

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Brenda Martinez, I am a board member of Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council. I am trying to understand, Why are we pushing for more charging stations before we start to mitigate parking for our ever-growing city? Many people in our communities suffered from parking issues; from difficulty finding parking, to expensive parking tickets. Some of our low-income community members owe thousands in parking tickets and have to walk long distances at very late hours to find parking overnight, now if you own an EV you'll be lucky if you found parking with a charging station close to your home. Once again we see our City Council advocating to lower the cost of installations. Where is the advocacy for families with a fixed income forced to pay expensive tickets or faced with towing of their car, car they need to go to work because they can't use our broken public transportation system? It is crucial to advocate for those in most need. Perhaps, charging Stations need to be placed in apartments especially those new developments. A thorough evaluation of our parking has to be done before we move forward with this motion. Also, if our goal is to have more people driving EVs, let's provide the businesses and buyers with more incentives and more choices. Thank you!