

## Communication from Public

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**Council File No:** 20-1482

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Members of City Council, I oppose Street Vacation of Maltman Avenue between Effie Street and Crestmont Avenue. RE: Vacation Request - VAC E1401386 Council File 20-1482, Council District 13 I oppose the O'Farrell/Busciano Maltman Greenspace Street Vacation motion as written. The Maltman Greenspace must be preserved for the walking and recreation of all Angelenos. The Greenspace needs to be dedicated as a permanent pocket park or greenspace. The City for nearly 100 hundred years took no responsibility to maintain the greenspace leaving it up to the adjacent homeowners; including during Mitch O'Farrell's ten years of "representing" our neighborhood on City Council. (1) The adjacent property owners have been maintaining the Maltman Greenspace for nearly 100 years on one-side and for a generation on the other. The City must buy the Maltman Greenspace from the adjacent homeowners for current value after this street vacation, this should include the value by the adjacent families for 100 years of maintenance of both the land and its sewers. (2) The motion for street vacation of the Maltman Greenspace must include a dedication by the City for such as a pocket park, bird sanctuary or natural area. (3) The City will not sell off the Maltman Greenspace as private property to real estate property developers. We don't want another of O'Farrell's real estate cronies ersatz McMansions that are taking over our neighborhood. (4) We need our pedestrian right of ways, aka sidewalks, on both sides of the Greenspace preserved for future generations. (5) The Street Vacation motion must include define which City entity or Department will be responsible for maintenance for the continued public use. (6) Council District 13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell don't block our neighborhood walkways, multiply them. The portion proposed for vacation is both a green space, widely used pedestrian access way, open to the public and to wildlife. The space is populated by mature trees forming a dense shade canopy, as well as Agaves in the more sunny spots of this green space. As a pedestrian space, this portion of Maltman Avenue functions like many public stairways between streets in Silver Lake, and is heavily used by our neighbors and residents hiking up to the top of Micheltorena Hill. The green space has heavily used sidewalks on both sides. This Maltman Avenue greenspace leads to lower Maltman Avenue

where it borders the Sunset Triangle Park. The vacation will forever break a direct pedestrian link from our home on Crestmont Avenue (we owned our home on Crestmont since 1992) and our neighbors, to the Sunset Triangle Plaza. Proposed Street Vacation by stormtroopers CD 13 Mitch O'Farrell and fascist buddy mayoral failure CM Joe Busciano is typical of O'Farrell running roughshod over our southern Silver Lake neighborhoods. I oppose Busciano/O'Farrell's Street Vacation motion as written. Please stop O'Farrell's plan to destroy Maltman Greenspace. Let generations of Angeleno families enjoy this walkway and greenspace. Sincerely, Robert Peppey 3523 Crestmont Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90026