

Communication from Public

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Council File No: 20-1482

Comments for Public Posting: I have been a resident on Crestmont Ave adjacent to the unimproved lot in question, Council File Number 20-1482 -- off and on since 2007. As far as I am aware LA City has vacated the lot and has never assigned it a designated function, nor has LA City maintained the lot for over the years I have lived on Crestmont. My neighbors have been maintaining this lot, keeping it from unhealthy overgrowth and dereliction. I myself am a proponent of parks and green spaces however they must be monitored and maintained otherwise they become unsafe , Echo Park lake for example. I have learned that home owners maintain the storm water flow from the hillside above, the sidewalks, and the sewer easement down the length of the lot. Also the lot and any future improvements like an ADU, cannot be sold separately. There are also limitations on what can be built on top of the sewer easement. I believe that it is unfair that the property owners are burdened with the maintenance, landscaping and cleaning. They, not the City of LA, have paid for all the recent clearing and tree trimming. It is unimaginable that the adjacent property owners have been subjected to potential fines and citations. In the last two years, especially, it has been a huge burden having homeless individuals and loitering just outside their windows, these encampments. It is my hope that the City vacate the lot in question to the homeowners who have been maintaining it for all these years. These homeowners are not developers, they are residents and community members and can be trusted to improve this land. Sincerely, Dena Bickerstaffe

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Name: Travis Longcore (Los Angeles Audubon Society)

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Comments for Public Posting: This comment is on behalf of Los Angeles Audubon Society. Los Angeles Audubon Society has been a voice for birds and conservation in Los Angeles for over 110 years. Our mission is to promote the study and protection of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats throughout the diverse landscapes of the Los Angeles area. We have over 3,500 members and supporters, most of whom live in the City of Los Angeles. Vacating the street as proposed would be a loss of an important community greenspace and local green infrastructure. Parcels like these that support trees and other vegetation provide valuable ecosystem services, including habitat for birds. We encourage the City to retain ownership of this parcel, maintain its trees and shrubs, and value its role in providing habitat for birds that bring joy and mental well-being to the community. A public right-of-way serving a public function should not be literally given away for development. Sincerely,
Travis Longcore, Ph.D. President