

Communication from Public

Name: Carly Curiel

Date Submitted: 02/07/2023 02:43 PM

Council File No: 23-0030

Comments for Public Posting: As an LA native who cares deeply about healthier communities, I strongly support the proposed re-staging of ‘ArroyoFest’. In 2003 this event gave Angelenos a genuinely unique opportunity to connect with their neighbors along the historic Arroyo Seco Parkway. Twenty years later the issues that this wonderful event elevated are just as relevant as ever: safe mobility, clean air, watershed conservation, and sustainable communities. Please help bring ‘open streets’ back to Northeast LA for the first time in two decades! We're ready!

Communication from Public

Name: Dale Zapata

Date Submitted: 02/07/2023 03:58 PM

Council File No: 23-0030

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Communication from Public

Name: Marcus Renner

Date Submitted: 02/07/2023 12:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Marcus Renner and I served as the coordinator for the original ArroyoFest Freeway Walk and Bike Ride held on June 15, 2003 while working at the Occidental College's Urban and Environmental Policy Institute. I want express my gratitude to Active SGV and everyone involved in organizing the second ArroyoFest event scheduled for October 29th of this year and urge you to give the event your full support. The original event took two years of grassroots organizing across three cities and involved winning the support of numerous city, county, and state agencies and was supported by environmental, transportation, and arts and heritage organizations from Northwest Pasadena and La Canada-Flintridge down to Lincoln Heights and Cypress Park along the Los Angeles River. Students from area schools made over 60 artistic banners that were hung along the Parkway on the day of the event. The local neighborhood associations encompassing Highland Park, Hermon, Mount Washington, Garvanza, Lincoln Heights, and Cypress Park were all strong supporters and participants. Unions printed posters and t-shirts for the event. Children from local soccer associations held running races on the lanes of the parkway. The silence along the roadway that morning shocked people and brought them out of their houses to watch the cyclist and greet the walkers. Locally, it became known as "the happening." The event was meant to be more than celebration. Our Institute drafted a policy agenda for the Arroyo corridor that showed the interconnections between the issues of parks and open space, housing, transportation, stream restoration, creative arts and cultural heritage. Our hope was that the Arroyo could become a model for a more livable Los Angeles. This vision is still alive and the second ArroyoFest will boost current efforts to revive networking and coordination between the neighborhoods and community organizations that share the Arroyo. That the event has remained in the public imagination for 20 years and that the memory is strong enough to prompt a revival illustrates the power of transforming our freeways from places that isolated drivers trapped in metal boxes endure to gathering spaces where people can hold hands as they walk through a quiet and picturesque canyon, albeit for a few hours. I hope that you'll support this vision and come out on October 29th to experience this historic road in a new way.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/07/2023 01:51 PM

Council File No: 23-0030

Comments for Public Posting: Events like CicLAvia that close down streets temporarily have become extremely popular in LA and we need more of them. ArroyoFest is a great opportunity to get Angelenos, especially families with children, to experience the city safely on a bike. This could be the first step in re-imagining the Arroyo Seco corridor into something more multi modal on a permanent basis. Please fully support the motion and ArroyoFest. Thank you to Councilmember Hernandez in her support for this.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Gottlieb

Date Submitted: 02/07/2023 12:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Robert Gottlieb and I am Emeritus Professor of Urban and Environmental Policy at Occidental College. It is with great pleasure that I offer enthusiastic support for the upcoming ArroyoFest event on October 29, 2023. This event will take place 20 years after the first ArroyoFest event on June 15, 2003, which I helped organize, and which closed down the 110 Freeway from Glenarm to the downtown LA interchange so that people could walk or bike on the freeway. What was striking about ArroyoFest was its impact on a sense of place and a feeling that people were experiencing something magical. Although the 2003 ArroyoFest was a one-time event, some of the participants subsequently became engaged in planning bike rides and walks on the streets in Los Angeles and in places like the San Gabriel Valley; streets that would be closed off to cars for several hours. Those walk and ride events, including the quarterly CicLAvia happenings that were first launched in 2010, have given Southern California residents the experience of possibility, of a different way to get from one place to another, and of a different type of environment. Now, the 2023 ArroyoFest can recreate that magical experience and help re-envision that sense of place and possibility, whether in the San Gabriel Valley or the greater Los Angeles region. I urge you to approve it.

Communication from Public

Name: Liz Schiller

Date Submitted: 02/07/2023 11:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to ask that you support an Arroyo Fest in 2023. I was part of the LA County Bicycle Coalition in 2003 and although I didn't ride on the Arroyo Parkway, I staffed our booth at the park and spoke with many local residents. "It hasn't been this quiet in our neighborhood since 1940!" one told me. We are making changes to our regional transportation systems, to include more ways for people to get around without a car, including transit, walking, and bicycling. We need to make many more in order to adapt to climate change and avert the worst potential outcomes. An event like Arroyo Fest helps people imagine what can be possible...and also brings people together to celebrate the beauty of a quieter city.

Communication from Public

Name: Lionel Mares

Date Submitted: 02/07/2023 11:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion. Like CicLAvia, ArroyoFest is great for the community! Many Latino neighborhoods lack bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The city should do more for Spanish speaking communities, to experience the city safely on a bike. Thank you Council member Hernandez for your support in this.

Communication from Public

Name: Mimi Holt

Date Submitted: 02/07/2023 08:52 PM

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