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Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2023 15:44:26 +0000

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Sincerely,

Katherine Breitbart
Studio City Resident for 56 years
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Studio City 91604

From: Joel Breitbart <jkbreitbart@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 9:03 AM
To: Dale Fernandez <saveopenspace@slaros.org>
Subject: One-Click email

I do not know how to use your email by pasting. You may use my name and address to send the email.

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I am vehemently opposed to this project for so many reasons and, given California is such a "green" state, the only reason I can see for this moving forward, even to this point, comes down to another "green": money. Once again, this is an example of billionaires doing what they want and getting their way despite the harm that will be inflicted on others.

This is not just an area that our neighborhood loves and enjoys. Thousands of Angelinos – families from all economic status – benefit from this charming, tree-filled green space. That is the type of green the city should be cultivating, not a behemoth property built so that a few hundred kids, attending a school that costs more to attend than many colleges, will have an ADDITIONAL fencing studio and a SECOND stadium.

And HV continues to call this project a "neighborhood park." How is this even allowed? After ripping out trees and years of construction pollution and noise, in theory, specific groups will be allowed to use areas of the facility when not in use by students IF they get permission. And that permission can be denied or revoked at any time by the school. There is NO benefit to this neighborhood. At. All.

We know how much HW purchased the land for but how many more millions have they spent to keep this project moving forward? Their "green" obviously trumps any allusions that this state is

actually "green." Please rescind the approval from the CPC for this project and we ask you to consider what this project will do to thousands of residents.

Respectfully,

Charlotte Glover
Studio City, CA 91604

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From: Nicole Robbins <nicole@nikkistenniscrew.com>

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Sincerely,
Nicole Robbins

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Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2023 17:42:53 -0800

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I urge you to oppose this plan!

Thanks for reading this far,
Carrie Levin
frequent outside visitor to LA environs

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I appreciate your taking the time to read and think about all that I have shared and which are very valid points to oppose this plan.

Sincerely,

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