

Communication from Public

Name: Yogi Proctor

Date Submitted: 09/13/2022 08:42 PM

Council File No: 20-1482

Comments for Public Posting: Please leave Slope Park as Slope Park. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: waseem jafar

Date Submitted: 09/12/2022 09:37 AM

Council File No: 20-1482

Comments for Public Posting: as a property owner in close proximity to it, i request that you please keep the area of Maltman Avenue between Crestmont Avenue and Effie Street as a public use green space. thank you.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 09/12/2022 11:29 AM

Council File No: 20-1482

Comments for Public Posting: The COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT - Dated August 3rd, 2022. Factually incorrect, please review the attachment for highlighted notes. Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, misrepresentation of facts to both the Council Members and Community members. Please review.

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at NCsupport@lacity.org.

This is an automated response, please do not reply to this email.

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/03/2022

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 08/04/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the vacation of the above referenced segment of Maltman Avenue (see pictures attached in Appendix A). This segment of the public right-of-way is a valued walkable access to and from the hills above Sunset, a rare element of public greenspace, and a unique example of how not every street in Los Angeles must be car-centered. 7,740 square feet of public land should not be handed over to private interests. **Doing so would result in the vacation applicant gaining control of the entirety of the street as the properties abutting on both sides are all owned by the applicant.**

This is NOT CORRECT, there are 2 applicants in this vacation request.

B& J. Roe - 3600 Crestmont & C. Ito - 3526 Crestmont, who own the adjacent properties individually to Maltman ave, the result of this vacation application would be that the entity would be divided equally between the adjacent owners.

This is NOT the same individual applicant as the Silverlake Council has disingenuously portrayed to the Community and Council in this impact statement.



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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

[Opposing] of Council File [\[20-1482\]](#)

(Maltman Avenue / Crestmont Avenue / Effie Street / Street Vacation)

Dear Councilmembers:

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the vacation of the above referenced segment of Maltman Avenue (see pictures attached in Appendix A). This segment of the public right-of-way is a valued walkable access to and from the hills above Sunset, a rare element of public greenspace, and a unique example of how not every street in Los Angeles must be car-centered. **7,740 square feet of public land should not be handed over to private interests.** Doing so would result in the vacation applicant gaining control of the entirety of the street as the properties abutting on both sides are all owned by the applicant.

Silverlake Council has misrepresented the facts. There are two adjacent properties, owned by separate individuals.

If properly maintained by the city, it can become a model for how spaces formally dedicated to cars can be converted to functions of greater value. Spaces such as these that were formally dedicated and existed for vehicular access can become informal community spaces, areas for play and exploration, or wildlife enhancement. All things sorely lacking on our car-centric and dangerous streets currently. In its current condition, the street provides a wildlife habitat for a variety of birds, pollinators, and local flora.

Without cars, spaces such as these should be viewed by the city council as the community does. Not primarily as a vehicle pass through but as a valued component of the public landscape.

Rather than vacate the parcel to private development interests, it should be studied for how it might be enhanced. The SLNC Board commits to coordinating with your office, LADOT, and/or a suitably qualified non-profit organization that might envision and plan for safety and access improvements and management of the green space. We envision a space that has ever greater community value and hope that you will deny this vacation and allow for greater rather than less greenspace access for all. If the LADOT cannot maintain it, turn it over to the Recreation & Parks Department or other suitable agency.

In addition, this vacation should not be exempt from CEQA review. Under the city's [ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT GUIDELINES \(CF: 02-1507\)](#), it does not qualify for exemption. If the exemption was justified based on Class 5. "Alterations in Land Use Limitations", it should be noted that that section of the guidelines is not applicable as [the slope exceeds 20%](#). No other exemption under city guidelines appears to be applicable.

We oppose any ceding of potential greenspace to private development interests. We should preserve this open space for all rather than hand it over only to see it closed forever.

Sincerely,

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

PRESENTED BY: Andrew Werner/Eric Brightwell/Kristen Egermeier

SECONDED BY: Alexandra Aurisch

YES: 17 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0 INELIGIBLE: 0

ON THIS DATE: August 3rd, 2022

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Name: Silverlake Resident

Date Submitted: 09/12/2022 12:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This little park is such a special and wonderful addition to the neighborhood. Los Angeles needs more, not less parks and shared public space, and developing this area would be a huge step backwards. The "possibility" of building a housing project sounds extremely suspect, and although building high-density, affordable housing in this city is important, it should not come at the cost of the little a shared, public space spread across the city. Parks are incredible community resources that bring life and community in a way few other things can. Please preserve this space and make creating more parks throughout Los Angeles a priority.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew

Date Submitted: 09/12/2022 05:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am against using this space for. Private use. It will cause more traffic, more public issues and a devaluation of properties. The space should remain public and in good use. Please do not move forward with private ownership. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Tracy Morgenthau

Date Submitted: 09/12/2022 08:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We have lived on Maltman avenue for over a decade. Our street is full of hardworking families and people who have saved to have our homes. Our street has grown increasingly crowded over the years— what we need is not more development on our block. Permit parking, and enhanced green space would serve our community better. Please do not give this land away for the profit of one entity at the expense of a community who has worked for years to make this neighborhood special.

Communication from Public

Name: Kramer Morgenthau

Date Submitted: 09/12/2022 08:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a very long time resident of Maltman Ave- I strongly oppose the give away of this land for development. Green space is much needed in an increasigly trafficed neighborhood- make this park better- dont give it away! This community deserves green space. The residents of this area have invested for years in pur community- sont take our green space away- this is exactly the wrong thibg to do! If you would like ti serve our community- make the park better, help us get permit parking, offer services for those who are unhoused. Thank you.