

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Boller

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**Council File No:** 20-1482

**Comments for Public Posting:** Seriously? After 90-plus years of public access, the City is moving NOW to turn the Maltman pocket park between Crestmont and Effie over to developers? And block access to an area that has been used constantly by people in the neighborhood for decades? Also, the "Notice" that was JUST posted in the neighborhood - it wasn't there last week - is dated March of 2021. That's March of LAST YEAR. How come the neighborhood wasn't informed LAST YEAR??? Instead, we're being notified TWO WEEKS BEFORE such an impactful decision is set to be made by the City Council? Is this an auction? Is this a supposed easement being given back to previous owners who had it taken away by eminent domain? That seems rather dubious since that strip of land was abandoned as a street in the 1920s, as the mostly empty area was being developed, according to my grandfather, who lived here at the time. Antonio Moreno and Daisy Canfield, who began building their estate at 1923 Micheltorena around 1918, made an agreement with the City of Los Angeles to keep a proposed street (I believe called Columbia Crest) from being built over the top of the hill, and bisecting their property. My grandfather told me numerous times that the strip of land between Effie and Crestmont was an abandoned section of that same street. The City agreed to extend Micheltorena over the top of the hill instead of leaving it stopped at what is now the corner of Micheltorena and Carnation (in front of my great-grandfather's house). And Moreno agreed to pay to have Carnation Avenue put in. At that point, that strip of land was effectively abandoned by the City, after the curbs and sidewalks had already been built. And it has been used as a walking path ever since. Since it seems like the city is getting ZERO dollars from this transfer, why not turn it into a permanent pocket park instead? Or simply leave the mature trees, green space, and access route intact? We object whole-heartedly against developing this property and destroying yet another frequently-used green space in our city. Jennifer Boller Sherrill M. Boller Maria Lee 3408 Carnation Avenue

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lauren

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in opposition to the proposed street vacation of Maltman Avenue between Effie Street and Crestmont Avenue, in Silver Lake, 90026. The portion of street proposed for vacation is both a green space and a widely used pedestrian accessway, open to the public and to wildlife. The space is populated by mature trees forming a dense shade canopy, and Agaves in the more sunny areas of this open space. As a pedestrian space, this portion of Maltman Avenue functions like the many public stairways between streets in Silver Lake and is used by the residents of the area to walk to and from Sunset Boulevard. Maltman Avenue intersects Sunset Blvd at the east end of the Sunset Triangle Plaza, and the proposed vacation will break a direct pedestrian link from the neighborhood to the Plaza. The proposed Street Vacation will also destroy an open green space. The applicant has stated that they intend to develop the space, which will destroy the existing flora that has taken decades to grow to its current state. This portion of Silver Lake is home to raptors including owls and hawks, coyotes, bobcats and other small mammals. Even P-22, the Griffith Park mountain lion, has been sighted nearby. To my knowledge, no environmental study was completed in connection with this application, while there are serious environmental concerns. I strongly object to the proposed Street Vacation, and ask that any action on the case be delayed until more public input is received, and until an environmental study is completed.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth Carter

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**Comments for Public Posting:** To the City Council - As a resident of the Silverlake hills, I am writing to implore you to slow the process of giving away the Maltman Slope land. At the very least, the neighborhood deserves a proper say, and the due diligence of the city to present us with our options. Green space is shrinking, the number of expensive (aka not affordable housing) new condo developments is exhausting. Residents and visitors use these streets and this particular swath of land to explore our city, walk our dogs, meet our neighbors ... and importantly, in a neighborhood that has almost zero sidewalks, the Maltman slope is a momentary reprieve. We have something special here and increasingly rare, and we all deserve to choose what the best use of this space is. For now the best use of this block is pedestrian-friendly green space that connects us with our neighborhood. Beth Carter

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shannon Constable

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the vacation of Maltman - we need this green space (and more, honestly) for the health of our community.