

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Barry Idoine

**Date Submitted:** 08/17/2022 12:32 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1482

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing on behalf of friends who live adjacent to the unimproved lot in question, Council File Number 20-1482 -- and as a property owner in Los Angeles County facing similar issues with vacated/unused lots. This lot has been an unimproved dedicated street for over 100 years. The City has vacated the street and for as long as I my friends have lived there (20 years) has never had a designated function, nor has LA City maintained the lot for over the 15 years since I've been visiting on Crestmont. My friends, and their neighbors, have been maintaining this lot, keeping it from unhealthy overgrowth and maintaining its viability. It is also my understanding that 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. The adjacent owners are not 'Developers' they are residents and community members and can be trusted to steward this land. Sincerely. Barry Idoine

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Haley Blavka

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose the giveaway of already scarce public land to developers. Please keep this space for those who aren't able to afford outdoor space of their own. The only giveaway I would support would be for a development with %100 of the units being affordable housing for low income / currently unhoused residents  
Thank you, - Haley