

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been going to the Sepulveda Basin dog park for 15 years. I don't know of any other park that provides a safe area for small dogs under 25lbs. Please don't remove part of this wonderful park for bike paths when there are MANY available within 3 miles but not true for the dogs!!!

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Comments for Public Posting: I have tremendous opposition toward this so-called “bike path” project related to the Sepulveda Dog Park. First, as a taxpayer, I’m tired of watching vast sums of money squandered on poorly researched public works projects that seem little more than the usual kickback schemes that don’t benefit residents. Second, there already is a bike path within yards of the proposed one. There are many other problems that have been pointed out about the project about which the committee members either seem unaware or just disregard. The dog park has been a tremendous success and immeasurable value to the community. People even come from far away to use it. Keep in mind that it is the only safe space elderly or disabled dog owners can bring their dogs to get the exercise their dogs need. It is a real gathering place of all around support for dogs and their owners which now stands to be wiped out. As it is, I cannot take my dogs on leash even to any of the LA beaches unless I drive over an hour because of “restrictions, though my tax dollars benefit others. The dog park is the best option. So now some bike path pipedream stands to take even that away. No wonder taxpayers are leaving CA in droves. And this is why people are sick of politicians who bring their own political agendas into govt. which never represent their constituents. I urge the council to reconsider this project and exactly to whose benefit it really is. Surely there are better community needs that could use this money. What will be destroyed in the process at Sepulveda Dog Park may never be regained again. Building a bike path, in this case unneeded, is not at all the same as building community. The proponents of this scheme need to look closer than just go along with another “money maker” project.