

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Penizotto

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 03:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1482

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Crestmont Avenue in Silverlake and routinely utilize and appreciate this oasis of public green space and cool shade. Tranquil pedestrian passages like this are a big part of what makes Silverlake such a beautiful and desirable place to live, and should be protected and celebrated. Further, this patch of land is home to several mature trees. To even consider allowing this precious space to be transferred to private ownership for development (and certain tree destruction) shows a complete lack of awareness of our city's already dire heat problem. I STRONGLY oppose the vacation of Maltman (CF: 20-1482). This public green space must be maintained for the health and welfare of the community and the city.

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Name: Rob

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 03:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Silver Lake and am writing to express my staunch opposition to the land giveaway of 3600-3602 Crestmont Ave. Converting this land into more residential housing, single family or multi-unit, will do more to devalue the neighborhood than it will to raise current homeowner's property value over the long term. This green pedestrian space delivers a great service to our community and deserves to be preserved. Thank you

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Name: Rae Cohn and Gerald Feldman

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 01:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We oppose the vacation of Maltman. This green space with native plants is one of the few remaining pocket parks for pedestrians and wildlife in L.A. In addition, developing the site will add to the already congested parking on the streets north and south of the site.

Communication from Public

Name: Channon Roe

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 12:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am the petitioner of Council File Number 20-1482 -- Vacation request of the area known as Maltman ave, between Effie & Crestmont. This lot has been an unimproved dedicated street for over 100 years. With no plan for the future and no relief in sight. The City has vacated the street and for as long as I have lived there (20 years) has never had a designated function, nor has LA City maintained the lot or had a plan for it's used over the last 50 years. It is a burden on our family and our co-petitioners; the Ito family, who are unfairly responsible for the maintenance, landscaping and cleaning of this abandon street. We, not the City of LA, have paid thousands of dollars annually for all the recent clearing and tree trimming. I have read the Silverlake Neighborhood letter, which fails to address the fact that this area has been available for half a century to the council, to the community, to the city to address, maintain, remediate the area and to this date, nothing has been done by a single silverlake neighborhood council volunteer. In opposition to our application, the streets have been posterred with miss-information, we have been vilified by our peers, who have inaccurately identified and labeled us as the 'developers' and sole recipients of this 'land giveaway' of which all the propaganda is inaccurate. While labeling this vacanct street; Maltman Slope Park, an attempt to rally a community with emotional pledges and miss-information it is completely irresponsible and disingenuous. There has simply never been, a Maltman Slope Park. The City's decision here, can have positive or negative repercussions for homeowners and all residents in LA County. We hope that the decision on August 9th, reflects the recommendations of; Planning, Engineering and Public Works as well as our elected officials, who have all unanimously voted in favor of this formal Street Vacation. It is my hope that the City will approve the vacation of that area knows as Maltman between Effie and Crestmomt, parceling the lot in question to both the adjacent homeowners who have been maintaining it for all these years, with the assurance we will always endeavor to maintain a wonderful and safe environment for our community. Sincerely, Channon Roe

Communication from Public

Name: Jay & Katie

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 12:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We are writing on behalf of friends who live adjacent to the unimproved lot in question, Council File Number 20-1482 -- and a people facing similar issues with vacated/unused lots. This lot has been an unimproved dedicated street for over 100 years. The City has vacated the street and for as long as our friends have lived there (20 years) has never had a designated function, nor has LA City maintained the lot for over the 15 years since we've been visiting on Crestmont. Our friends, and their neighbors, have been maintaining this lot, keeping it from unhealthy overgrowth and maintaining its viability. It is also our understanding that owners maintain the stormwater flow from the hillside above, the sidewalks, and the sewer easement down the length of the lot. Also, the lot and any future improvements like an ADU, cannot be sold separately. There are limitations on what can be built on top of the sewer easement. We believe that it is unfair that the property owners are burdened with the maintenance, landscaping, and cleaning. They, not the City of LA, have paid for all the recent clearing and tree trimming. It is unimaginable that the adjacent property owners have been subjected to potential fines and citations. In the last two years, especially, it has been a huge burden having homeless individuals loitering just outside their windows, these encampments. It is our hope that the City vacate the lot in question to the homeowners who have been maintaining it for all these years. The adjacent owners are not 'Developers' they are residents and strong community members and can be trusted to steward this land. Sincerely, Jay