

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The Bothwell Ranch is not only the last historic orange grove in the Valley, it is also valuable as green space. It would be great if the Valley had a place that could give us a sense of its unique history in the larger Los Angeles narrative. There are many ideas that come to mind that would be ways to preserve the grove for future generations. The most important element now that is needed is TIME.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to see the mature orange trees preserved.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I have lived in Los Angeles, CA my entire life and lived in Tarzana for my entire upbringing. I grew up going to school across the street from the Bothwell Ranch. It would be devastating to see it destroyed for luxury homes. The City of LA, like all major cities in the US, need 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). 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.