

Communication from Public

Name: Carlos Vega-Matos

Date Submitted: 09/14/2021 10:05 AM

Council File No: 21-0470

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to support the designation of Weddington Golf and Tennis as a Historic-Cultural Monument. As we strive to restore the LA River and preserve and expand open spaces for Angelinos, it's vital to preserve historical landmarks and places that are woven into the fabric and daily lives of this great city. To many landmarks have been lost, I urge not to add designation of Weddington Golf and Tennis field to this sad list.

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Name: Paul Enright

Date Submitted: 09/14/2021 09:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Studio City-Weddington Golf course is more than about golf. It is an historical site that has been at the forefront of social and cultural issues for years. When few courses allowed women to play golf, Studio City was out front, allowing and encouraging women to enjoy the game. It has been a learning site for generations. Dick Coogan who starred on Broadway and on television developed a junior golf program that, for years, taught boys and girls the joy of golf and of fairness, honesty and integrity. My son, now in his early 40s and teaching locally, learned the game in Coogan's program and still uses lessons learned in Coogan's classes to educate his students on the important values in life. The course is history which adds so much to our neighborhood and city and to have such valuable historical site replaced by an overgrown practice area that has been sold to the neighborhood with deception and half truths would be a loss for the area as well as the entire city. Thank you. Paul Enright

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Name: Peter Lowenthal

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Comments for Public Posting: I support designating Weddington Golf and Tennis as a Historic Landmark It is a jewel in our neighborhood thatI have lived in for 32 years My family and friends use the facility often and would hate to see it developed I am very concerned with the size and scope of the plans Harvard Westlake submitted and worry about how that would change our charming city for the worse

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Name: Barbara Motz

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the City Council to do everything it can to maintain this open space and keep it available to the public. These days, density in the southeastern portion of the San Fernando Valley is increasing. We are building more and more apartments, as we should. But we need to increase the infra-structure to support that density. Part of the infra-structure we need to increase are greenways and open spaces that are available to the public. This facility has met that need for years. As this need increases, we must do everything we can to preserve it.

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Comments for Public Posting: Studio City Golf & Tennis will not remain Studio City Golf & Tennis. LA City had an opportunity to buy the property years ago but it was too expensive; and with our homeless and pandemic issues, LA City will never be able to afford it. We, neighbors, need to come to terms with the private entity owning the land—Harvard Westlake—because private land is all the property will ever be. We cannot ask for a better private owner. What we don't want are homes to be built—we fought versions of that over the years with hopeful developers. Harvard Westlake will not be building homes. They will be building athletic and recreational facilities and trails. I can't think of a better use of land—to support student athletes and their health & wellness. And we, neighbors, get the opportunity to use the facilities too? It's beyond super kind of the school because they don't have to do that. Some people feel aversion toward elite private schools and Harvard Westlake is positioned at the top in LA. But with elitism comes money—money to satisfy capital campaigns to build beautiful facilities, but also money to admit deserving students from underserved communities. So when you oppose their River Park, you are opposing a school that has massive endowment funds to support financial aid for kids that cannot afford to go there, and you are opposing the generous donors willing to give their OWN money to build this facility while increasing OUR property values—thank you! AND their endowment will provide the money to keep the property maintained in perfect condition, FOREVER. It's because of resources like these, that unfortunately no public school or city entity can do the property justice. Just look at what our River Walk has become. I don't consider the land a historic monument, it's just the latest ploy by opponents to stop progress...and very creative at that! The school is bending over backwards to satisfy all constituents, and I am constantly embarrassed at how the school has been treated in return. Constantly. Enough is enough. I live across the street from the property and I plan to donate to the capital campaign to build the River Park—that's how much I believe in it for the betterment our neighborhood. But let's not forget who the River Park is for—it's for student athletes, the privileged and the unprivileged. STUDENT ATHLETES! When the US is at an all-time high for obesity. Why are we even debating this?

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Name: Jimmy Martinez
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Comments for Public Posting: Weddington Golf and Tennis as a Historic-Cultural Monument is something I approve and support. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Matt Ember

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the Weddington Golf and Tennis area being designated a Historic-Cultural Monument. It's part of what makes the Studio City and Sherman Oaks area special. Open green space is so precious in Los Angeles. Please save and preserve this treasure.