

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I have already registered my lack of enthusiasm for the various designs on offer...LACMA showed 3 of them, asking for comment and they were all banal. The "bridge" over Wilshire is simply a means of calling attention to the Museum. There must be a more inventive way of doing this.

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Name: Alex Ward

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council - I urge you to vote against granting air rights over Wilshire Boulevard to the proposed expansion to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. As an architect and urban designer, I am profoundly upset at this proposed gross imposition on public open space and a critical view corridor in a very important part of urban LA. The design will create a dark, ominous presence over what should be a major pedestrian boulevard, very similar to the underside of a major freeway - not something to be done willingly, and certainly not in a neighborhood with such a major ongoing investment in public institutions. The only reason that LACMA "needs" to usurp this public open space is in order to fulfill the flawed reasoning of the director that the museum should all be on one level, a specious argument with no justification given a total lack of precedent in any other museum of a similar size anywhere else in the world. LACMA should go back to the drawing board once again and challenge the architect to create a multi-level museum that stays entirely north of Wilshire Boulevard and, not incidentally, allows for a more efficient, compact and lower cost-per-square-foot design with more area for both display and back-of-house, as well as expansion space, which the current boondoggle of a design completely ignores. Please vote NO on this unfortunate and entirely unnecessary give-away of the open space that belongs to all the citizens of Los Angeles. Sincerely, Alex Ward, Architect, AIA

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Name: Sarah Ochoa

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council, The existing LACMA structure is beautiful and part of the rich landscape and heritage of Los Angeles. To change it for something so obtuse and charmless would be a shame. I oppose the street vacation granting the air rights over Wilshire Boulevard for LACMA's new building project. The proposed building is too small, too expensive, and as Christopher Knight recently reported in the Los Angeles Times, fundraising has stalled as projected costs balloon. I urge you to vote against this giveaway of public space for a project that the vast majority of Angelenos and critics oppose. Please be the voice of reason and help protect the precious public resources that are LACMA and the beautiful Miracle Mile. sincerely, Sarah Ochoa