

Communication from Public

Name: Carol Klaassen

Date Submitted: 12/01/2020 09:11 AM

Council File No: 17-0545

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council, I oppose City Council taking a vote on December 1, 2020 on Councilmember David Ryu's motion for a street vacation granting air rights over Wilshire Boulevard for LACMA's new building, before Councilmember Nithya Raman takes office on December 14, 2020. This matter is too important to the citizens of Los Angeles and CD4 to be decided before their newly elected representative can have her say. If you insist on voting on December 1, I urge you to vote against this giveaway of public space for a project that the vast majority of Angelenos and critics oppose. LACMA's proposed building is too small and too expensive, and the L.A. Times reports that fundraising has stalled as projected costs balloon. Please be the voice of reason and help protect the precious public resources that are LACMA and Miracle Mile. Unfortunately it is too late to save the original structures and it greatly saddens me that Los Angeles has lost an important piece of its mid century history. But it is not too late to build a museum that can accommodate its important collection in the same complex. Please reconsider the wrongheadedness of the Zumthor project. Sincerely, Carol Klaassen 3624 5th Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90018 19smikkelen59@gmail.com

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Name: Stacy Dawson Stearns

Date Submitted: 12/01/2020 08:31 AM

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Name: Joe Mac Pherson

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Comments for Public Posting: For many years, I was a paying, supporting member of LACMA. It was my way of showing my faith in this museum, and it's greater potential. Too many people in the United States of America don't realize, our museum in Los Angeles holds the largest collection of art for any US museum, West of the Mississippi River. Consider that fact, if you will. It might surprise you, because honestly, if you ever visited LACMA as much as I did, you'd wonder: What are they doing with the vast amount of art that no one ever sees? Too much of LACMA's trove is continuously hidden away, shut off in vaults. For far too long, LACMA urgently needed a new, larger, superior space instead of what was presented. Instead, to my total astonishment, LACMA is building a SMALLER exhibition space, on a single display floor, showing LESS than before. I'm so disgusted with this action, I absolutely refuse to walk into the new LACMA, unless it's a free day. I have no reason to support this travesty. I have no reason to be proud of our museum. I don't know what you intend to do, but anyone who actually approved this absurd idea of building a new LACMA to display fewer artworks than before, well, I'm too polite to describe in words what I really think of these people. Sometimes, Less is NOT More. Most Sincerely, Joe Mac Pherson
Registered voter, as, Joseph G. Mac Pherson North Hollywood, CA 91606-1328

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth de Sosa
Date Submitted: 12/01/2020 06:03 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers: I oppose the City Council vote on Councilman David Ryu's motion for a street vacation granting air rights over Wilshire Blvd. for LACMA's new misguided building December 1, 2020. The next new Councilmember Nithya Raman should be able to cast the vote for District CD4 after taking office on December 14, 2020. IF you insist on voting I urge you to vote against this measure. The entire project is misguided: Too small, too expensive and does not serve the people of Los Angeles well. I am tired of how the City does business. I have been a visitor or a member of LACMA for 60 years. I am tired of ego-driven projects that take advantage of the People of this City. Thank you for your time. Best, Elizabeth de Sosa Constituent & Resident of CD12