, nature, and peaceful recreation. The noise emanating from this facility ranging from hand guns to shot guns, to weapons that create explosive sounds is the noise of violence! The noise from the range disturbs: • The natural environment. • The citizens who go to parks, who often have no other place to go to be outdoors and experience space, fresh air and peace. • The adjacent neighborhoods. Again, this agreement would invite an EXPANSION of this inappropriate use with zero benefit to either the citizens or the City of Los Angeles. While we understand the spirit of conviviality and the desire for efficiency with our governmental sisters, this is the wrong application and the wrong place. Instead, the EPIA urges the City of Los Angeles, perhaps in partnership with LA County, to make plans and pursue the relocation of these firearms practice facilities from Elysian Park to a more appropriate location. Thank you for your consideration: Andrew Garsten EPIA President



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Government Operations Committee
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Re: Agenda Item (3), 24-1388, To negotiate a no-cost license agreement with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for use of the Elysian Park Gun Range at 1880 Academy Drive

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Cc: CD1 Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez
Friends of Elysian Park