

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I have lived in Councilmember Cedillo's district for 8 years and prior to that, in Councilmember Huizar's district for 6.5 years. I have been a City of LA resident for a total of over 25 years. I am an active constituent of Councilmember O'Farrell's district and currently the co-chair of the Echo Park Neighborhood Council's Homelessness and Housing Committee. Our dynamic city is constantly reshaping its physical landscape in response to changes in demographics and the applied science of urban planning. When we are faced with needs for density in order to improve congestion and revitalize business cores, this policymaking body has responded. Likewise, we are in midst of a critical affordable housing need that this council must, and is, responding to. I do not believe that moving forward with this project AND maintaining outdoor play space for our youth are mutually exclusive goals. LA is one of the top design-forward places in the world, and we do not lack in that local talent to build new environments that can respect AND add value to existing use. Many of us in the community have been and will continue to closely monitor and contribute to the upcoming RFP process to make sure equal or better recreational space is included in this development. Please continue to be united in supporting more affordable housing across all of LA.