To:

The Honorable Council
Of the City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

July 30th, 2022

Dear Members of the City Council,

RE: VACATION REQUEST – VAC E1401386, Council File 20-1482, Council District 13

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, as well as 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 heavily used by the residents of the area to walk to and from Sunset Boulevard. The space is improved with paved sidewalks on each side. Maltman Avenue intersects Sunset Blvd at the east end of the Sunset Triangle Plaza, and the proposed vacation will forever break a direct pedestrian link from the neighborhood to the Plaza.

The proposed Street Vacation will also eliminate an open public 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.

Sincerely,

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