

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 08/30/2022 09:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not allow this to proceed. The last thing Silver Lake needs is for every little corner of every single neighborhood filled to the brim with multi-million dollar, multi-unit buildings from outside investors and developers. Preserve what makes this part of Los Angeles so unique. Look to any number of European cites and towns for an example of how to prioritize the charm and character of a region over aggressive, greedy development.

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Name: Jessica Haymond

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Comments for Public Posting: I am against the privatization of the green space area at Effie Street and Maltman. We need to preserve the green, walkable areas of our neighborhood of which we hardly have any. This is a beautiful space with shaded areas that offer residents of the neighborhood a nice place to relax and come together. The only benefit of privatizing this area would be to the developers and/or council-members who support this change. Yes, we need more housing, but this would undoubtedly be condos selling at \$1-2 million or apartments renting at close to \$5000/month. We do not need more overpriced housing in this neighborhood. We NEED green space to keep the charm of Silverlake alive. I do not support privatizing this public space.

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Name: Colin Remas Brown

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Comments for Public Posting: Please leave the park as it is. I have lived half a block away for 16 years. Rather than deleting another open green space in Los Angeles why not see ways in which the neighborhood could make it even better than it already is. I'm available to help others with their ideas or to give some of my own. Hard labor or just love. Thank you!

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Name: Charlotte Innes

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Comments for Public Posting: I am shocked and horrified to discover the possible loss of a green space in my neighborhood, that is, the removal of the little park (which some call "Slope Park") that marks a steep but pleasant climb from Effie Street at Maltman Avenue to Crestmont Avenue above it. I made this discovery on my most recent Sunday walk (8/28/22) when I saw posters at the park and on surrounding streets saying that the park is under threat of a "give away" to "private developers through a permanent STREET VACATION process." This feels so wrong to me. Do we really want yet another ugly box-like building to replace a small but pretty, tree-filled public space (yes, trees!)? In Silver Lake, we don't have that many neighborhood green spaces. Please let's keep what we have. This little park is akin to the historic stairway walks in our neighborhood. I live near the Descanso Steps and the Music Box Steps where I see tourists walking every weekend. The only difference is that "Slope Park" has steep sidewalks rather than steps. It is more of a pocket park along a stretch of Maltman that was never used as part of the street, perhaps because of its steep grade. Personally, this public green space means a lot to me. I have been walking through it for 22 years. I call it my "Sunset Walk," because it goes up the west side of the Micheltorena hill to the very top. Along the way, you can see almost all the way to the ocean. During this climb you can also, of course, watch the sun set. Just beyond the little park, you can see the Hollywood sign, the Griffith Park Observatory, and more. I have taken friends and family visiting from England and New York on this walk, which they always love. I discovered more about the threat to the park and some of its history from a blog online (link below) which makes the thought of its loss even more upsetting.
<https://ericbrightwell.com/2022/07/30/nobody-drives-in-la-street-vacations-when-streets-get-taken-away/> FYI, I am a co-founder of the Descanso Watch Neighborhood Group, which formed in 2020 to work with police, county mental health officials, and members of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's staff to address homelessness issues in our neighborhood--with some success, I might add. Occasionally, other important neighborhood issues come up. This is one of them. Thanks for your attention. I will try and attach a couple of pictures here.
Sincerely, Charlotte Innes

