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Comments for Public Posting: As a constituent of CD-3 and a life long resident of Woodland Hills, I strongly encourage LA City Council, LA County, and California State elected representatives to do everything in their power to preserve the land known as Bothwell Ranch as a green space for future generations to enjoy and benefit from. It would be devastating to see it destroyed for luxury homes. The City of LA, like all major cities in the US, needs to prioritize spaces that have the ability to help localize our food supply. The Bothwell Ranch has so much potential to be transformed into a chemical-free, biodynamic regenerative farm that would not only sequester significant amounts of carbon (help balance the carbon cycle), but it can also boost biodiversity, help with the bee and bird populations in SoCal, and help us deal with flooding (the soil can hold inches of water if we build its organic matter). As a teacher with a masters degree in psychology, I also know there is research that indicates green spaces help mental health. We need more green spaces in LA not only because they are aesthetically pretty and help stabilize property values, but because it helps our air quality. Los Angeles has horrible air quality and one real way we can help this problem is to save green spaces and rebuild soil health on them. Preserving the Bothwell Ranch would be an excellent opportunity to not only save a piece of San Fernando Valley's history but also give residents of LA the opportunity to participate in the regeneration of land. Imagine if the Bothwell Ranch turned into a community garden, park, etc. That is the Los Angeles that I want to see and support.

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in the City of Los Angeles and run my non-profit organization, Land Core, here in LA. I strongly urge the Planning & Land Use Management Committee members to authorize the study investigating the merits of awarding landmark status to Bothwell Ranch, 14 precious acres of orange groves in our midst. As I'm sure you know, cities play a huge role in meeting our global, national and state-level sustainability goals. The preservation of existing trees, especially ones that are also productive, are vital to our city, providing essential benefits like clean air, healthy soil (which in turn cleans water and reduces runoff), shade and temperature control, habitat for wildlife and pollinators, beautification and nutritious food. Trees also provide an immense economic boost to neighborhoods and property values. With temperatures soaring in Los Angeles, now more than ever, we need to preserve our existing green spaces and iconic landmarks. Bothwell Ranch is both of those things, and more. I thank you for your consideration and courage in protecting this site.