

Communication from Public

Name: Allison Mannos

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Council File No: 23-0026

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, As an Angeleno, I urge you to vote no on Council File 23-0026 put forth by Council District 8, which would veto a decision from the South LA Planning Commission to reject a conditional use permit on publicly owned land. This land was formerly the site of the Bethune Library. A decade ago, the city promised that whatever would get developed on this site would “provide ongoing community benefits.” A hotel being built on that land would not fulfill those requirements. The City Zoning Administrator said no to the hotel. The South LA Planning Commission said no to the hotel. Most importantly, for ten years, the people have been saying no. In the midst of a citywide housing crisis, we should not be using valuable public land for corporate development projects like luxury hotels, which gentrify and displace communities to accommodate tourists. Thank you, Allison CD13 Resident

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Name: Noelle Scaggs

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, I am writing as a constituent, non-profit business owner, and Artist to urge you to vote no on 23-0026 which would veto a decision from the South LA Planning Commission to reject a conditional use permit on publicly owned land. This land was formerly the site of the Bethune Library. It is now a vacant, 34,000-square-foot lot on Vermont Avenue in South Central Los Angeles. The library was named for Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, a Black woman educator and civil rights activist who co-founded the United Negro College Fund. A decade ago, the city promised that whatever would get developed on this site would “provide ongoing community benefits.” Now they are breaking that promise. The City Zoning Administrator said no to the hotel. The South LA Planning Commission said no to the hotel. Most importantly, for ten years, the people have been saying NO. In the midst of a citywide housing crisis, and affordable housing in our communities we should not be using valuable public land for corporate development projects like luxury hotels, which gentrify and displace communities to accommodate tourists. I implore you to look at the long term effects this will have on a community that is being pushed out of the dialog of what the needs for impactful investment in this community should look like. Thank you for your time and consideration of my opposition to this matter.
Sincerely Noelle Scaggs