



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 20, 2022

The Honorable Hilda Solis
Chair, Board of Directors
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: North Hollywood/Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Final Environmental Impact Report

Honorable Chair Solis and Members of the Board:

The City of Pasadena expresses its support for approving the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Project that would build a high-quality Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line connecting the San Fernando and San Gabriel valleys, traveling east-west between the North Hollywood Metro B/G Line (Red/Orange) Station, the Memorial Park L Line (Gold) Station, and Pasadena City College (PCC).

The City appreciates the ongoing coordination between Metro and the City of Pasadena and supports this project as a critical component to the regional multimodal transportation network. It will connect multiple high use transit corridors while providing a new, premium transit option to retain existing riders and attract new riders.

I am pleased to support the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit project and urge you to approve it. Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact Laura Rubio-Cornejo at lcornejo@cityofpasadena.net if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

VICTOR GORDO
Mayor

The Honorable Hilda Solis
North Hollywood/Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Final Environmental Impact Report
April 20, 2022

cc: Cynthia J. Kurtz, Interim City Manager
Laura Rubio-Cornejo, Director of Transportation
Stephanie Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer, Metro
Tito Corona, Community Relations Manager, Metro

CITY OF BURBANK
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 20, 2022

Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Attn: North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Project FEIR Comment
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: City of Burbank Comments on North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Project and Final Environmental Impact Report

Dear Members of the Board of Directors:

The City of Burbank wants to thank you for the opportunity to provide comments prior to your consideration to approve the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Project and to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report. The City of Burbank remains committed to ensuring that the proposed project expands the Los Angeles County regional transit network, connects Burbank jobs to reliable and convenient transit, and supports Burbank's goal of connecting 12,000 new housing units to transportation alternatives. We want to ensure that our City's residents and businesses are protected from potential impacts caused by the project, and we also want to ensure the project's success in further connecting to the regional transportation network. With these important goals in mind, the City of Burbank submits the following comments in response to the Final Environmental Impact Report and the changes proposed by Metro staff.

Dedicated Bus Lanes on Olive Avenue

The Burbank Community and the City Council have continued to voice concerns over the potential impacts of bus lanes on Olive Avenue. Metro's change from "curb-running" (bus lanes created from parking lane) to "side-running" (bus lanes created from a travel lane) has eliminated the primary concerns of parking and economic impacts to adjacent strip-commercial land uses on Olive Avenue, the risk for parking spillover into single family neighborhoods, and impacts to sidewalk widths and pedestrian access along and across Olive Avenue caused by street widening. We appreciate that Metro listened to the comments we submitted as part of the Draft EIR and removed the curb-running option from consideration.

The side-running option would affect transportation and land use along Olive Avenue differently than the curb-running option. Removing a travel lane on Olive Avenue would increase congestion and delay for motor vehicles traveling along the street, given the amount of traffic that currently uses Olive Avenue. Metro included a traffic diversion analysis in the FEIR that indicates that converting a travel lane to a bus lane would cause vehicle traffic to shift onto other streets (to bypass the resulting vehicle delays), and that the traffic that continues to use Olive Avenue would actually see improved travel times because the signal improvements made for the BRT would also improve travel for cars. Unfortunately this analysis and its assumptions were not documented in the FEIR. While the City agrees that traffic will shift to other streets, we disagree with Metro's assessment of the amount of traffic that will shift. Based on verbal discussions with Metro's staff regarding the assumptions made in this analysis, the City believes that it fails to account for the delays caused by that shifted traffic to other arterial intersections in the City

because it fails to properly analyze the available capacity at those streets' intersections. In urban street networks like Burbank, the roadway capacity constraints are at intersections, not along the street segments, which were measured by Metro. We believe converting a travel lane on Olive Avenue to a bus lane would result in some lesser amount of traffic shifts to other streets (due to less available intersection capacity elsewhere) and would result in higher levels of intersection congestion and delay on Olive Avenue during peak periods that would be noticeable to the driving public and would increase the risk of peak-period cut-through traffic into adjoining neighborhoods. A more detailed analysis of these shifts, along with an operational analysis of the project's impacts to Olive Avenue should be conducted to properly disclose how the project will affect Olive Avenue. A more detailed analysis will likely show that vehicle congestion on Olive Avenue will increase, along with a resulting increase in cut-through and spillover traffic into adjacent residential neighborhoods.

City of Burbank Requests Additional Funding for Neighborhood Protection

The City Council believes that implementation of side-running bus-only lanes require investments in additional neighborhood protection measures to ensure Olive Avenue vehicle traffic does not divert into adjoining neighborhoods. The City Council requests that Metro fund additional neighborhood protection and/or first-last mile improvements in the amount of \$5 million directed to neighborhoods adjacent to Olive Avenue between Alameda Avenue and Victory Boulevard, and that these improvements may be defined by the City of Burbank. These neighborhood protection elements would be funded as part of the project, and would be in addition to any other first-last mile improvements earmarked for project stations. This funding is necessary for the City to be able to protect neighborhoods while it simultaneously supports necessary regional transit connections that support its other goals and policies.

Olive Avenue between Buena Vista and Lake Should be Configured as Mixed-Flow Unless Ridership Goals Met Within 36 Months

Because implementation of a side-running bus lane and removing a travel lane could be detrimental to Burbank neighborhoods, Metro and the City will not see the true effects of this roadway reconfiguration until after the project is constructed. In addition, once the project is constructed, its operation may reveal that project ridership may not be high enough to justify the impacts on these neighborhoods caused by the conversion of travel lanes to bus lanes. Therefore, the City Council will not permit the construction of side-running bus lanes on Olive Avenue until the project achieves at least 17,500 average daily weekday boardings within 36 months of opening day. Should the project achieve that ridership level, then the City and Metro shall confer and consider whether Metro should install side-running bus lanes on Olive Avenue at its sole cost. This allows Metro and the City of Burbank to evaluate whether the project's ridership sufficiently justifies the conversion of vehicle lanes to bus lanes and the potential impact that conversion has on adjacent residential neighborhoods.

City Believes Olive Bridge Station Should be a Required Separate Project

Metro's removal of the Olive Avenue Bridge station and its relocation to Lake Street will significantly compromise the project's ability to meet the goals and objectives of providing a convenient, reliable, regional transit service for the region's transit riders. Connecting the proposed BRT project to Metrolink is critical to creating a travel alternative to the automobile and to support the region's investments in Metrolink service. The new proposed station at Olive and Lake would require connecting Metrolink riders to walk 1/3 mile along an uninviting and narrow pedestrian path alongside and under the Olive overpass, which would unduly burden patrons with

disabilities. This lack of connection is contrary to Burbank2035 Mobility Element Policy 4.8, which is to “Promote multimodal transit centers and stops to encourage seamless connections between local and regional transit systems, pedestrian and bicycle networks, and commercial and employment centers.” Further, moving the station to Lake Street does not address the FEIR’s failure to address the project’s connection to the following existing and planned Class I and IV bicycle facilities, which is also contrary to Policy 4.8: Chandler Bikeway, Burbank Channel Bikeway, San Fernando Bikeway, First Street Bikeway, and Front Street Cycle Track. Connecting the BRT to Metrolink and the adjacent bicycle facilities must be a high priority for the project.

The City Council requests that the Metro Board of Directors direct its staff to work with the City to develop a program to upgrade the Olive Avenue Bridge to include a BRT station, including the required vertical connections to the Metrolink Station below and the necessary pedestrian improvements made to the bridge. This will likely require a substantial modification or reconstruction of the Bridge, and would likely take longer to implement than the BRT project’s 2024 timeline for opening. The City Council believes Metro do more than simply offer to move the station should the City reconfigure the bridge, but instead should actively seek outside state and federal funding for the necessary improvements, and include this project as one of its formal funding priorities. The City has already committed a portion of its Measure R Arroyo Verdugo Highway Operations Improvement Funds to the project that could be leveraged with other outside funding.

Additional Comments on Metro’s FEIR Responses to City of Burbank

Other Transportation Plan, Policy, and Safety Impacts

The City’s DEIR comment letter stated that the DEIR was inadequate in assessing the proposed projects impact on Olive Avenue vehicular efficiency, and did not disclose whether the project will cause spillover into adjacent neighborhoods. The DEIR further did not assess whether potential BRT improvements may influence street traffic including proposed transit signal priority improvements. In response, Metro indicated that curb-running bus lanes would not have an impact on vehicle travel, and that side-running bus lanes (that convert two vehicle lanes to two bus lanes) would not cause residential spillover traffic onto residential streets because Olive Avenue vehicle traffic will shift to other streets such that the speeds of the remaining traffic on Olive Avenue will not be affected. Because of this, vehicle traffic will not spillover into adjacent residential neighborhoods. Unfortunately no documentation was provided with the traffic diversion analysis included in the FEIR to support this assertion. Given the amount of traffic currently on Olive Avenue, the limited ability for alternative streets to accommodate diverted traffic, and the loss of vehicle capacity caused by the side-running bus lanes, the City believes that the proposed project will cause spillover traffic into residential neighborhoods, which is contrary to Burbank2035 Mobility Element Policy 6.1, which is to “Maintain arterial street efficiency to discourage spillover traffic into residential neighborhoods”. The FEIR is therefore inadequate in evaluating this policy conflict with Burbank2035, and important effects the project will have on adjacent residential neighborhoods is not disclosed to the public or to the Metro Board of Directors.

The City’s DEIR comment letter stated that the DEIR failed to disclose a policy impact with Burbank 2035 General Plan Planned Bicycle Routes, which includes provision for a Class II bike route on Glenoaks Boulevard between Providencia and Alameda Avenue. In response, Metro indicated that the proposed project would operate as mixed-flow on Glenoaks Boulevard between Olive Avenue and Providencia Avenue. This response referenced the wrong segment of Glenoaks Boulevard, and did not address the potential conflict. The proposed project should accommodate the proposed bicycle facility on Glenoaks Boulevard, including accommodating the

implementation of that facility in accordance with the goals and policies of the City's Complete Streets Plan, which could include a buffered or protected bicycle facility that would match the facility planned for Glenoaks Boulevard in the City of Glendale.

Public Service Impacts

The City's DEIR comment letter stated that the DEIR conclusion that the project will not cause impacts to police public services did not include evidence to support this conclusion, and that the DEIR did not disclose whether local police resources would be required to police the project as well as enforce new bus lane or other vehicle code regulations that apply to the project. In response, Metro indicated in the FEIR that the project would not have impacts on police public services because it will not increase population levels necessitating additional police resources. However, the FEIR did not address the City's concern relating to additional police public service resources needed to ensure public safety of the project, other than to indicate that Metro would "develop appropriate enforcement strategies." The City requests that Metro identify how required police public services will be provided for the project and which agency will be expected to bear the costs of these services.

Utility Systems and Roadway Infrastructure

The City's DEIR comment letter stated that the DEIR failed to identify a significant impact to the City's recycled water interconnection with the City of Glendale. In response, Metro indicated that impacts to this facility would be identified as part of the project's design phase. However, the City believe this response is inadequate given the importance of this interconnect and fails to disclose the project's potential impact. Mitigation of this impact could involve redesigning the project in this area to avoid this infrastructure, which could introduce secondary impacts that are not identified as part of the FEIR.

Similarly, the City's DEIR comment letter stated that the DEIR failed to identify the impacts to overhead and underground utilities, drainage, sidewalk widths, street trees, street lights, sidewalk furniture, and landscape. In response, Metro indicated that the project is not anticipated to require the construction or relocation of utilities that could cause an impact because these relocations would be coordinated with utility providers, and a utility base map will be prepared to identify utility conflicts. This response is inadequate because the mere coordination with utility providers is not substantial evidence to support the assertion that no impacts are anticipated.

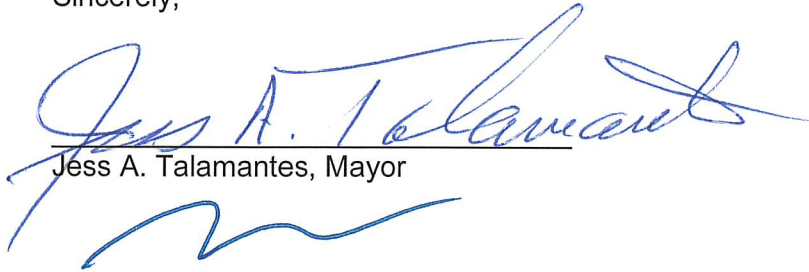
The City's DEIR comment letter stated that the DEIR failed to document the increased annual pavement maintenance costs to the City's streets caused by frequent heavy bus service operating in the curb lane of Olive Avenue, which could require mitigation measures to improve the pavement structural section to accommodate the bus traffic. In response, Metro indicated that the small amount of bus trips added by the project to Olive Avenue relative to the existing traffic on Olive would not be expected to accelerate pavement deterioration. However, given the size and speed of the large buses used for the project as well as their travel on the outer edges of Olive Avenue, the City remains concerned that the project will accelerate the pavement wear of Olive Avenue. The City requests further details on the proposed joint maintenance agreement that would identify the maintenance obligations of both parties in maintaining the project.

The City of Burbank remains committed to the NoHo to Pasadena BRT project and believes it will be an important way for the City and Metro to improve regional transit, provide competitive travel options, improve air quality, and reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions. The City believes that the project's success hinges on its ability to provide an important travel alternative while protecting Burbank neighborhoods from impacts and connecting directly to the Metrolink system. Metro's changes to the project description between the release of the Draft and Final EIRs is responsive

to many of the City's requests. Addressing the remaining concerns and changes expressed in this letter will ensure that this project will be a successful enhancement to the regional transit network and will be compatible with the Burbank neighborhoods that it will travel through.

The Burbank City Council respectfully requests the Metro Board of Directors consider the points raised in this letter as it considers approving the project.

Sincerely,

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Jess A. Talamantes, Mayor

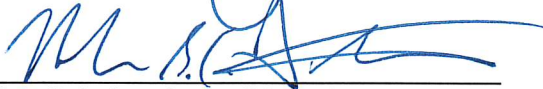
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Bob Frutos, Council Member

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Sharon Springer, Council Member

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Nick Schultz, Council Member



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April 19, 2022

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Via U.S. mail and Email nohopasbrt@metro.net

RE: **North Hollywood to Pasadena Transit Corridor Project**

Dear Board Members,

The Women's Twentieth Century Club of Eagle Rock (WTCC) is a non-profit philanthropic organization dedicated to community involvement with an emphasis on the area of education and philanthropy with a particular focus on women's and children's issues. The WTCC continues with the vision the founding members had in 1903 to have a place to come together to help the growing community.

WTCC supports itself by renting the clubhouse for various events, filming, community events, and our own fundraisers to aid various organizations. WTCC also donates the clubhouse to community organizations looking to hold meetings and/or events for their members and community. Due to Covid-19, we were not able to have events to raise money to support our cause. As a Board and members, we are concerned that by moving forward with the North Hollywood to Pasadena Transit Corridor Project we will not be able to continue with our philanthropic work.

Our concerns are as follows in regards to the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) released on Friday, March 25:

1. The WTCC has limited parking space and our guests and renters rely on parking on Colorado Blvd. This will definitely hurt the work we are doing at the WTCC. The report states, "there is a large alternative supply of parking on cross streets (763 spaces)." Unfortunately, this is not correct. The neighborhood is made up of old single-family homes with many of them having a one-car garage. As you know, nowadays most family units have a minimum of two cars, so this means that the cross streets, as you call the residential streets, are filled with the overflow of cars from the people living on that street.

The report also states, "an additional 32 public parking spaces available at the City-owned lot at Caspar Ave/Murton Ave, which are not included in the table." This also is a concern for our members as we have many that are seniors and disabled and it would be impossible for them to park at Caspar Ave/Murton Ave and walk to the clubhouse. We are very concerned because many of them may reconsider renewing their membership because of the parking situation. For events, we cannot expect the attendees to park at such a location and walk to the clubhouse. This also will cut down on the usage of this beautiful clubhouse. Also, the parking spaces in that area are taken up by the employees that work in the area and people going to the businesses. We believe that this will definitely have a very serious effect on, not just our almost 100-year-old club, but the businesses on Colorado Blvd.

2. The concern with adding left turn signals is that Colorado Blvd. will be more congested.
3. Concern with issues occurring during construction is that this is a 108-year-old building and power and other issues that may occur may not be worked on right away and especially if there is an event.

- 4./5. In regards to traffic congestion on Colorado Blvd. from the eastern to western end of Colorado Blvd. is a big concern. Once you are on Colorado Blvd. between the beginning and end of the route there is no way of getting to the 134 and/or 2 freeways unless you turn onto one of the neighboring streets and take either Hill Avenue on the north side of Colorado Blvd. or Yosemite on the south side of Colorado Blvd. This will make these neighborhoods that now are quiet and safe a very unsafe area for people to run/walk, walk with their children, and walk their dogs as traffic will increase and cars will be speeding to try to get ahead.
7. The beauty of traveling on Colorado Blvd. is the median. Community organizations worked on a beautification plan to put the median in. It would be a shame to cut down on this natural beauty of Eagle Rock.
8. As to the impact of emergency services this is a very serious concern. The report states, "The bus lanes would also be available for use by emergency services, improving response times by allowing them to bypass any congestion." This is unrealistic when you are looking at Colorado Blvd. being more congested due to this project. If there's a bus traveling in the lane and an emergency vehicle must pass it will not be able to due to the heavy traffic. Also, the fire department emergency vehicles will not be able to make a left turn from the station, this will cause a delay in response.

The WTCC Board and members would appreciate it if we could have an opportunity to sit and share these concerns with the MTA staff handling this project and Councilmember DeLeon. We would like to invite you to come to our clubhouse so you can see the beauty of this building and the surrounding area and understand why we need to keep the integrity and history of this small town. You may contact me, Ela Vallejo at (818) 859-5829 or via email grannyroa@gmail.com.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ela C. Vallejo
President

cc: Honorable Kevin De Leon, Councilmember, 14th District

April 2022 RBM Public Comment

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, April 23, 2022 1:13 PM

To: firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; anajarian@glendaleca.gov; jdupontw@aol.com; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; fdutra@cityofwhittier.org; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; paul.krekorian@lacity.org; sheila@bos.lacounty.gov; hollyjmittchell@bos.lacounty.gov; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; tony.tavares@dot.ca.gov; Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>; mayorjamesbutts@gmail.com; Mike.bonin@lacity.org

Subject: MTA BRT Eagle Rock

To whom it may concern:

I am an Eagle Rock resident.

I request that you:

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Thank you,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2022 1:34 PM

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Cc: Friendsofhilldrive@gmail.com

Subject: BRT lane through Eagle Rock

Hello -

I am a long-time Eagle Rock resident and have emailed most of you MULTIPLE times, with no response, and have signed EVERY petition that exists to stop this ill-advised project. Not one elected, appointed or hired person has responded.

Friends of Hill Drive sent you my petition on October 22, 2021. My petition included my email address. I request that YOU:

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Thank you,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2022 1:40 PM

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Subject: TAKE ACTION NOW , SAVE OUR EAGLE ROCK COMMUNITY!!!

My name is [REDACTED] I have been a business owner in the Eagle Rock community for 17 years .

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From: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Colorado Blvd. Proposed Alterations

I am an Eagle Rock resident who has lived in the community since 1987.

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Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2022 2:57 PM

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We strongly oppose to your idea of road diet. Congestion will be inevitable in Colorado Blvd., our main thoroughfare. We do not understand why you do not respect this request from the residents majority of Eagle Rock.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2022 5:27 PM

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I am ***NOT*** in favor of the bus lane and am highly disappointed my voice was not heard. I live and shop and work out and grocery shop and walk my dog in my neighborhood. I ***live*** here.

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2022 5:47 PM

To: firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; anajarian@glendaleca.gov <anajarian@glendaleca.gov>; jdupontw@aol.com <jdupontw@aol.com>; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov <kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>; fdutra@cityofwhittier.org <fdutra@cityofwhittier.org>; Mayor Eric Garcetti <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov <fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov>; paul.krekorian@lacity.org <paul.krekorian@lacity.org>; sheila@bos.lacounty.gov <sheila@bos.lacounty.gov>; hollyjmitchell@bos.lacounty.gov <hollyjmitchell@bos.lacounty.gov>; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us <tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us>; tony.tavares@dot.ca.gov <tony.tavares@dot.ca.gov>; Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>; mayorjamesbutts@gmail.com <mayorjamesbutts@gmail.com>; Mike.bonin@lacity.org <Mike.bonin@lacity.org>

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Subject: PLEASE Take Action Now, Save Our Eagle Rock Community

Hello,

I have lived in (and loved) Eagle Rock for over 15 years. On April 18, 2022, I sent an email to boardclerk@metro.net, stating my opposition to the (then proposed) the proposed F1 1-Lane or F1 2 Laneplan. I hope you were made aware of my email.

I am also a signatory to the petition that Friends of Hill Drive sent to you on October 22, 2021. My petition included my email address. I respectfully request that YOU:

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Thank you for your consideration.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2022 6:53 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Bus lane

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2022 7:42 PM

To: firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov

Subject: We are one of MANY local stakeholders/homeowners in Eagle Rock OPPOSED to the BRT one lane option!

- We have lived in Eagle Rock since 1989.
- We are opposed to the one-lane option and have concerns about congestion, traffic, and parking.
- Our street (Glen Aylsa Ave) will be impacted with commuters trying to avoid Colorado Blvd.
- We support two vehicle lanes of travel on Colorado Boulevard in each direction.
- We support keeping all street parking and outdoor dining for businesses.
- We support keeping the medians and trees.
- We support the bikes lanes.
- We DO NOT support converting a lane for a bus-only BRT lane.
- We DEMAND a third option: Study and choose driving the BRT bus in current mixed flow lanes.
- We are asking you to consider our community, including Trader Joes and the Fire Station, that traffic can flow without horrible bottlenecks.
- [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2022 10:19 PM

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Cc: saveeaglerockcommunity@yahoo.com

Subject: Fwd: Planning Committee Members are not City of Los Angeles residents, or stakeholders. MTA Planning Committee Member Supervisor Hilda Solis was no show.

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Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 6:34 AM

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 9:10 AM

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DO YOUR JOB.

I live here. Don't screw up my neighborhood.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 9:56 AM

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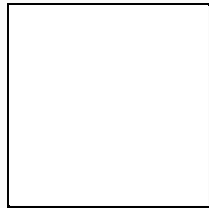
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Subject: ERNC/Huizar/TERA/MTA: Their BRT on Colorado Boulevard Collaboration

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 11:12 AM

To: mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org

Cc: councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org; First District <firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov>; NoHoPasBRT <NoHoPasBRT@metro.net>; CommunityRelations <CommunityRelations@metro.net>; Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>; Jennifer <friendsofhilldrive@gmail.com>; eric.garcetti@gmail.com; eric.garcetti@lacity.org; Customer Relations <CustomerRelations@metro.net>; Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission <redistricting.lacity@lacity.org>; Crump, Anthony <CrumpA@metro.net>; Litvak, Jody Feerst <Litvakj@metro.net>; mendozaarndtj@metro.net; Soto, Patricia <SOTOPA@metro.net>

Subject: Metro BRT: Share the lane through Eagle Rock!

Mayor Garcetti,

The mayors of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena have all weighed in AGAINST a dedicated lane for the proposed Metro BRT No Hollywood-Pasadena line. Now, it's your turn!

As a resident of Eagle Rock who lives, works, shops & commutes along Colorado Blvd, I kindly request that you also represent your constituent's voice(s) and OPPOSE A DEDICATED LANE BRT THROUGH EAGLE ROCK.

I am a proponent of public transit, a bike rider and appreciate the beautiful boulevard concept, but not at the expense of the residents and businesses along the Colorado corridor. A compromise is needed rather than an either/or of parking or traffic--which are the only two concepts Metro has put forth. **We need a 3rd option: BRT can share the lane through Eagle Rock (as it will in Pasadena, Glendale & Burbank).**

Metro has not surveyed enough residents. If there were a vote, the dedicated lane concept would lose. My family, my neighbors, my fellow-Trader Joe/Vons/Sprouts shoppers & my favorite restaurants & business owners have not been asked by Metro. Most would say NO to giving up another lane in each direction on Colorado Blvd.

Please use your voice as mayor. ENDORSE MIXED FLOW!!

Kevin De Leon is also cc'd. He has caved to the fanatics of the Beautiful Boulevard coalition. He has also lost our vote.

Thank you,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 5:59 PM

To: firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; anajarian@glendaleca.gov; jdupontw@aol.com; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; fdutra@cityofwhittier.org; Eric Garcetti <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; paul.krekorian@lacity.org; sheila@bos.lacounty.gov; hollyjmittchell@bos.lacounty.gov; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; tony.tavares@dot.ca.gov; Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>; mayorjamesbutts@gmail.com; Mike.bonin@lacity.org

Cc: Dr Hill <friendsofhilldrive@gmail.com>

Subject: TABLE AGENDA ITEM #8 (NoHo-Pasadena BRT) due to multiple conflicts of interest, fire code violations and Brown Act violations.

I am an Eagle Rock resident, business owner, and stakeholder. I urge you to table Agenda item #8 due to multiple conflicts of interest, fire code violations, ADA violations, and Brown Act violations. At last week's Board meeting on 04/20/22, over 50 of us were assured we'd be able to comment at the meeting on April 28th, 2022, when the Board cut off comments after only 15 minutes.

Unfortunately, due to the extraordinary number of agenda items scheduled for this week's meeting, it seems very unlikely that all 200 plus will be able to comment as promised.

We WERE assured that we would have our voices in this matter heard and that every one of us would be able to comment at this meeting, and we plan to do so.

It seems unlikely that there will be time to adequately address our concerns, and we've been advised to request that this issue be tabled until the adequate time is allocated for our communities' concerns to be heard and considered.

In addition, Due to the multiple fire code violations, negligent FEIR, conflicts of interest involving high-ranking Metro executives, and Brown Act violations, the only equitable

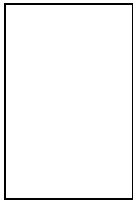
solution would be to table this vote for the time being. It's become increasingly clear that the Metro Board hasn't had sufficient time to address these issues or study the FEIR, which contains egregious, negligent, dangerous oversights (such as not noticing a fire station that also serves as a filling station for multiple surrounding fire departments).

We believe that tabling the issue will give all parties involved enough time to thoroughly investigate and rectify the concerns. Rather than vote on a plan that could result in hundreds of millions of dollars in loss, the prudent way forward is to table the vote for today and revisit the subject when all due diligence has been performed and all Board members are fully confident in their decision to make irreversible changes to historical Colorado Boulevard.TODAY!!

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Realtor



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 8:37 PM

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Subject: Agenda Item #8 - FEIR for the Metro BRT Noho-Pasadena

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Inspector General for the County of Los Angeles

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 8:40 PM

To: firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; anajarian@glendaleca.gov; jdupontw@aol.com; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; fdutra@cityofwhittier.org; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; paul.krekorian@lacity.org; sheila@bos.lacounty.gov; hollyjmitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; tony.tavares@dot.ca.gov; Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>; mayorjamesbutts@gmail.com; Mike.bonin@lacity.org

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It is with great concern that I request the CANCELATION of any plans to Colorado Blvd to eliminate a lane of traffic for METRO ONLY. This plan will result in HARMFUL Consequence for drivers, pedestrians, businesses and residents in the areas.. This is NOT a WISE or well thought out plan.

PLEASE SAVE COLORADO BLVD AND OUR COMMUNITY!

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Thank you for your consideration,

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From: [REDACTED]

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Subject: In Consideration of BRT Metro Noho-Pasadena Agenda Item #8

Hello Metro Board Members,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a resident of Eagle Rock. I am very concerned by the proposed Metro BRT line running between North Hollywood and Pasadena, and how its changes to Colorado Boulevard will negatively impact my family's everyday life. We travel along this route regularly as we attend karate classes, frequent the hair salon, pet food store, Trader Joe's, and enjoy the coffee shops and several restaurants in our neighborhood. I believe strongly in the power of community for myself and my young children, the oldest of whom will be attending Dahlia Heights Elementary School this fall. Supporting these businesses and maintaining the "small town feel" of Eagle Rock that attracted us to this area many years ago remains hugely important to us.

The importance of public transportation is not lost on me; however, the proposed Metro BRT Noho-Pasadena route will have negative widespread effects for those of us in Eagle Rock. The reduced traffic lane on Colorado Boulevard will significantly affect our ability to find parking and support these businesses that are so important to us, during what are already challenging times economically.

How will my daily walking route to our neighborhood school be affected? Will our local firefighters be able to turn east easily should we have an emergency at my home? Will more cars be using Hill Drive through my neighborhood as a way around the increased traffic on Colorado, which we have seen many times when lanes are reduced due to construction or an accident? How will I be able to access all of the aforementioned businesses, and find parking nearby?

Ultimately, who is benefiting from this project? It certainly won't be those in my community, who won't even have access to this metro line. Please take the Eagle Rock residents' concerns seriously as we question the design oversights and potential conflicts of interest with this enormously expensive project. I politely request that the Metro BRT Noho-Pasadena FEIR is tabled.

Thoughtfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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I am a passionate bicyclist and would love to have a protected bike lane in Colorado Blvd. However, I do not support the current proposal of a single traffic lane.

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 9:50 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Metro Pasadena to NoHo

I feel strongly that Item 8 needs more consideration to make sure that deliveries are possible to Trader Joe's. F1 must be reviewed by the Fire Marshal for feasibility. Our community deserves to be heard. It's easy for Metro Board members to make decisions for communities that they don't have to live in.

Sent from my iPhone

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Eagle Rock Resident

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Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 10:37 PM

To: anajarian@glendaleca.gov; jdupontw@aol.com; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; fdutra@cityofwhittier.org; Eric Garcetti <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; paul.krekorian@lacity.org; sheila@bos.lacounty.gov; hollyjmitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; tony.tavares@dot.ca.gov; Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>; mayorjamesbutts@gmail.com; Mike.bonin@lacity.org; Cc: Dr Hill <friendsofhilldrive@gmail.com>

Subject: TABLE AGENDA ITEM #8 (NoHo-Pasadena BRT) due to multiple conflicts of interest, fire code violations and Brown Act violations.

Dear Metro Board Members,

I am an Eagle Rock advocate & have chaired or been president of a number our town's organizations, the Eagle Rock Chamber, the Center for the Arts/ Eagle Rock, Women's twentieth Century Club, & gotten the clubhouse on the National Registry of Historic Places, & currently head the ER Kiwanis. But I am most proud of gathering community groups together in efforts to improve the ER DOWNTOWN in a group called Eagle Rock Community Preservation & Revitalization Corporation (ERCPR) in the 1990's to 2010. We handled a \$350k from the State of CA to upgrade facades & do parking studies. In point we upgraded Colorado Blvd considerably for the better. I am frankly concerned the proposed One Lane each Direction Metro Plan, has not considered its effects on businesses & customers, which we took great care to encourage to COME to Eagle Rock. There will be lack of parking & a convolution of street planning. It needs more planning work & I agree with the following letter as I greatly CARE about this town's future.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 1:40 AM

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Cc: Friendsofhilldrive@gmail.com

Subject: Table Agenda Item #8

Dear Metro Board Members,

I am an Eagle Rock resident of 26 years, I live north of Hill Drive. I am writing to say this FEIR for the Metro BRT Noho-Pasadena needs more consideration. I urge you to postpone (table) Agenda Item #8 due to Fire Code violations, ADA violations, illegal lobbying, and conflicts of interest involving high-ranking Metro executives. and Brown Act violations. At last week's Planning and Programming Committee meeting on 04/20/22, over 50 of us waiting to comment were cut off after only 15 minutes. We were assured we'd be able to speak at the **April 28** board meeting.

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 4:41 AM

To: firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; anajarian@glendaleca.gov; jdupontw@aol.com; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; fdutra@cityofwhittier.org; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; paul.krekorian@lacity.org; sheila@bos.lacounty.gov; hollyjmittchell@bos.lacounty.gov; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; tony.tavares@dot.ca.gov; Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>; mayorjamesbutts@gmail.com; Mike.bonin@lacity.org
Cc: Friendsofhilldrive@gmail.com; InspectorGeneral@oig.lacounty.gov; Lou Finkelberg <l.finkelberg@finkelberglaw.com>

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 7:17 AM

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 7:20 AM

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Subject: TAKE ACTION NOW , SAVE OUR EAGLE ROCK COMMUNITY!!!

I am an Eagle Rock resident.

Friends of Hill Drive sent you my petition on October 22, 2021. My petition included my email address. I request that YOU:

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 7:23 AM

To: sheila@bos.lacounty.gov; hollyjmitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; tony.tavares@dot.ca.gov; Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>; mayorjamesbutts@gmail.com; Mike.bonin@lacity.org

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Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 8:06 AM
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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 8:14 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 8:49 AM

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Subject: Agenda Item #8: NoHo to Pasadena BRT

Dear Metro Board Members,

NO ONE is listening to the majority of residents and commuters in the Eagle Rock Community. There is a political agenda here that is most disturbing.

I have been an Eagle Rock resident for over 50 years. I am writing to say the FEIR for the Metro BRT Noho-Pasadena needs more consideration. I urge you to postpone (table) Agenda Item #8 due to Fire Code violations, ADA violations, illegal lobbying, and conflicts of interest involving high-ranking Metro executives; and possible violations of the Brown Act. Rather than provide exacting details, this should be your homework. At last week's Planning and Programming Committee meeting on 04/20/22, over 50 of us waiting to comment were cut off after only 15 minutes. There was assurance the community would be able to speak at the April 28 board meeting. Unfortunately, there are some who will be unable to attend this meeting - hence this email.

It's become increasingly clear that the Metro Board either hasn't had sufficient time to address these issues or study the FEIR F1 design in Eagle Roc, or the Board clearly has its own agenda. The Eagle Rock community has already experienced such concerns with our now indicted Councilperson Jose Huizar. The issues in the FEIR contain negligent, dangerous oversights regarding pedestrian safety, and it has blocked off of Eagle Rock's fire station and any clear access to emergency responses. Was a traffic study done by the City of Los Angeles? Has the Fire Department Commission/or similar representation signed off on this ill-advised plan?

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Sincerely,

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From: L [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 8:59 AM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: F1 Design - Table Vote

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Dear Metro Board Member,

As an Eagle Rock resident I have discovered that the Metro BRT NoHo-Pasadena needs much more consideration. Please postpone or table Agenda Item #8 due to Fire Code violations, ADA violations and conflict of interests involving high-ranking executives. Our Eagle Rock community is not being properly represented at these meetings.

Our interests are not of those apparently trying to push through this current design in Eagle Rock.

This F1 design should have a preliminary review by the Los Angeles fire Marshal and LAFD Fire Code Committee.

Table the vote for today. This F1 design has many harmful consequences to the community of Eagle Rock. We have not been allowed proper input from the citizens of Eagle Rock Community. What has been designed will thwart traffic flow, parking, access to businesses and would make our downtown Eagle Rock crowded, jammed with traffic and in general a project that can not be easily reversed. This will be a destructive management of our community by outsiders - people who do not even live within our Eagle Rock community.

Sincerely,

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Wednesday, April 27, 2022

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 10:13 AM

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Cc: Friendsofhilldrive@gmail.com; InspectorGeneral@oig.lacounty.gov
Subject: TABLE AGENDA ITEM #8 (NoHo-Pasadena BRT)

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I am an Eagle Rock resident, and I am really upset about how this has proceeded - my rights have been ignored and frankly without following protocol this decision is now illegal.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 10:33 AM

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Cc: Jennifer <friendsofhilldrive@gmail.com>; InspectorGeneral@oig.lacounty.gov
Subject: Metro BRT Agenda number item 8

Dear Metro Board Members,

I am a 40 year resident and my wife is a 62 year resident of Eagle Rock. I am writing to say the FEIR for the Metro BRT through Eagle Rock needs more research and testing. I urge the Metro Board to table Agenda #8 for numerous reasons. There is no reason to dedicate a single lane for the BRT buses traveling through Eagle Rock. Colorado Blvd is a major thoroughfare and evacuation route from and to Pasadena and Glendale as well as the 5 and 134 freeways. Colorado Blvd has already been reduced from three lanes to two lanes. This will reduce the number of available parking spots in the area and greatly increase traffic in the local neighborhoods.

All of this to save a couple of minutes of time for a bus that will hold up thousands of people driving through and home here in Eagle Rock. The money for this project could be well spent on another project.

I live on Las Flores and Vincent Ave. Las Flores cannot handle two way traffic. In the past when Colorado Blvd has been backed up, there have been people that have driven onto my lawn in order to get past oncoming traffic. Traffic on Hill Drive, Las Flores, Yosemite and other streets will see a huge increase in traffic from vehicles that will try to avoid the backup on Colorado Blvd. Delivery vehicles will have major challenges trying to find a place to park as many of the businesses in Eagle Rock do not have an alley behind their businesses for delivery vehicles. With the reduction of available left turns into the neighborhoods, Metro will be forcing additional traffic and pollution onto the streets where left turns can be made.

I would like to request that Metro and the LA DOT close down a lane on each side of Colorado Blvd for 2 weeks so that a study can be made of the changes in the traffic patterns on all of the local streets that will be affected by the BRT.

Your attention on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 11:18 AM

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Cc: Friendsofhilldrive@gmail.com; saveeaglerockcommunity@yahoo.com
Subject: MTA- Poor Recommended of a "Single Lane" Colorado Boulevard

MTA/Decision Makers,

I am an Eagle Rock resident with a view of Colorado Boulevard. If this single lane per direction recommendation stands, I will see every day the daily traffic back-ups that this Colorado Boulevard plan will produce. When I sit in the single lane traffic on Colorado Boulevard, it will remind me of the MTA and the people that made this poor decision. The sad part is that there are at least 2 better options that keeps the 2 lanes on Colorado Boulevard.

Please view the YouTube link below that explains in a detailed commonsense manner why the "Single Lane" option is a poor decision.

<https://youtu.be/XCJaTDPRzTQ>

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 12:15 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 12:25 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: ER

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[REDACTED]
323.370.3250

“So be it”!

“See to it”!... Octavia Butler

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 12:44 PM

To: Sarah Cho <11sarahcho@gmail.com>

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Subject: In Consideration of BRT Metro Noho-Pasadena Agenda Item #8

Hello Metro Board Members,

My name is [REDACTED] I'm a resident of Eagle Rock. I am very concerned by the proposed Metro BRT line running between North Hollywood and Pasadena, and how its changes to Colorado Boulevard will negatively impact my family's everyday life. We travel along this route regularly as we attend karate classes, frequent the hair salon, pet food store, Trader Joe's, and enjoy the coffee shops and several restaurants in our neighborhood. I believe strongly in the power of community for myself and my young children, the oldest of whom will be attending Dahlia Heights Elementary School this fall. Supporting these businesses and maintaining the "small town feel" of Eagle Rock that attracted us to this area many years ago remains hugely important to us.

The importance of public transportation is not lost on me; however, the proposed Metro BRT Noho-Pasadena route will have negative widespread effects for those of us in Eagle Rock. The reduced traffic lane on Colorado Boulevard will significantly affect our ability to find parking and support these businesses that are so important to us, during what are already challenging times economically.

How will my daily walking route to our neighborhood school be affected? Will our local firefighters be able to turn east easily should we have an emergency at my home? Will more cars be using Hill Drive through my neighborhood as a way around the increased traffic on Colorado, which we have seen many times when lanes are reduced due to construction or an accident? How will I be able to access all of the aforementioned businesses, and find parking nearby?

Ultimately, who is benefiting from this project? It certainly won't be those in my community, who won't even have access to this metro line. Please take the Eagle Rock residents' concerns seriously as we question the design oversights and potential conflicts of interest with this enormously expensive project. I politely request that the Metro BRT Noho-Pasadena FEIR is tabled.

Thoughtfully,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: TABLE AGENDA ITEM #8 (NoHo-Pasadena BRT) due to multiple conflicts of interest, fire code violations and Brown Act violations

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Copied in with this email: [REDACTED] Inspector General for the County of Los Angeles

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 2:35 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Table Agenda Item #8 (No-Ho Pasadena BRT)

Dear Board Member:

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Cc: FRIENDSOFHILLDRIVE@GMAIL.COM; Janet Ennis <janet.ennis1@gmail.com>

Subject: BRT will impact our kids and our town of Eagle Rock

Good afternoon everyone, Metro Board Members

As a proud Eagle Rocker and a mother of children, may I add a working mother of children my morning drop offs are impacted by traffic. I have looked over the FEIR F1 design and I feel there is more that can be done to make this a safer, less of a morning nightmare when our first priority is to get kids to school and then for some of us who are essential workers and do not work from home, like myself, it is important to get to work and on-time. Right now just in a morning where a neighboring store will agree to filming on their property this makes it a total nightmare to get the kids to school and most importantly, again, ON TIME. My son is so upset when he is late, he said its embarrassing for him and others to walk into class after the bell. We are in line on time, but by the time the valet opens the door and scans our DAILY PASS the bell has rung. These kids first started off with re-entering school since COVID, we now have to drop our kids off from the vehicle and wait for the admins to scan our phones, this creates a very long car line, so long that the majority of us are sitting up on Colorado Blvd, and some have never made it to Floristan where the school main gate is located. We sit on Colorado Blvd going west light after light waiting to make a left turn or a right turn onto our street if coming up west bound. With the BRT we will not even be allowed to make a left turn, therefore creating a more of a drive and loss of time not to mention heavily pounding another side RESIDENTIAL street with all these cars just to utilize the drop off. Sure I'd love to walk my child to school, but sadly I am not an at home mom who can jump on a scooter and take a leisure morning walk, I have been an essential worker and must be to work on time. There is no longer an early morning drop off because of COVID, so I cant get them to school early.

I ask that before anything is signed in stone, perhaps a study can be done, perhaps YOU ALL can come out to our little town, on a school morning and see for yourself exactly the impact this will have on our children and the surround residents who sit in their driveways trying to exit into the already crowded street. Have a field trip and study what we already go through. We purchased our homes over 40 yrs ago because it was quiet and peaceful, this will definitely be the just the opposite of a successful project. Please listen to us residents, just hear us out, just give us more thought, our kids deserve more thought and time.

Most upsetting is that this is NOT a BRT for Eagle Rockers, this does not benefit us residents, this actually hurts us, the ones who are being thought of is everyone else but Eagle Rockers. The hope is that out of city people will just come through, but yet we Eagle Rockers are the ones forced to endure the change, why? So that we can hope for extra business? Eagle Rock has been here and been known by many neighboring city folk and if people are not coming through already to shop, stop and eat this will not

bring them in. Its not fair for us residents to continuously have to change our daily routines, routes, ability to park in front of our homes, work and play hours, and now put our children's right to an education ON TIME every day at stake because some want to bring in outsiders to ride a bus through our town.

Another important aspect is our Fire Station 42 and the response time it can impair. Some might create a hypothetical idea in their heads but no one, no one knows until it is real life, and that one persons life shouldn't be a trial run as every second is precious in a 911 emergency.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 3:07 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Please delay approval of BRT METRO PLAN In Eagle Rock

To whom it concerns,
Stakeholders have not been appropriately notified. The current plan is unsafe - blocking the fire station as well as our very popular Trader Joe's. There's been tremendous dismissal of community feedback and a flooding of special interests and pressure from people who do not live here or drive here. Please let the fire Marshall review everything.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 3:27 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: BRT Metro- Colorado Blvd

As a resident of Eagle Rock for over 30 years with a home one block north of Colorado, I urge the board to delay on any final decisions regarding the BRT Metro plan.

This plan will cause havoc to our thoroughfare and crush beloved small businesses and restaurants. It is an unnecessary expense that this community will not benefit from. More reviews and input are required before this plan should even consider moving forward.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 3:46 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Please table the Eagle Rock BRT plan vote!

Hi,

As a long time resident of Eagle Rock I am urging you to please table the vote on item #8 on Thursday's agenda, the BRT plan for the Eagle Rock corridor along Colorado Boulevard. Or at least postpone the vote until the numerous fire code violations can be corrected and all the unheard concerns of the people who live and work here have been heard.

My family and I have lived in Eagle rock for 15 years, we're very connected to the community and have yet to hear any resident or business approve of this BRT plan. I fail to see how the plan's intent to cut traffic down to one lane in each direction and get rid of 38% of parking along Eagle Rock's thriving business district benefits our residents and those businesses.

Please consider the effects these changes would have on the community, There are ways to improve mass transit without doing harm to what we have. Perhaps adopting the BRT plan of Pasadena and other communities, which allows mixed-flow use of the Boulevard and improvements to mass transit without the damage.

Thank you for your time in reading this,

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Subject: TAKE ACTION NOW , SAVE OUR EAGLE ROCK COMMUNITY!!!

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INVALIDATE the MTA Planning Committee's April 20, 2022 approval of the MTA- Recommended Refined F1 Beautiful Boulevard BRT Center Lane Alignment Design Plan for Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock. Approving the MTA- Recommended Beautiful Boulevard Plan results in an UNJUST BIASED MTA DECISION Adversely Affecting Eagle Rock Residents and Business Owners.

SUPPORT the 3000 petitions of Eagle Rock residents and business owners, who resoundingly stated to YOU: DO NOT REDUCE LANES OF TRAFFIC on Colorado Boulevard and DO NOT CONSTRUCT a MTA BRT Bus Lane Only, resulting in one traffic lane per direction on Colorado Boulevard in my Eagle Rock Community.

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Inspector General for the County of Los Angeles

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Cc: Jennifer <friendsofhilldrive@gmail.com>
Subject: AGAINST ITEM 8 ON 4.28.20 MTA AGENDA AND Regarding MTA's Response to FEIR Comment Letter 194

Dear Mayor Garcetti, Supervisor Solis and all other Honorable MTA Board Members:

Save Eagle Rock Community urges all of you, especially Mayor Garcetti and Supervisor Solis, not to follow and approve any of the MTA Planning and Programming Committee (MTA Planning Committee) Recommendations (3-0) described in the April 28, 2022 MTA Board Meeting Agenda Item 8, Subject: North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Project Environmental Impact Report (MTA BRT Project). This Board's approval would result in both the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the City of Los Angeles (City) wrongfully supporting the suspicious actions of Severin Martinez and his long standing quest to implement an unnecessary road diet on Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock. Mr. Martinez is a City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) employee, a Board Officer of an advocacy group known as The Eagle Rock Association, a vocal City of Los Angeles (City) bicycle advocate for Bike The Vote and an author of a 2016 analysis of "Safety on Road Diet Corridors in Los Angeles" targeting Colorado Boulevard.

Mr. Martinez was and has been a prolific road diet bicyclist blogger. Based upon his public statements, Mr. Martinez was born in Malmo, Sweden, and he wants to be able to bicycle in the City - just like he did in Sweden. He has been and is clear in his many public blogs that his goal is to put Eagle Rock on a road diet. In 2017, Mr. Martinez actively promoted the City candidacy of Joe Bray Ali, another bicycle advocate, even after Mr. Ali's racist comments against Mexican Americans were revealed.

A. Mayor Garcetti's December 14, 2020 Recommendation for a Colorado Boulevard "On-Street Side-Running NoHo to Pasadena BRT Alignment"

On December 14, 2020, Mayor Garcetti's Office sent Mr. Martinez an overview of the MTA BRT Project because he was somehow selected to be the author of the City's draft environmental impact report (DEIR) Comment Letter for the MTA BRT Project. This decision was in accordance with the Mayor's decision that "key City agencies

coordinate a single request with precise mitigation measures” regarding “impacted City streets/public rights-of way”. It does not appear that the LADOT did a coordinated City department response when the LADOT sent its DEIR Comment Letter, MTA FEIR Comment Letter 5 on December 28, 2020.

To prepare a coordinated City department DEIR MTA BRT Comment Letter the Mayor’s Office described the background of the MTA BRT Project in a four page memo to Mr. Martinez (Garcetti Memo) with facts and details supporting **Mayor Garcetti’s final recommendation: "Based on engagement with community stakeholders and in-field investigation, the on-street side-running NoHo to Pasadena BRT alignment within Eagle Rock is recommended."** (Emphasis added.) The Garcetti Memo explained the reason for the Mayor’s Side-Running BRT lane alignment on Colorado Boulevard recommendation to Mr. Martinez as follows: "An on-street side-running BRT would streamline project delivery *by avoiding lengthy inter-agency review and approvals* and would establish dedicated bus lanes while retaining bus lanes to improve local and regional connectivity for transit users, and is anticipated to attract the greatest number of new riders due to its convenience and quality user experience, having the highest likelihood of achieving the greatest VMT reductions”.

Describing a MTA option for a "1.7 mile side-running BRT" on Colorado Boulevard the Garcetti Memo stated "buffered bike lanes" would be eliminated but bike riders would be able to use bus lanes, and this side-running BRT proposal required "BRT buses and cars to share a lane to allow for right-turning movements". The side-running BRT option preserved "on-street parking, all 4 travel lanes, and medians".

B. The MTA Elected Officials March 9, 2020 Tour of Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock

With MTA BRT Project Managers Cory Zelmer and Scott Hartwell

The Garcetti Memo also informed Mr. Martinez that an "Elected Officials In-Field Staff Tour" occurred on March 9, 2020. On that date "following more thorough technical analysis," MTA Countywide Planning staff Cory Zelmer (zelmerc@metro.net) and Scott Hartwell (hartwells@metro.net) and MTA Community Relations staff Lilian De Loza-Gutierrez (delozagutierrezl@metro.net) hosted an on-site proposed project tour exclusively for staff of elected officials representing the community, including LA Mayor Garcetti (Karina Macias), then CD 14 Councilmember Huizar, (Lucy Aparicio, lucy.aparicio@lacity.org), and LA County Supervisor Solis (Martin Reyes, mreyes@bos.lacounty.gov).

According to the Garcetti Memo "During the locally-focused 3/9 tour, Metro staff presented the following anticipated operational changes on streets within the primary proposed BRT alignment and route options.... *the potential 1.7 mile center running BRT on Colorado Boulevard impacted some of the City's planned curb extensions and medians, eliminated left turns at 15 unsignalized intersections and required that medians be narrowed or removed/be less contiguous; -40% reduced on-street parking spaces.*" Additionally, the Garcetti Memo noted, "*For center-running segments of the BRT, Metro staff do not recommend allowing non-BRT Metro/municipally operated buses to use bus lanes*". (Italics added.)

C. MTA BRT Project Manager Zelmer's July 9, 2019 MTA/LADOT Transportation Planning and Policy Meeting With Mr. Martinez and Three Other LADOT Planners Edward Guerrero, David Somers and Tomas Carranza

It is not known if Mr. Martinez informed Mayor Garcetti's Office (on December 14, 2020 or ever) that he previously met with MTA BRT Project Manager Zelmer on July 9, 2019, with four other LADOT Planners. They met with Mr. Zelmer and another MTA BRT Project Manager Sarah Syed (also in the MTA's Technical Working Group) to discuss the MTA BRT Project's Planning and Environmental Study. The July 9, 2019 MTA/LADOT meeting was a closed technical staff meeting to specifically discuss the MTA BRT Project. At that meeting the LADOT Planners stressed that "Conformity of the City's Mobility Plan is important". The City's "new policies and procedures" (which incidentally City Mobility Plan 2035 Task Force Member MTA helped create) were to be fully implemented on Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock.

1. MTA Staff's and LADOT's July 9, 2019 Goal to Make Colorado Boulevard the First MTA Project (Impacting City Streets and Curbs) to Follow the City's Updated Transportation Assessment Guidelines

According to the attached July 9, 2019 MTA/LADOT Meeting Notes: "As there are no projects that have yet stepped through the process, it looks like the two Metro BRT Projects – NSFV BRT and NoHo to Pasadena BRT will be the first projects to follow the City's updated Assessment Guidelines....The recent City's Settlement Agreement is primarily regarding how the City can implement road diets/complete streets. City provided attached summary of the Project Evaluation Process Flow Chart resulting from

the Settlement Agreement”: A Project Outreach and Evaluation Process FlowChart for Mobility Plan 2035 Implementation.

D. Mr. Martinez’s Long Involvement to Reach His Personal Goal: A MTA BRT on Colorado Boulevard- An Unnecessary Road Diet

It is possible that the Mayor Garcetti’s Office did not know of Mr. Martinez’s passionate desire to construct a MTA BRT on Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock. However, City Council District 14 (CD 14) Former Councilperson Jose Huizar did, and the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) certainly did. Mr. Huizar’s former deputies Sean Starkey and Nate Hayward, who managed all capital projects across CD 14 (previously for Mr. Huizar and now for Councilperson Kevin De Leon) knew about Mr. Martinez’s active involvement in promoting a MTA BRT on Colorado Boulevard since at least 2016.

Save Eagle Rock Community’s August 14, 2019 letter to each of you described Mr. Martinez’s attendance at a **September 1, 2016** meeting, organized by Mr. Starkey to discuss the MTA BRT on Colorado Boulevard with David Greene, the then ERNC Land Use and Planning Chair and Lisa Kable Blanchard, the then ERNC President. Shortly after the meeting the ERNC sent out an October 5, 2016 letter regarding the MTA BRT Project on Colorado Boulevard with a copy to Mr. Hayward. It should be noted that both Mr. Greene, Ms. Kable Blanchard and her husband Michael Blanchard, another former President of the ERNC, were 3 of the 43 people who signed MTA FEIR Comment Letter 14 -the Beautiful Boulevard’s December 28, 2020 letter.

On **September 21, 2018**, Pat Niessen, another former ERNC Officer, emailed both former Councilmember Jose Huizar and Mr. Martinez about the Eagle Rock BRT. Mr. Niessen wrote to the ERNC Executive Board members that he was “a committed metro rider and advocate for mass transit support for our community” explaining that he copied Mr. Martinez because he is a local transit advocate. Mr. Niessen is another one of the 43 people, who signed the Beautiful Boulevard MTA FEIR Comment Letter 14.

E. LADOT Undermines Mayor Garcetti’s Express Recommendation for a Side-Running BRT Lane Alignment on Colorado Boulevard That Mr. Martinez Received on December 14, 2020.

Mr. Martinez's involvement/authorship of the LADOT's MTA FEIR Comment Letter 5 is evidenced from a **December 23, 2020** email message from Shirley Zamora, another LADOT employee, to Mr. Martinez regarding "NoHo to Pasadena BRT". She stated to him: "We were told you are the person putting together the letter with LADOT comments for Metro". On **December 28, 2020**, the LADOT sent its MTA BRT Project Draft Environmental Impact Report Comment Letter to the MTA: MTA FEIR Comment Letter 5.

1. LADOT's DEIR Comment Letter – MTA FEIR Comment Letter 5

Despite Mayor Garcetti's recommendation given to Mr. Martinez on December 14, 2020, the LADOT specifically took issue with the MTA's previously stated *preferred side-running BRT bus lane option*, which would not require creation of a MTA BRT bus only lane. Rather than support the MTA's preferred lane alignment option and Mayor Garcetti's recommended lane alignment option the LA DOT stated that a side-running BRT option would degrade the "travel experience for bicycle riders" under the City's Mobility Plan 2035. The LADOT presented: "A full exploration of the F1 configuration and any similar suggested configurations that may arise from the DEIR process should be evaluated prior to considering the removal or degrading of existing bike facilities and pedestrian infrastructure."

In contrast to the safety concerns for bicyclists the LADOT made absolutely no mention of how any center lane alignment plan on Colorado Boulevard would affect the safety of disabled persons, children and seniors. There was **no regard for how a mobility impaired passenger** would need to enter and exit a MTA BRT bus in the middle of the street at designated MTA BRT stations on the median. There was **no mention of how a center-running BRT bus lane option would effectively degrade the travel experience for disabled passengers, seniors and children.**

Mr. Martinez's involvement with the LADOT's failure to follow Mayor Garcetti's December 14, 2020 final recommendation also is made clear by his own MTA FEIR Comment Letter 315. Rather than follow Mayor Garcetti's recommendation that the BRT use the Side-Running F-2 Option on Colorado Boulevard Mr. Martinez wrote in favor of the center-running lane alignment option and promoted the Beautiful Boulevard plan. Based upon Mr. Martinez's terms used to describe the Beautiful Boulevard Plan in MTA FEIR Comment Letter 315 i.e., a "**context sensitive approach to BRT in Eagle Rock**" (and as also in **Page 5 of our attachment: The LADOT's Mobility Plan Evaluation Process Flow Chart**) and **two other MTA FEIR Comment Letters' use of context sensitive needs, context sensitive alignment, context sensitive project**, it appears that Mr. Martinez also may have authored or assisted in the preparation of MTA FEIR Comment Letter 14 for the 43 Beautiful Boulevard signatories as well as the MTA FEIR Comment Letter 19 for TERA.

MTA FEIR Comment Letters' Using the Term "Context Sensitive" and Mr. Martinez's Public Use of the Term "Context Sensitive"

Context-sensitive usually applies to meaning as it applies to a specific instance or situation. For example, in cooking a meal: Context sensitive cooking instructions would be different for a mobility impaired person as opposed to an able bodied person. In a review of the MTA FEIR 642 Pages of Comment Letters and Supporting Documentation it appears that in only 9 instances was the term on the LADOT's Project Outreach and Evaluation Process FlowChart for Mobility Plan 2035 used in comments on DEIR Comments from the public, i.e., MTA FEIR Comment Letters. In the MTA FEIR the author or speaker never explains what he/she/they mean when the term context-sensitive is used as an adjective.

Here are the only 9 instances using the term "**context sensitive**" in the MTA FEIR Comment Section:

Page 95, December 27, 2020 MTA FEIR Comment Letter 13 from 31 different organizations. Please see their cover page.

The community-generated "Beautiful Boulevard" Eagle Rock alignment concept provides a thoughtful, balanced, and **context-sensitive solution** to meeting a diverse set of concerns while prioritizing the goal of creating a quality transit service. We urge Metro to fully study this concept, and adopt its framework as Metro's proposed alignment for the Eagle Rock section of the North Hollywood-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit project

Pg 97, December 28, 2020 MTA FEIR Comment Letter 14 from 43 Beautiful Boulevard Supporters, including 15 former and current members of the ERNC or the ERNC Land Use and Planning Committee, 2 TERA Members as well as a City of Los Angeles City Planner : The "Beautiful Boulevard" proposal is a community-generated BRT alignment solution that would provide a **context-sensitive solution** that addresses the primary concerns that Eagle Rock residents have consistently communicated to Metro in its Alternatives Analysis and Environmental Impact Report outreach.

Page 100, Ibid, We urge Metro to adopt the Beautiful Boulevard's **context-sensitive solution**, which utilizes these same basic zones to maximize the quality of transit experience, safety, and support for a vibrant Downtown Eagle Rock, and mitigates issues that are unresolved in Metro's DEIR-proposed alternatives.

Page 122, TERA's 15 Page MTA FEIR Comment letter 19 to Mr. Hartwell Project Manager Los Angeles County Metro sent via email on December 28, 2020. Mr. Merideth's email message to Mr. Hartwell was not included with what we assume was an attachment: A 15 page letter, signed only by Greg Merideth President: "Understandably, a limited number of parking spaces may need to be repurposed near potential BRT stations. However, TERA will oppose any proposal to fully or substantially remove parking on either side of Colorado Boulevard and which ignores our community's **context-sensitive needs.**"

Page 124, Ibid, TERA urges Metro to abandon or fully rework the F1 alternative as the **context-sensitive "Beautiful Boulevard"** median-running alignment as an option to study to satisfy well-established community needs and priorities.

Page 129, Ibid, Metro should identify **attractive options and locations for bike parking that are context-sensitive**, consistent, and intuitive across the entire transit line. This includes giving consideration to the implementation of sheltered bike corrals that are safe, pleasant, and convenient to use.

Page 130, Ibid, Residents, parents, and business owners within Eagle Rock have developed a thoughtful and **context-sensitive project alignment concept** that presents a "win-win" solution to address primary concerns that residents and stakeholders have communicated to Metro and to TERA in our outreach.

Page 133, Ibid, We urge Metro to incorporate innovative design elements and **context-sensitive roadway layouts** to provide an improved, vibrant solution for Eagle Rock. Metro should incorporate innovative elements as described in the Beautiful Boulevard proposal, including expanded sidewalks, raised bike lanes, raised crosswalks, and traffic-calming elements on adjacent residential streets

Page 473, MTA FEIR Comment Letter 315: Severin Martinez's Comment Letter emailed on December 28, 2020 at 8:26:27 pm: I have concerns with both the F1 and F2 alternatives presented and would like Metro to add a new option or revise F1 in a manner that is more suitable to the Eagle Rock Community. I also support Metro studying the "Beautiful Boulevard" proposal that appears to provide a **context-sensitive approach to BRT in Eagle Rock.**

Page 566, Spoken Remarks by Severin Martinez at MTA Public Meeting November 12, 2020 : But I would like to see a more **context-sensitive design**, especially through Eagle Rock. And a design that supports walking, biking and transit and not pit these sustainable notes against each other.

F. The City's Non-Compliance With the City's Mobility Plan 2035 Community Outreach Requirements to Implement any Road Diet on Colorado Boulevard

A review of the Project Outreach and Evaluation Process FlowChart for Mobility Plan 2035 Implementation, discussed at that July 9, 2019 MTA/LADOT meeting establishes

that the City has not complied with its own notice and community outreach required for the MTA to approve the MTA BRT in Eagle Rock, a City neighborhood. The City has not developed its own “**context sensitive**” **engagement strategy for the BRT** on Colorado Boulevard in conjunction with what is clearly the MTA’s failed community outreach. No evidence exists that the City has properly engaged with the public as to street and curb impacts, which the MTA BRT will cause on Colorado Boulevard in violation of the requirements set forth in the City’s Mobility Plan 2035 Implementation.

The City was required to “(p)rovide a web portal to receive feedback” regarding any new street design. Despite having years to create such a portal the City has yet to do so. Even the LADOT recognized in its DEIR comment letter that the City Mobility Plan 2035 committed the City to publicly communicate "the consequences of any major proposed changes to the City's right-of-way that carries out the Plan's vision." Clearly, the City has not complied with its own required Project Outreach under the City’s Mobility Plan 2035 to construct MTA BRT lanes on City streets, including Colorado Boulevard.

As a LADOT Planner Mr. Martinez is well-aware that construction of BRT lanes on Colorado Boulevard must comply with City’s Mobility Plan 2035’s requirements, including compliance with the City’s own attached Evaluation Process FlowChart for Implementation, including proper notice to property owners within a specific area of the proposed construction along Colorado Boulevard. The City has not engaged in any process for any MTA BRT on Colorado Boulevard. The MTA provided no facts to the MTA Planning Committee before or on April 20, 2022 that the City has complied with its own notice obligations to certain Eagle Rock property owners and the Eagle Rock community. The MTA also has provided no facts to demonstrate that the City has performed its community outreach required for the MTA to approve the BRT in Eagle Rock, a City neighborhood.

G.City Mobility Plan 2035’s Failed Outreach to the City’s Disabled Community Even Before City Council Approval

The LADOT now advocates and puts into place via LADOT's new policies that the MTA work in conjunction with the City to fully implement the Mobility Plan 2035 on Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock. On March 4, 2022 Kerrin Tso, a Save Eagle Rock Community supporter, wrote Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember De Leon with copies to City Controller Galperin; Stephen Simon, Executive Director of the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability and Myrna Cabanban, President of the City of Los Angeles Commission on Disability. Ms. Tso stated: “As political leaders of Los Angeles

you should be appalled at both the MTA's and the City of Los Angeles' lack of community outreach to Eagle Rock stakeholder petitioners and the disabled community regarding the MTA's BRT plans for Colorado Boulevard.”

She attached the City Controller's November 17, 2021 letter to both Mayor Garcetti and Councilperson De Leon as well as to their legal counsel, City Attorney Mike Feuer, pointing out: “Controller Galperin advised you that the City needs to repair its ‘Broken Sidewalk Strategy’. The City primarily administers sidewalk repairs through its compliance with the ‘Willits’ settlement, an agreement that ended a class action lawsuit initiated by disability rights advocates alleging poor sidewalk conditions across Los Angeles. Finalized in 2016, the settlement required the City to spend \$1.37 billion over 30 years to address broken sidewalks, inaccessible curb ramps and other access barriers in the pedestrian public right of way.”

The City has a potential legal problem with its failed community outreach as it relates to not only the MTA's BRT Project in Eagle Rock but also the City's Mobility Plan 2035 itself. As Controller Galperin explained: “The Public Works Department's Bureau of Engineering (LABOE) leads the City's sidewalk repair efforts, including its compliance with the Willits settlement.” Was the LABOE or the City Department on Disabilities (LADOD) included in the City's review of the MTA BRT Project?

If the LADOT failed to include its sister City department the LADOD in the review of either the MTA's BRT Project in Eagle Rock or the City's Mobility Plan 2035 one can only assume that the City and Council District 14 failed to comply with its community outreach responsibilities to the residents of Eagle Rock as required in the City's Mobility Plan. Both Mayor Garcetti and Councilperson De Leon have had all of the petitions, described in Save Eagle Rock Community's March 1, 2022 letter, previously sent to all of you. Over a year ago Sarah Flaherty, who is Councilperson De Leon's deputy responsible for Eagle Rock community issues, requested and has custody of all of those same Eagle Rock Stakeholder petitions.

Apparently, the LADOD was not included in the "task force" before the City Council adopted Mobility Plan 2035 even though the MTA was on the "task force". The only reference to any disability group in the acknowledgements of the Mobility Plan 2035 is "Disabled Access Commission". The MTA and several bicycle rights' groups were included in the Acknowledgement and Task Force before the Mobility Plan 2035 was approved by the City Planning Commission on June 23, 2016, and adopted by the Council on September 7, 2016. The Mobility Plan 2035 Plan describes over a hundred

different "programs". Many of the programs address bicyclists' rights. Only one of the hundreds of Mobility Plan 2035 Programs focus on the rights of children, disabled persons and seniors.

The City's Mobility Plan 2035 provides a scant reference to the ADA at Page 84. That single page states: "3.2 People with Disabilities: Accommodate the needs of people with disabilities when modifying or installing infrastructure in the public right of way. Seemingly minor modifications such as adding curb cuts and audible signals at intersections, providing an occasional bench to rest, and ensuring that pathways are free of obstacles, can do much to increase the comfort and safety of all pedestrians, particularly those with disabilities."

In that entire 150 + page City Mobility Plan 2035 that's it for addressing disabled persons. Controller Galperin's report reminded Mayor Garcetti of the huge monetary costs, incurred by the City to settle the "Willits" class action. Once again the City has failed to consider the rights of disabled persons.

H. The MTA Abdicated its Responsibility to Develop Options for Colorado Boulevard to an Advocacy Group Known as The Eagle Rock Association (TERA).

TERA is a private advocacy group created in the mid-1980's - long before the City established local government neighborhood councils subject to The Brown Act, requiring public notice and input, as well as local Los Angeles neighborhood council land use and planning committees also subject to The Brown Act. TERA maintains no publicly accessible minutes; it has no documents in its "archives", and it posts no minutes. Mr. Martinez is one of TERA's "Board of Directors".

TERA Board officers are not subject to compliance with any public conflicts of interest requirements before taking any action on public projects. Greg Merideth, TERA Board President, is a City of Los Angeles manager skilled in contract administration with extensive experience handling City of Los Angeles Planning Department issues. TERA publicly describes Mr. Merideth's "insight into land use and entitlement issues". The public will not know if Mr. Martinez assisted Mr. Merideth with TERA's MTA FEIR Comment Letter 19 because TERA is not subject to the Public Records Act. Luis Lopez, another TERA Board officer, served as "President of the Los Angeles East Area Planning Commission", including Eagle Rock for 6 years. Mr. Merideth is the only

signatory for TERA's letter, and Mr. Lopez is another 1 of 43 signatories of the Beautiful Boulevard's MTA FEIR Comment Letter 14.

Michael MacDonald, a third TERA Board officer, is a "licensed architect", who published a February 24, 2017 article entitled "L.A. has seen too much talk and not enough action from Mayor Eric Garcetti on making our streets safer". In that article Mr. MacDonald supported his published statements with data from "Bike the Vote" member Severin Martinez.

According to an October 12, 2020 ERNC letter to Councilmember De Leon the ERNC described "an option that fully implements the Mobility Plan and which is substantially similar to the 'Option C' street section included in TERA's August 19, 2020 letter as part of their on-going DEIR." That Option C, described in that ERNC letter, included a diagram of TERA's Center Running BRT Option C (TERA's Option C Plan). TERA's Option C Plan is an exact copy of the Beautiful Boulevard Plan as presented and recommended by MTA BRT Project Manager Scott Hartwell at the April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Committee meeting.

H. MTA's April 20, 2022 Planning Committee Meeting

Before the MTA Planning Committee's meeting occurred, all of you were informed that Kerrin Tso, who signed Save Eagle Rock Community's MTA FEIR Comment Letter 194, individually and on our behalf received late public Notice, including the April 20, 2022 Meeting Agenda, from the MTA regarding the April 20, 2022, 10:30 am MTA Planning Committee Meeting. Save Eagle Rock Community also received late notice on April 18, 2022 at 1:29 pm. Additionally, Save Eagle Rock Community has been informed that Friends of Hill Drive did not receive ANY NOTICE from the MTA about the April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Committee Action. By way of background, on October 22, 2021, Friends of Hill Drive sent each of you and Councilperson Kevin De Leon *every single Eagle Rock "stakeholder" petition - totaling 1534 petitions! Each of the petitioners requested that the MTA study and choose the third option to drive the MTA BRT in the current mixed flow lanes on Colorado Boulevard. The **Subject** of Friends of Hill Drive's October 22, 2021 7:54 am message: **1534 Petitions from real stakeholders of Eagle Rock -1534 EAGLE ROCK RESIDENTS, BUSINESS OWNERS, AND STAKEHOLDERS.***

At its April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Committee meeting the MTA Planning Committee took action to approve Agenda Item 8. SUBJECT: NORTH HOLLYWOOD TO

PASADENA BUS RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. *MTA Planning Committee Chair Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Glendale Mayor Ara Najarian and Inglewood Mayor James Butts* **approved** the NORTH HOLLYWOOD TO PASADENA BUS RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT (Project); they **certified** in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and they adopted in accordance with CEQA, the 1. Findings of Fact, and 2. Mitigation Monitoring and authorized the Chief Executive Officer to file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the State of California Clearinghouse.

Neither Supervisor Hilda Solis, who is a key stakeholder in the Project, nor Supervisor Kathryn Barger attended the "Watch online or Listen by phone" April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Committee.

1 Meaningful Public Comment did not occur at the April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Committee.

The MTA is required to conduct its business openly and to provide an opportunity for meaningful public comment. At the April 20, 2022, MTA Planning Committee Meeting Chair Dupont-Walker allotted only 15 minutes for public comment with a 1 minute limitation for each speaker to provide his/her comment on this \$267 million MTA Project.

Only 14 people spoke, including 9 MTA-selected Beautiful Boulevard supporters. Burbank Mayor was selected first to speak. The next 4 MTA-selected speakers were 4 signatories of the Beautiful Boulevard's December 28, 2020 MTA Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) Comment Letter, i.e., MTA FEIR Comment Letter 14:

John Kerr, Eagle Rock Land Use and Planning Committee Member;

Natalie Freidberg, Co-Chair of the Eagle Rock Land Use and Planning Committee and Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council Member;

Michael MacDonald, Licensed Architect in Eagle Rock and The Eagle Rock Association (TERA) Treasurer; and

Michael Sweeney, Licensed Architect, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council Land Use and Planning Co-Chair, Beautiful Boulevard Steering Committee Member and Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council Member

An additional 5 Beautiful Boulevard supporters were selected by the MTA to speak during public comment: "Ryan" who is most likely Ryan Johnson, another signatory supporting Beautiful Boulevard MTA FEIR Comment Letter 14; Jane Demian, a former Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council member; John Angeles, a Highland Park resident; John Woo and Hillary Norton.

Mona Fields, who allegedly signed MTA FEIR Comment Letter 13, also spoke, but at the meeting she spoke against the Beautiful Boulevard plan. MTA FEIR Comment Letter 13 supported the Beautiful Boulevard, and was signed “collectively” by 31 different organizations, including Streets of All, Move LA, and the LA County Bicycle Coalition. Ms. Norton, another signatory of MTA FEIR Comment 13 is the Executive Director of FASTLink DTLA, but made no mention of that fact in her comment.

Save Eagle Rock Community has been informed that an Eagle Rock resident was unable to make a public comment during the April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Committee Meeting. She described public comment as being “only a 15 minute window for public comment on Agenda Item #8 Noho to Pas BRT Corridor Project. Although I raised my hand, there were only 14 people who were able to make their comments. Those who were not able to make a comment were instructed to wait at the end of the meeting to make a general comment or make a comment at the next meeting on April 28, 2022. When I waited at the end of the meeting to make my comment, there was about a 4 second window to raise my hand to make a comment. By the time I raised my hand the meeting was adjourned. It felt rushed and the MTA Planning Committee members did not wait to see if any hand raised was raised.”

Only this week did MTA Community Relations Manager Tito Corona inform Save Eagle Rock Community that the MTA did not provide Notice of the April 20, 2022 MTA's Planning Committee to all of the Eagle Rock petitioners, who signed petitions that were sent to the MTA on August 14, 2019 and on October 21, 2021 . These petitioners include the members of four churches within proximity of the proposed impacted Colorado Boulevard.

Our petitions reflect who Save Eagle Rock Community represents -just by looking at our many diverse Spanish, Asian, non-Spanish, non-Asian last names. On July 15, 2019, MTA's Senior Director of Marketing Strategy, Digital and Advertising, John Gordon tweeted that "perhaps" he and his followers should make a "carrot mob.org" visit to Sue Keh Bennett's small minority –owned and woman-owned business on Colorado Boulevard just east of Eagle Rock Boulevard after she tweeted her opposition to the MTA BRT on Colorado Boulevard. Mr. Gordon (@j6gordon) has over 1283 followers on his twitter account, and he is followed by the LA County Bicycle Coalition.

Ms. Bennett has since closed her small sandwich shop. She was terrified. Less than a month ago, Mr. Gordon tweeted: “You’ve created the blueprint for the future community-led efforts. #Beautiful Boulevard here we come!” This MTA Executive’s tweets are exactly why we request that as governmental leaders you support our unified position against the Beautiful Boulevard Plan. We are not against the MTA BRT, but we oppose the lane-alignment recommended by MTA Project Manager Scott Hartwell that he

described at the April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Committee as being “The Beautiful Boulevard Plan”.

On May 26, 2021 and October 22, 2021, our unified voices stated individually that we represent that we live, work or own real property in Eagle Rock or we are members of a church in Eagle Rock, including four MTA BRT Project impacted churches: Christian Assembly Church on Colorado Boulevard; St. Dominic’s Catholic Church on Merton Avenue one block south of Colorado Boulevard; The Los Angeles Filipino-American United Church of Christ on Colorado Boulevard and the Eagle Rock Baptist Church on Colorado Boulevard. We opposed the MTA’s plan to reduce regular traffic to one lane in each direction. We support maintaining medians on Colorado Boulevard, parking spaces and TWO LANES of regular traffic on Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock. We demanded a demonstration traffic study project: MTA ignored our demand.

J. MTA Planning Committee’s and MTA Board’s Failure to Comply With Brown Act Teleconferencing Requirements

The MTA Planning Committee failed to comply with Government Code Section 54953(e)(4). On April 20, 2022, the MTA and Los Angeles County were not following any state of emergency. Most importantly, on April 20, 2022, the MTA did not have in effect any face mask requirement for any person on any and all MTA bus and rail lines operating in Los Angeles County. Given that fact, no state of emergency circumstances existed on April 20, 2022. Meeting in person would not have presented any imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Furthermore, the April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Agenda failed to include any proof that the MTA Planning Committee was in compliance with Government Code section 54953(e)(4): The MTA Planning Committee’s required Government Code section 54953(e)(4) Verification. Similarly, the MTA is not in compliance because it too has not complied with Government Code section 54953(e)(4). Your MTA Board April 28, 2022 meeting should not occur.

READ OUR SIGNATURES AS FOLLOWS:

SUPPORT THE EAGLE ROCK COMMUNITY

Save Eagle Rock Community is a coalition of diverse Eagle Rock residents and business owners who signed over 3000 petitions presented to the MTA with one voice: **DO NOT REDUCE A LANE OF TRAFFIC IN EACH DIRECTION ON COLORADO BOULEVARD** for a MTA BRT BUS LANE. Over 3000 Eagle Rock Stakeholder Petitions, were sent to the MTA Board on August 14, 2019, May 26, 2021 and October 22, 2021, voicing that same position, without a single retraction.

For years the MTA and MTA Community Outreach have long ignored our joint position expressed to the MTA as set forth in the each of those Eagle Rock Stakeholder Petitions. Evidence also demonstrates that on December 14, 2020, **Mayor Garcetti's Office shared many of our same concerns** about a Center Running BRT Lane Alignment Option for Colorado Boulevard: MTA Project Manager Scott Hartwell's Described Beautiful Boulevard Project, which was not recommended by Mayor Garcetti. As of December 14, 2020 it was **Mayor Garcetti's final recommendation to LA DOT Planner Severin Martinez : "Based on engagement with community stakeholders and in-field investigation, the on-street side-running NoHo to Pasadena BRT alignment within Eagle Rock is recommended."**

Support our unified position by voting against the MTA Project Managers' recommendation and the MTA Planning Committee's approval of the Beautiful Boulevard, a so-called context sensitive proposal. It is not context sensitive to us.

Respectfully,

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Dear Mayor Garcetti, Supervisor Solis and all other Honorable MTA Board Members:

Save Eagle Rock Community urges all of you, especially Mayor Garcetti and Supervisor Solis, not to follow and approve any of the MTA Planning and Programming Committee (MTA Planning Committee) Recommendations (3-0) described in the April 28, 2022 MTA Board Meeting Agenda Item 8, Subject: North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Project Environmental Impact Report (MTA BRT Project). This Board's

approval would result in both the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the City of Los Angeles (City) wrongfully supporting the suspicious actions of Severin Martinez and his long standing quest to implement an unnecessary road diet on Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock. Mr. Martinez is a City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) employee, a Board Officer of an advocacy group known as The Eagle Rock Association, a vocal City of Los Angeles (City) bicycle advocate for Bike The Vote and an author of a 2016 analysis of "Safety on Road Diet Corridors in Los Angeles" targeting Colorado Boulevard.

Mr. Martinez was and has been a prolific road diet bicyclist blogger. Based upon his public statements, Mr. Martinez was born in Malmo, Sweden, and he wants to be able to bicycle in the City - just like he did in Sweden. He has been and is clear in his many public blogs that his goal is to put Eagle Rock on a road diet. In 2017, Mr. Martinez actively promoted the City candidacy of Joe Bray Ali, another bicycle advocate, even after Mr. Ali's racist comments against Mexican Americans were revealed.

A. Mayor Garcetti's December 14, 2020 Recommendation for a Colorado Boulevard "On-Street Side-Running NoHo to Pasadena BRT Alignment"

On December 14, 2020, Mayor Garcetti's Office sent Mr. Martinez an overview of the MTA BRT Project because he was somehow selected to be the author of the City's draft environmental impact report (DEIR) Comment Letter for the MTA BRT Project. This decision was in accordance with the Mayor's decision that "key City agencies coordinate a single request with precise mitigation measures" regarding "impacted City streets/public rights-of way". It does not appear that the LADOT did a coordinated City department response when the LADOT sent its DEIR Comment Letter, MTA FEIR Comment Letter 5 on December 28, 2020.

To prepare a coordinated City department DEIR MTA BRT Comment Letter the Mayor's Office described the background of the MTA BRT Project in a four page memo to Mr. Martinez (Garcetti Memo) with facts and details supporting **Mayor Garcetti's final recommendation: "Based on engagement with community stakeholders and in-field investigation, the on-street side-running NoHo to Pasadena BRT alignment within Eagle Rock is recommended."** (Emphasis added.) The Garcetti Memo explained the reason for the Mayor's Side-Running BRT lane alignment on Colorado Boulevard recommendation to Mr. Martinez as follows: "An on-street side-running BRT would streamline project delivery *by avoiding lengthy inter-agency review and approvals* and would establish dedicated bus lanes while retaining bus lanes to improve local and

regional connectivity for transit users, and is anticipated to attract the greatest number of new riders due to its convenience and quality user experience, having the highest likelihood of achieving the greatest VMT reductions”.

Describing a MTA option for a "1.7 mile side-running BRT" on Colorado Boulevard the Garcetti Memo stated "buffered bike lanes" would be eliminated but bike riders would be able to use bus lanes, and this side-running BRT proposal required "BRT buses and cars to share a lane to allow for right-turning movements". The side-running BRT option preserved "on-street parking, all 4 travel lanes, and medians".

B. The MTA Elected Officials March 9, 2020 Tour of Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock

With MTA BRT Project Managers Cory Zelmer and Scott Hartwell

The Garcetti Memo also informed Mr. Martinez that an "Elected Officials In-Field Staff Tour" occurred on March 9, 2020. On that date "following more thorough technical analysis," MTA Countywide Planning staff Cory Zelmer (zelmerc@metro.net) and Scott Hartwell (hartwells@metro.net) and MTA Community Relations staff Lilian De Loza-Gutierrez (delozagutierrezl@metro.net) hosted an on-site proposed project tour exclusively for staff of elected officials representing the community, including LA Mayor Garcetti (Karina Macias), then CD 14 Councilmember Huizar, (Lucy Aparicio, lucy.aparicio@lacity.org), and LA County Supervisor Solis (Martin Reyes, mreyes@bos.lacounty.gov).

According to the Garcetti Memo "During the locally-focused 3/9 tour, Metro staff presented the following anticipated operational changes on streets within the primary proposed BRT alignment and route options.... *the potential 1.7 mile center running BRT on Colorado Boulevard impacted some of the City's planned curb extensions and medians, eliminated left turns at 15 unsignalized intersections and required that medians be narrowed or removed/be less contiguous; -40% reduced on-street parking spaces.*" Additionally, the Garcetti Memo noted, "*For center-running segments of the BRT, Metro staff do not recommend allowing non-BRT Metro/municipally operated buses to use bus lanes*". (Italics added.)

C. MTA BRT Project Manager Zelmer's July 9, 2019 MTA/LADOT Transportation Planning and Policy Meeting With Mr. Martinez and Three Other LADOT Planners Edward Guerrero, David Somers and Tomas Carranza

It is not known if Mr. Martinez informed Mayor Garcetti's Office (on December 14, 2020 or ever) that he previously met with MTA BRT Project Manager Zelmer on July 9, 2019, with four other LADOT Planners. They met with Mr. Zelmer and another MTA BRT Project Manager Sarah Syed (also in the MTA's Technical Working Group) to discuss the MTA BRT Project's Planning and Environmental Study. The July 9, 2019 MTA/LADOT meeting was a closed technical staff meeting to specifically discuss the MTA BRT Project. At that meeting the LADOT Planners stressed that "Conformity of the City's Mobility Plan is important". The City's "new policies and procedures" (which incidentally City Mobility Plan 2035 Task Force Member MTA helped create) were to be fully implemented on Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock.

1. MTA Staff's and LADOT's July 9, 2019 Goal to Make Colorado Boulevard the First MTA Project (Impacting City Streets and Curbs) to Follow the City's Updated Transportation Assessment Guidelines

According to the attached July 9, 2019 MTA/LADOT Meeting Notes: "As there are no projects that have yet stepped through the process, it looks like the two Metro BRT Projects – NSFV BRT and NoHo to Pasadena BRT will be the first projects to follow the City's updated Assessment Guidelines....The recent City's Settlement Agreement is primarily regarding how the City can implement road diets/complete streets. City provided attached summary of the Project Evaluation Process Flow Chart resulting from the Settlement Agreement": A Project Outreach and Evaluation Process FlowChart for Mobility Plan 2035 Implementation.

D. Mr. Martinez's Long Involvement to Reach His Personal Goal: A MTA BRT on Colorado Boulevard- An Unnecessary Road Diet

It is possible that the Mayor Garcetti's Office did not know of Mr. Martinez's passionate desire to construct a MTA BRT on Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock. However, City Council District 14 (CD 14) Former Councilperson Jose Huizar did, and the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) certainly did. Mr. Huizar's former deputies Sean Starkey and Nate Hayward, who managed all capital projects across CD 14 (previously for Mr.

Huizar and now for Councilperson Kevin De Leon) knew about Mr. Martinez's active involvement in promoting a MTA BRT on Colorado Boulevard since at least 2016.

Save Eagle Rock Community's August 14, 2019 letter to each of you described Mr. Martinez's attendance at a **September 1, 2016** meeting, organized by Mr. Starkey to discuss the MTA BRT on Colorado Boulevard with David Greene, the then ERNC Land Use and Planning Chair and Lisa Kable Blanchard, the then ERNC President. Shortly after the meeting the ERNC sent out an October 5, 2016 letter regarding the MTA BRT Project on Colorado Boulevard with a copy to Mr. Hayward. It should be noted that both Mr. Greene, Ms. Kable Blanchard and her husband Michael Blanchard, another former President of the ERNC, were 3 of the 43 people who signed MTA FEIR Comment Letter 14 -the Beautiful Boulevard's December 28, 2020 letter.

On **September 21, 2018**, Pat Niessen, another former ERNC Officer, emailed both former Councilmember Jose Huizar and Mr. Martinez about the Eagle Rock BRT. Mr. Niessen wrote to the ERNC Executive Board members that he was "a committed metro rider and advocate for mass transit support for our community" explaining that he copied Mr. Martinez because he is a local transit advocate. Mr. Niessen is another one of the 43 people, who signed the Beautiful Boulevard MTA FEIR Comment Letter 14.

E. LADOT Undermines Mayor Garcetti's Express Recommendation for a Side-Running BRT Lane Alignment on Colorado Boulevard That Mr. Martinez Received on December 14, 2020.

Mr. Martinez's involvement/authorship of the LADOT's MTA FEIR Comment Letter 5 is evidenced from a **December 23, 2020** email message from Shirley Zamora, another LADOT employee, to Mr. Martinez regarding "NoHo to Pasadena BRT". She stated to him: "We were told you are the person putting together the letter with LADOT comments for Metro". On **December 28, 2020**, the LADOT sent its MTA BRT Project Draft Environmental Impact Report Comment Letter to the MTA: MTA FEIR Comment Letter 5.

1. LADOT's DEIR Comment Letter – MTA FEIR Comment Letter 5

Despite Mayor Garcetti's recommendation given to Mr. Martinez on December 14, 2020, the LADOT specifically took issue with the MTA's previously stated *preferred side-running BRT bus lane option*, which would not require creation of a MTA BRT bus only lane. Rather than support the MTA's preferred lane alignment option and Mayor

Garcetti's recommended lane alignment option the LA DOT stated that a side-running BRT option would degrade the "travel experience for bicycle riders" under the City's Mobility Plan 2035. The LADOT presented: "A full exploration of the F1 configuration and any similar suggested configurations that may arise from the DEIR process should be evaluated prior to considering the removal or degrading of existing bike facilities and pedestrian infrastructure."

In contrast to the safety concerns for bicyclists the LADOT made absolutely no mention of how any center lane alignment plan on Colorado Boulevard would affect the safety of disabled persons, children and seniors. There was **no regard for how a mobility impaired passenger** would need to enter and exit a MTA BRT bus in the middle of the street at designated MTA BRT stations on the median. There was **no mention of how a center-running BRT bus lane option would effectively degrade the travel experience for disabled passengers, seniors and children.**

Mr. Martinez's involvement with the LADOT's failure to follow Mayor Garcetti's December 14, 2020 final recommendation also is made clear by his own MTA FEIR Comment Letter 315. Rather than follow Mayor Garcetti's recommendation that the BRT use the Side-Running F-2 Option on Colorado Boulevard Mr. Martinez wrote in favor of the center-running lane alignment option and promoted the Beautiful Boulevard plan. Based upon Mr. Martinez's terms used to describe the Beautiful Boulevard Plan in MTA FEIR Comment Letter 315 i.e., a "**context sensitive approach to BRT in Eagle Rock**" (and as also in Page 5 of our attachment: The LADOT's Mobility Plan Evaluation Process Flow Chart) and two other MTA FEIR Comment Letters' use of **context sensitive needs, context sensitive alignment, context sensitive project**, it appears that Mr. Martinez also may have authored or assisted in the preparation of MTA FEIR Comment Letter 14 for the 43 Beautiful Boulevard signatories as well as the MTA FEIR Comment Letter 19 for TERA.

MTA FEIR Comment Letters' Using the Term "Context Sensitive" and Mr. Martinez's Public Use of the Term "Context Sensitive"

Context-sensitive usually applies to meaning as it applies to a specific instance or situation. For example, in cooking a meal: Context sensitive cooking instructions would be different for a mobility impaired person as opposed to an able bodied person. In a review of the MTA FEIR 642 Pages of Comment Letters and Supporting Documentation it appears that in only 9 instances was the term on the LADOT's Project Outreach and Evaluation Process FlowChart for MTA Mobility Plan 2035 used in comments on DEIR

Comments from the public, i.e., MTA FEIR Comment Letters. In the MTA FEIR the author or speaker never explains what he/she/they mean when the term context-sensitive is used as an adjective.

Here are the only 9 instances using the term “**context sensitive**” in the MTA FEIR Comment Section:

Page 95, December 27, 2020 MTA FEIR Comment Letter 13 from 31 different organizations. Please see their cover page.

The community-generated “Beautiful Boulevard” Eagle Rock alignment concept provides a thoughtful, balanced, and **context-sensitive solution** to meeting a diverse set of concerns while prioritizing the goal of creating a quality transit service. We urge Metro to fully study this concept, and adopt its framework as Metro’s proposed alignment for the Eagle Rock section of the North Hollywood-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit project

Pg 97, December 28, 2020 MTA FEIR Comment Letter 14 from 43 Beautiful Boulevard Supporters, including 15 former and current members of the ERNC or the ERNC Land Use and Planning Committee, 2 TERA Members as well as a City of Los Angeles City Planner : The “Beautiful Boulevard” proposal is a community-generated BRT alignment solution that would provide a **context-sensitive solution** that addresses the primary concerns that Eagle Rock residents have consistently communicated to Metro in its Alternatives Analysis and Environmental Impact Report outreach.

Page 100, Ibid, We urge Metro to adopt the Beautiful Boulevard’s **context-sensitive solution**, which utilizes these same basic zones to maximize the quality of transit experience, safety, and support for a vibrant Downtown Eagle Rock, and mitigates issues that are unresolved in Metro’s DEIR-proposed alternatives.

Page 122, TERA’s 15 Page MTA FEIR Comment letter 19 to Mr. Hartwell Project Manager Los Angeles County Metro sent via email on December 28, 2020. Mr. Merideth’s email message to Mr. Hartwell was not included with what we assume was an attachment: A 15 page letter, signed only by Greg Merideth President: “Understandably, a limited number of parking spaces may need to be repurposed near potential BRT stations. However, TERA will oppose any proposal to fully or substantially remove parking on either side of Colorado Boulevard and which ignores our community’s **context-sensitive needs.**”

Page 124, Ibid, TERA urges Metro to abandon or fully rework the F1 alternative as the **context-sensitive “Beautiful Boulevard”** median-running alignment as an option to study to satisfy well-established community needs and priorities.

Page 129, Ibid, Metro should identify **attractive options and locations for bike parking that are context-sensitive**, consistent, and intuitive across the entire transit line. This includes giving consideration to the implementation of sheltered bike corrals that are safe, pleasant, and convenient to use.

Page 130, Ibid, Residents, parents, and business owners within Eagle Rock have developed a thoughtful and **context-sensitive project alignment concept** that presents a “win-win” solution to address primary concerns that residents and stakeholders have communicated to Metro and to TERA in our outreach.

Page 133, Ibid, We urge Metro to incorporate innovative design elements and **context-sensitive roadway layouts** to provide an improved, vibrant solution for Eagle Rock. Metro should incorporate innovative elements as described in the Beautiful Boulevard proposal, including expanded sidewalks, raised bike lanes, raised crosswalks, and traffic-calming elements on adjacent residential streets

Page 473, MTA FEIR Comment Letter 315: Severin Martinez’s Comment Letter emailed on December 28, 2020 at 8:26:27 pm: I have concerns with both the F1 and F2 alternatives presented and would like Metro to add a new option or revise F1 in a manner that is more suitable to the Eagle Rock Community. I also support Metro studying the “Beautiful Boulevard” proposal that appears to provide a **context-sensitive approach to BRT in Eagle Rock**.

Page 566, Spoken Remarks by Severin Martinez at MTA Public Meeting November 12, 2020 : But I would like to see a more **context-sensitive design**, especially through Eagle Rock. And a design that supports walking, biking and transit and not pit these sustainable notes against each other.

F. The City’s Non-Compliance With the City’s Mobility Plan 2035 Community Outreach Requirements to Implement any Road Diet on Colorado Boulevard

A review of the Project Outreach and Evaluation Process FlowChart for Mobility Plan 2035 Implementation, discussed at that July 9, 2019 MTA/LADOT meeting establishes that the City has not complied with its own notice and community outreach required for the MTA to approve the MTA BRT in Eagle Rock, a City neighborhood. The City has not developed its own “**context sensitive**” **engagement strategy for the BRT** on Colorado Boulevard in conjunction with what is clearly the MTA’s failed community outreach. No evidence exists that the City has properly engaged with the public as to street and curb impacts, which the MTA BRT will cause on Colorado Boulevard in violation of the requirements set forth in the City’s Mobility Plan 2035 Implementation.

The City was required to “(p)rovide a web portal to receive feedback” regarding any new street design. Despite having years to create such a portal the City has yet to do so. Even the LADOT recognized in its DEIR comment letter that the City Mobility Plan 2035

committed the City to publicly communicate "the consequences of any major proposed changes to the City's right-of-way that carries out the Plan's vision." Clearly, the City has not complied with its own required Project Outreach under the City's Mobility Plan 2035 to construct MTA BRT lanes on City streets, including Colorado Boulevard.

As a LADOT Planner Mr. Martinez is well-aware that construction of BRT lanes on Colorado Boulevard must comply with City's Mobility Plan 2035's requirements, including compliance with the City's own attached Evaluation Process FlowChart for Implementation, including proper notice to property owners within a specific area of the proposed construction along Colorado Boulevard. The City has not engaged in any process for any MTA BRT on Colorado Boulevard. The MTA provided no facts to the MTA Planning Committee before or on April 20, 2022 that the City has complied with its own notice obligations to certain Eagle Rock property owners and the Eagle Rock community. The MTA also has provided no facts to demonstrate that the City has performed its community outreach required for the MTA to approve the BRT in Eagle Rock, a City neighborhood.

G.City Mobility Plan 2035's Failed Outreach to the City's Disabled Community Even Before City Council Approval

The LADOT now advocates and puts into place via LADOT's new policies that the MTA work in conjunction with the City to fully implement the Mobility Plan 2035 on Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock. On March 4, 2022 Kerrin Tso, a Save Eagle Rock Community supporter, wrote Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember De Leon with copies to City Controller Galperin; Stephen Simon, Executive Director of the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability and Myrna Cabanban, President of the City of Los Angeles Commission on Disability. Ms. Tso stated: "As political leaders of Los Angeles you should be appalled at both the MTA's and the City of Los Angeles' lack of community outreach to Eagle Rock stakeholder petitioners and the disabled community regarding the MTA's BRT plans for Colorado Boulevard."

She attached the City Controller's November 17, 2021 letter to both Mayor Garcetti and Councilperson De Leon as well as to their legal counsel, City Attorney Mike Feuer, pointing out: "Controller Galperin advised you that the City needs to repair its 'Broken Sidewalk Strategy'. The City primarily administers sidewalk repairs through its compliance with the 'Willits' settlement, an agreement that ended a class action lawsuit initiated by disability rights advocates alleging poor sidewalk conditions across Los Angeles. Finalized in 2016, the settlement required the City to spend \$1.37 billion over

30 years to address broken sidewalks, inaccessible curb ramps and other access barriers in the pedestrian public right of way.”

The City has a potential legal problem with its failed community outreach as it relates to not only the MTA's BRT Project in Eagle Rock but also the City's Mobility Plan 2035 itself. As Controller Galperin explained: “The Public Works Department's Bureau of Engineering (LABOE) leads the City's sidewalk repair efforts, including its compliance with the Willits settlement.” Was the LABOE or the City Department on Disabilities (LADOD) included in the City's review of the MTA BRT Project?

If the LADOT failed to include its sister City department the LADOD in the review of either the MTA's BRT Project in Eagle Rock or the City's Mobility Plan 2035 one can only assume that the City and Council District 14 failed to comply with its community outreach responsibilities to the residents of Eagle Rock as required in the City's Mobility Plan. Both Mayor Garcetti and Councilperson De Leon have had all of the petitions, described in Save Eagle Rock Community's March 1, 2022 letter, previously sent to all of you. Over a year ago Sarah Flaherty, who is Councilperson De Leon's deputy responsible for Eagle Rock community issues, requested and has custody of all of those same Eagle Rock Stakeholder petitions.

Apparently, the LADOD was not included in the "task force" before the City Council adopted Mobility Plan 2035 even though the MTA was on the "task force". The only reference to any disability group in the acknowledgements of the Mobility Plan 2035 is "Disabled Access Commission". The MTA and several bicycle rights' groups were included in the Acknowledgement and Task Force before the Mobility Plan 2035 was approved by the City Planning Commission on June 23, 2016, and adopted by the Council on September 7, 2016. The Mobility Plan 2035 Plan describes over a hundred different "programs". Many of the programs address bicyclists' rights. Only one of the hundreds of Mobility Plan 2035 Programs focus on the rights of children, disabled persons and seniors.

The City's Mobility Plan 2035 provides a scant reference to the ADA at Page 84. That single page states: "3.2 People with Disabilities: Accommodate the needs of people with disabilities when modifying or installing infrastructure in the public right of way. Seemingly minor modifications such as adding curb cuts and audible signals at intersections, providing an occasional bench to rest, and ensuring that pathways are free of obstacles, can do much to increase the comfort and safety of all pedestrians, particularly those with disabilities."

In that entire 150 + page City Mobility Plan 2035 that's it for addressing disabled persons. Controller Galperin's report reminded Mayor Garcetti of the huge monetary costs, incurred by the City to settle the "Willits" class action. Once again the City has failed to consider the rights of disabled persons.

H. The MTA Abdicated its Responsibility to Develop Options for Colorado Boulevard to an Advocacy Group Known as The Eagle Rock Association (TERA).

TERA is a private advocacy group created in the mid-1980's - long before the City established local government neighborhood councils subject to The Brown Act, requiring public notice and input, as well as local Los Angeles neighborhood council land use and planning committees also subject to The Brown Act. TERA maintains no publicly accessible minutes; it has no documents in its "archives", and it posts no minutes. Mr. Martinez is one of TERA's "Board of Directors".

TERA Board officers are not subject to compliance with any public conflicts of interest requirements before taking any action on public projects. Greg Merideth, TERA Board President, is a City of Los Angeles manager skilled in contract administration with extensive experience handling City of Los Angeles Planning Department issues. TERA publicly describes Mr. Merideth's "insight into land use and entitlement issues". The public will not know if Mr. Martinez assisted Mr. Merideth with TERA's MTA FEIR Comment Letter 19 because TERA is not subject to the Public Records Act. Luis Lopez, another TERA Board officer, served as "President of the Los Angeles East Area Planning Commission", including Eagle Rock for 6 years. Mr. Merideth is the only signatory for TERA's letter, and Mr. Lopez is another 1 of 43 signatories of the Beautiful Boulevard's MTA FEIR Comment Letter 14.

Michael MacDonald, a third TERA Board officer, is a "licensed architect", who published a February 24, 2017 article entitled "L.A. has seen too much talk and not enough action from Mayor Eric Garcetti on making our streets safer". In that article Mr. MacDonald supported his published statements with data from "Bike the Vote" member Severin Martinez.

According to an October 12, 2020 ERNC letter to Councilmember De Leon the ERNC described "an option that fully implements the Mobility Plan and which is substantially similar to the 'Option C' street section included in TERA's August 19, 2020 letter as part of their on-going DEIR." That Option C, described in that ERNC letter, included a diagram of TERA's Center Running BRT Option C (TERA's Option C Plan). TERA's Option C Plan is an exact copy of the Beautiful Boulevard Plan as presented and recommended by MTA BRT Project Manager Scott Hartwell at the April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Committee meeting.

H. MTA's April 20, 2022 Planning Committee Meeting

Before the MTA Planning Committee's meeting occurred, all of you were informed that Kerrin Tso, who signed Save Eagle Rock Community's MTA FEIR Comment Letter 194, individually and on our behalf received late public Notice, including the April 20, 2022 Meeting Agenda, from the MTA regarding the April 20, 2022, 10:30 am MTA Planning Committee Meeting. Save Eagle Rock Community also received late notice on April 18, 2022 at 1:29 pm. Additionally, Save Eagle Rock Community has been informed that Friends of Hill Drive did not receive ANY NOTICE from the MTA about the April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Committee Action. By way of background, on October 22, 2021, Friends of Hill Drive sent each of you and Councilperson Kevin De Leon *every single Eagle Rock "stakeholder" petition - totaling 1534 petitions! Each of the petitioners requested that the MTA study and choose the third option to drive the MTA BRT in the current mixed flow lanes on Colorado Boulevard. The **Subject** of Friends of Hill Drive's October 22, 2021 7:54 am message: **1534 Petitions from real stakeholders of Eagle Rock -1534 EAGLE ROCK RESIDENTS, BUSINESS OWNERS, AND STAKEHOLDERS.***

At its April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Committee meeting the MTA Planning Committee took action to approve Agenda Item 8. SUBJECT: NORTH HOLLYWOOD TO PASADENA BUS RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. *MTA Planning Committee Chair Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Glendale Mayor Ara Najarian and Inglewood Mayor James Butts **approved** the NORTH HOLLYWOOD TO PASADENA BUS RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT (Project); they **certified** in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and they adopted in accordance with CEQA, the 1. Findings of Fact, and 2. Mitigation Monitoring and authorized the Chief Executive Officer to file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the State of California Clearinghouse.*

Neither Supervisor Hilda Solis, who is a key stakeholder in the Project, nor Supervisor Kathryn Barger attended the "Watch online or Listen by phone" April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Committee.

I Meaningful Public Comment did not occur at the April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Committee.

The MTA is required to conduct its business openly and to provide an opportunity for meaningful public comment. At the April 20, 2022, MTA Planning Committee Meeting Chair Dupont-Walker allotted only 15 minutes for public comment with a 1 minute limitation for each speaker to provide his/her comment on this \$267 million MTA Project.

Only 14 people spoke, including 9 MTA-selected Beautiful Boulevard supporters. Burbank Mayor was selected first to speak. The next 4 MTA-selected speakers were 4 signatories of the Beautiful Boulevard's December 28, 2020 MTA Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) Comment Letter, i.e., MTA FEIR Comment Letter 14:

John Kerr, Eagle Rock Land Use and Planning Committee Member;

Natalie Freidberg, Co-Chair of the Eagle Rock Land Use and Planning Committee and Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council Member;

Michael MacDonald, Licensed Architect in Eagle Rock and The Eagle Rock Association (TERA) Treasurer; and

Michael Sweeney, Licensed Architect, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council Land Use and Planning Co-Chair, Beautiful Boulevard Steering Committee Member and Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council Member

An additional 5 Beautiful Boulevard supporters were selected by the MTA to speak during public comment: "Ryan" who is most likely Ryan Johnson, another signatory supporting Beautiful Boulevard MTA FEIR Comment Letter 14; Jane Demian, a former Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council member; John Angeles, a Highland Park resident; John Woo and Hillary Norton.

Mona Fields, who allegedly signed MTA FEIR Comment Letter 13, also spoke, but at the meeting she spoke against the Beautiful Boulevard plan. MTA FEIR Comment Letter 13 supported the Beautiful Boulevard, and was signed "collectively" by 31 different organizations, including Streets of All, Move LA, and the LA County Bicycle Coalition. Ms. Norton, another signatory of MTA FEIR Comment 13 is the Executive Director of FASTLink DTLA, but made no mention of that fact in her comment.

Save Eagle Rock Community has been informed that an Eagle Rock resident was unable to make a public comment during the April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Committee Meeting. She described public comment as being "only a 15 minute window for public comment on Agenda Item #8 Noho to Pas BRT Corridor Project. Although I raised my hand, there were only 14 people who were able to make their comments. Those who were not able to make a comment were instructed to wait at the end of the meeting to make a general comment or make a comment at the next meeting on April 28, 2022. When I waited at the end of the meeting to make my comment, there was about a 4

second window to raise my hand to make a comment. By the time I raised my hand the meeting was adjourned. It felt rushed and the MTA Planning Committee members did not wait to see if any hand raised was raised.”

Only this week did MTA Community Relations Manager Tito Corona inform Save Eagle Rock Community that the MTA did not provide Notice of the April 20, 2022 MTA's Planning Committee to all of the Eagle Rock petitioners, who signed petitions that were sent to the MTA on August 14, 2019 and on October 21, 2021 . These petitioners include the members of four churches within proximity of the proposed impacted Colorado Boulevard.

Our petitions reflect who Save Eagle Rock Community represents -just by looking at our many diverse Spanish, Asian, non-Spanish, non-Asian last names. On July 15, 2019, MTA's Senior Director of Marketing Strategy, Digital and Advertising, John Gordon tweeted that "perhaps" he and his followers should make a "carrot mob.org" visit to Sue Keh Bennett's small minority –owned and woman-owned business on Colorado Boulevard just east of Eagle Rock Boulevard after she tweeted her opposition to the MTA BRT on Colorado Boulevard. Mr. Gordon (@j6gordon) has over 1283 followers on his twitter account, and he is followed by the LA County Bicycle Coalition.

Ms. Bennett has since closed her small sandwich shop. She was terrified. Less than a month ago, Mr. Gordon tweeted: “You’ve created the blueprint for the future community-led efforts. #Beautiful Boulevard here we come!” This MTA Executive’s tweets are exactly why we request that as governmental leaders you support our unified position against the Beautiful Boulevard Plan. We are not against the MTA BRT, but we oppose the lane-alignment recommended by MTA Project Manager Scott Hartwell that he described at the April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Committee as being “The Beautiful Boulevard Plan”.

On May 26, 2021 and October 22, 2021, our unified voices stated individually that we represent that we live, work or own real property in Eagle Rock or we are members of a church in Eagle Rock, including four MTA BRT Project impacted churches: Christian Assembly Church on Colorado Boulevard; St. Dominic’s Catholic Church on Merton Avenue one block south of Colorado Boulevard; The Los Angeles Filipino-American United Church of Christ on Colorado Boulevard and the Eagle Rock Baptist Church on Colorado Boulevard. We opposed the MTA’s plan to reduce regular traffic to one lane in each direction. We support maintaining medians on Colorado Boulevard, parking spaces and TWO LANES of regular traffic on Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock. We demanded a demonstration traffic study project: MTA ignored our demand.

J. MTA Planning Committee's and MTA Board's Failure to Comply With Brown Act Teleconferencing Requirements

The MTA Planning Committee failed to comply with Government Code Section 54953(e)(4). On April 20, 2022, the MTA and Los Angeles County were not following any state of emergency. Most importantly, on April 20, 2022, the MTA did not have in effect any face mask requirement for any person on any and all MTA bus and rail lines operating in Los Angeles County. Given that fact, no state of emergency circumstances existed on April 20, 2022. Meeting in person would not have presented any imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Furthermore, the April 20, 2022 MTA Planning Agenda failed to include any proof that the MTA Planning Committee was in compliance with Government Code section 54953(e)(4): The MTA Planning Committee's required Government Code section 54953(e)(4) Verification. Similarly, the MTA is not in compliance because it too has not complied with Government Code section 54953(e)(4). Your MTA Board April 28, 2022 meeting should not occur.

READ OUR SIGNATURES AS FOLLOWS:

SUPPORT THE EAGLE ROCK COMMUNITY

Save Eagle Rock Community is a coalition of diverse Eagle Rock residents and business owners who signed over 3000 petitions presented to the MTA with one voice: DO NOT REDUCE A LANE OF TRAFFIC IN EACH DIRECTION ON COLORADO BOULEVARD for a MTA BRT BUS LANE. Over 3000 Eagle Rock Stakeholder Petitions, were sent to the MTA Board on August 14, 2019, May 26, 2021 and October 22, 2021, voicing that same position, without a single retraction.

For years the MTA and MTA Community Outreach have long ignored our joint position expressed to the MTA as set forth in the each of those Eagle Rock Stakeholder Petitions. Evidence also demonstrates that on December 14, 2020, **Mayor Garcetti's Office shared many of our same concerns** about a Center Running BRT Lane Alignment Option for Colorado Boulevard: MTA Project Manager Scott Hartwell's Described Beautiful Boulevard Project, which was not recommended by Mayor Garcetti. As of December 14, 2020 it was **Mayor Garcetti's final recommendation to LA DOT**

Planner Severin Martinez : "Based on engagement with community stakeholders and in-field investigation, the on-street side-running NoHo to Pasadena BRT alignment within Eagle Rock is recommended."

Support our unified position by voting against the MTA Project Managers' recommendation and the MTA Planning Committee's approval of the Beautiful Boulevard, a so-called context sensitive proposal. It is not context sensitive to us.

Respectfully,

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April 2022 RBM General Public Comment

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 10:37 AM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Benchmarking/Information request

April 21, 2022

To whom it may concern:

My name is [REDACTED], and I am a Facilities Manager, Project Management, at TriMet, the public transit agency/authority/provider (buses, light and commuter rails services) in the Portland Oregon metro area.

Background...

In 2012 TriMet formulated an initial EV policy statement, and in 2014 revised it, reaffirming our policy and protocol for standardizing charging infrastructure that promoted TriMet's mission – to provide valued transit service that is safe, dependable and easy to use.

The working policy stated:

“TriMet is committed to sustainability generally, and sustainable transportation specifically. TriMet is supportive of initiatives that support EV technology in Oregon. However, as the region's transit agency, TriMet must balance this commitment with its many other facilities, initiatives, and interests.

EV charging station infrastructure could be located at TriMet owned facilities when appropriate and if completed at no capital cost to TriMet and if they do not substantially increase on-going operating expenditures. That said, TriMet may use other resources, such as its property and existing staff to support investigation of appropriate locations for charging stations.

Through our continuing support of this emerging technology, TriMet underscores its commitment to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.”

To facilitate that policy/vision, TriMet initiated a pilot program installing a small number of Level 2 chargers (EVSE – Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment) at some of its Park and Ride lots and garages:

“TriMet will be installing one specific type of EV charging system on our park & ride facilities that is capable of providing a complete end-to-end EV charging solution. The system would be inclusive of charging stations, a robust wireless communications network, back-office data management, flexible billing solutions and mobile phone applications”

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office workplaces, reliability of the equipment/vandalism impact; to the point, this initial effort has been viewed as “a failure” by those that initiated it.

The reason I am writing to you today...

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Given the global efforts in regards to curbing and eliminating greenhouse gas emissions, none of this is probably new to you, and in truth, that is my hope and the reason I am reaching out to you.

In our efforts to evolve our EV policy, I would like to benchmark off of what your organization may already have accomplished and put in place. If you have a policy statement, directive, program, etc. that you would be willing to share, I would greatly appreciate your time and consideration to do so!

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Again, I thank you for your time and consideration. If you have questions, comments, a desire to discuss these subjects further, please feel free to send me a follow-up email, or ring me up, my contact information is in my signature block.

My sincere regards -



[Redacted signature block containing several lines of blacked-out text]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 4:50 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>; NoHoPasBRT <NoHoPasBRT@metro.net>
Cc: andre@dionysian.us
Subject: BRT Comment for Research

I am [REDACTED] Director of Research and Publications on behalf of CDM (Civic Duty Media), a nonprofit group founded to increase political participation among young people in Los Angeles. We are aiming to create a nonpartisan report on the benefits, drawbacks, and discourse regarding the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) program.

Consequently, we would like your comment and position regarding the BRT plan to include in our report. Thank you for your time.

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I have become greatly concerned by the tactical and casual uniforms used by the Metro security guards. They need to return to a professional looking appearance.

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The African American Metro Security Staff in the photo above, exemplifies the standards that any Metro Security guard or Ambassadors should portray. In an era where law enforcement is moving to a more tactical/casual look, the metro should portray a professional appearance.

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Professional Appearance:

Class A uniform or shirt and tie (ambassadors)

Clip-on tie with tie bar

Metallic badge and name bar on uniform shirt

Class A uniform hat with hat badge

Leather uniform belt and duty gear

Black leather shoes that can be shined

Uniform pants that are not BDU or cargo style

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 2:40 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Brown Act Violation - Demand to Cure and Correct

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Attached is a letter under the Ralph M. Brown Act demanding that actions be taken to cure and correct recent violations.

Text of the same letter is also included below in this email for your convenience.

-- [REDACTED] 4-26-2022
Attorney for SAVE EAGLE ROCK COMMUNITY.

[REDACTED]

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Sent by Email and U.S. Mail

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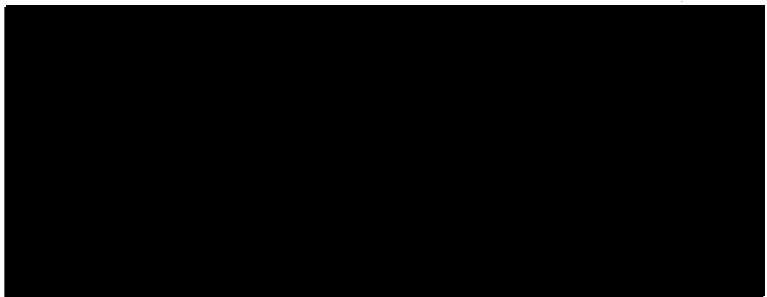
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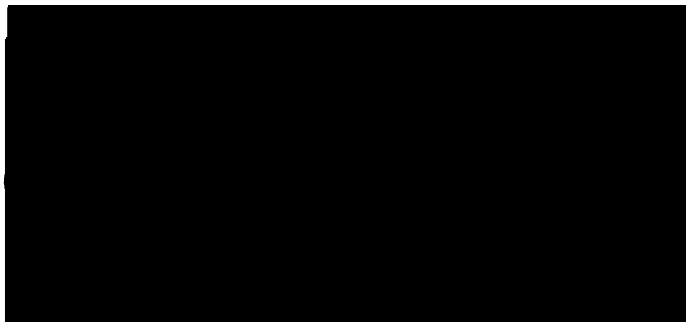
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Subject: Please, don't destroy my community.

As a long-time resident of Eagle Rock, I am deeply concerned about the ruinous effect that the "Beautiful Boulevard Plan," (which is anything BUT beautiful) will have on my community. There has been a great deal of chicanery going on between MTA, TERA, and other entities to deny input from the residents of Eagle Rock who oppose this expensive and disruptive plan. I request that YOU:

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SUPPORT the 3000 petitions of Eagle Rock residents and business owners, who resoundingly stated to YOU: DO NOT REDUCE LANES OF TRAFFIC on Colorado Boulevard and DO NOT CONSTRUCT a MTA BRT Bus Lane Only, resulting in one traffic lane per direction on Colorado Boulevard in my Eagle Rock Community.

Urgently,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

To: eagle rock <saveeaglerockcommunity@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 23, 2022, 12:12:42 PM PDT

Subject: ERNC 2019 Documents: ERNC/Huizar/TERA/MTA: Their BRT on Colorado Boulevard Collaboration

Please read the attachment; forward the attachment on to your trusted contacts and provide us with feedback regarding a Save Eagle Rock Community letter to the MTA Board.

Feel free to compose your own letter using the ERNC's documents below to the MTA Board member.

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Fwd: Eagle Rock BRT2 messages

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To: Councilmember José Huizar - Northeast LA <josehuizar@josehuizar.com>, Nathan Lucero [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, Sean Starkey <sean.starkey@lacity.org>, iford@ [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, Severin Martinez <[severin.martinez@ \[REDACTED\]](mailto:severin.martinez@ [REDACTED])>
Cc: ERNC Executive Committee <Executive@eaglerockcouncil.org>

All: thank you for setting up an Eagle Rock meeting re: the proposed BRT line.

As a committed metro rider and advocate for mass transit support for our community, I can't help but feel that the meeting that has been set up for Eagle Rock as an afterthought.

Meetings were set up in Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena, and only through, what assume was good work by Sean Starkey, an additional meeting was set up at the Eagle Rock Plaza on a Saturday in a place that our community doesn't usually meet.

We have this issue on our Executive Board agenda after we received an email from Isaiah on August 13.

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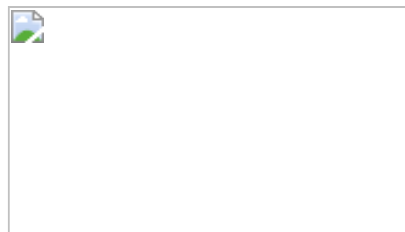
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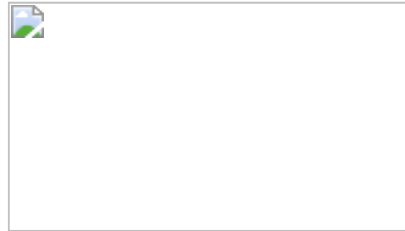
To: ERNC Executive Committee <Executive@eaglerockcouncil.org>, TERA President < >

Hello,

Can you help share the information for the upcoming meeting regarding the proposed Metro BRT, flyers are attached.

Link to project [video](#)

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3 attachments



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BRT community flyer - eng.pdf
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Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council Mail - Fwd: BRT Project - Community Meetings Information



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Fwd: Eagle Rock BRT2 messages

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To: Councilmember José Huizar - Northeast LA <josehuizar@josehuizar.com>, Nathan Lucero <[nathan@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:nathan@[REDACTED])>, Sean Starkey <sean.starkey@lacity.org>, iford@[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, Severin Martinez <[severin.martinez@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:severin.martinez@[REDACTED])>Cc: ERNC Executive Committee <Executive@eaglerockcouncil.org>

All: thank you for setting up an Eagle Rock meeting re: the proposed BRT line.

As a committed metro rider and advocate for mass transit support for our community, I can't help but feel that the meeting that has been set up for Eagle Rock as an afterthought.

Meetings were set up in Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena, and only through, what assume was good work by Sean Starkey, an additional meeting was set up at the Eagle Rock Plaza on a Saturday in a place that our community doesn't usually meet.

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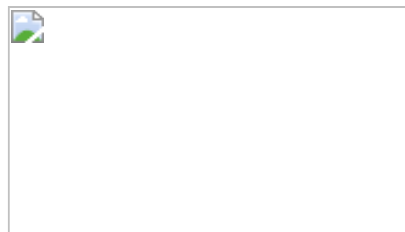
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PRA REQUEST <pra@eaglerockcouncil.org>

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Date: Wed, May 29, 2019 at 5:52 PM

Subject: Re: ERNC Executive Meeting- NoHo to Pasadena BRT Project

To: Corona, Stephen <CoronaS@metro.net>

Cc: Lucy Aparicio <Lucy.Aparicio@lacity.org>, Cyndi Otteson <executive@ernc.la>, Jesse Saucedo <jesse.saucedo@ernc.la>, Becky Newman <becky.newman@eaglerockcouncil.org>, Lisa Kable Blanchard <lisa.kable.blanchard@eaglerockcouncil.org>, Jose Hernandez <jose.h.hernandez@lacity.org>, Mark Estrada <mark.t.estrada@lacity.org>, De Loza-Gutierrez, Lilian <DeLozaGutierrezL@metro.net>, Isaiah Ford <iford@lacity.org>

perfect--see you this evening

[Redacted]

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On Wed, May 29, 2019 at 5:18 PM [Redacted] > wrote:

Thank you for the opportunity, I would like to provide an update to the executive meeting in advance of the Land Use & Planning Committee to provide a brief update on the project and process. I look forward to meeting the group and further discuss the project.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

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Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 10:04 AM

[Redacted] <[Redacted]@[Redacted].org>

[Redacted]

Subject: Re: ERNC Executive Meeting- NoHo to Pasadena BRT Project

Got it, thank you for the update Michael, happy to hear that's being arranged. I'll defer to Metro.

Best,

[Redacted] / Area Director

Office of Councilmember José Huizar

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On Tue, May 28, 2019 at 3:54 PM [Redacted] wrote:

[Redacted]

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They are of course completely welcome to come to Exec as well--just want to make sure it's a productive use of everyone's time...

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On Tue, May 28, 2019 at 3:48 PM Lucy Aparicio <Lucy.Aparicio@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello ERNC,

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Thank you.

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To: [Redacted]

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Let me know if I'm worthy
:)

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I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Welcome to the public, note procedures to be followed. - Presiding Officer.
- B. **ROLL CALL** - Matt Hemingway, Secretary. ERNC quorum is 10 members.
- C. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Lisa Kable Blanchard, President.
- D. **CONSENT CALENDAR** - The following items will be voted on as a whole, without discussion.

Any Board member may request that any item(s) be removed and voted on separately, Lisa Kable Blanchard.

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- E. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Council District 14, State Assembly/Senate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, LAPD, LAFD and/or other elected officials. (2 min. each)
 - F. **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:** Sylvia Denlinger, Public Safety Director.

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- G. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Miry Whitehill, Treasurer.
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Hello Neighbor!

The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council meets **TOMORROW**, Tuesday, October 4, at 7pm at Eagle Rock City Hall, 2035 Colorado Boulevard.

[The agenda can be found at this link.](#)

Read on for highlights!

On the agenda...

Since no one watches VP debates anyway, you'll be free on Tuesday to come out to ER City Hall, where we'll be discussing these important issues:

1. Everyone in Eagle Rock seems to be talking about the homeless issue, but no one's doing anything about it. Right? Well... no. Plenty of work is being done, from the upcoming Measure HHH on the November ballot, to the City Council's comprehensive homeless plan that is wending its way through the various city departments. We'll hear all about it, and about how **you can help**, with speakers on the Coordinated Entry System, which streamlines the process of finding housing for the chronically homeless; from the Mayor's Office, who will tell us what's being done at a City-wide level; and the ERNC will schedule a special meeting to talk about the homeless issues we're dealing with here in Eagle Rock.

2. We'll also hear from speakers on both sides of the so-called Neighborhood Integrity Initiative, which will appear on the March 2017 ballot. This contentious issue, which concerns the future of new housing development in the City of LA, is no Clinton-Trump - but it's close.

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would happen years in the future (if at all), but having a BRT route that goes through Eagle Rock, and connects us to the Burbank Airport, could be a real win for the neighborhood.

4. Finally, we'll reveal the movie that will be shown at the **FREE ERNC Movie Night at Yosemite Park** on Saturday Oct. 15. (This item will be presented by Zuul, the Gatekeeper of Gozer.)

And so much more! We hope to see you all there!

ATTENTION ANIMAL LOVERS!

This Wednesday at ER Center for the Arts, the new Eagle Rock Dog Park plans will be revealed. Come give suggestions and show your support! This will be the first new dog park built in the City of L.A. in years, and it's coming to Eagle Rock - a huge win for the safety, economy, and livability of our neighborhood.

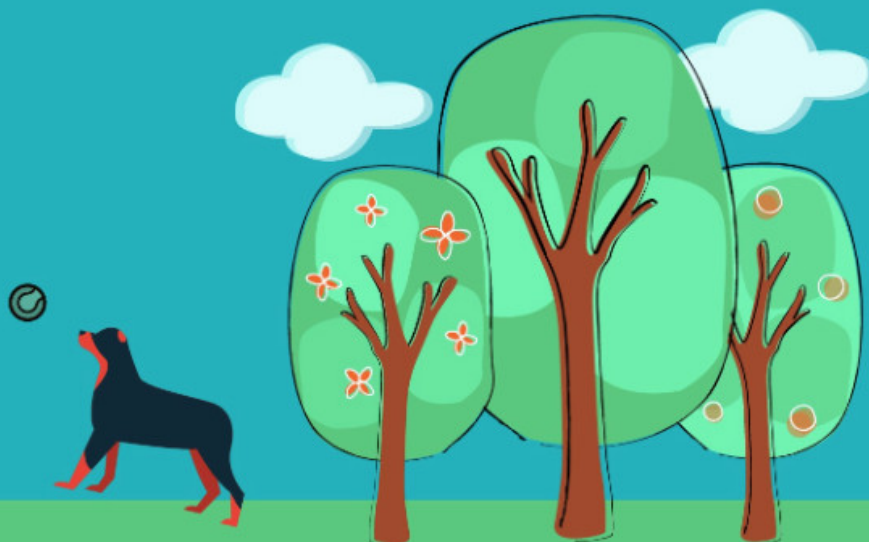
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EAGLE ROCK DOG PARK COMMUNITY MEETING

Wednesday, October 5 @ 6pm
Eagle Rock Center for the Arts
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FOR THE NEW DOG PARK AT EAGLE ROCK PARK!



Contact: Sean Starkey
sean.starkey@lacity.org
For more information, call 323-254-5295

THIS SUNDAY!

Our Neighborhood Clean-Up series hits Eagle Rock Blvd. Please come out and join your neighbors, and DO something to help Eagle Rock! Free breakfast, coffee, and yes - those coveted Eagle Rock t-shirts for everyone who breaks a sweat!

The flyer features a central orange shield-shaped graphic with a white border, set against a background of falling leaves and a green hill at the bottom. The text is centered within the shield. At the top left of the shield, it says 'Councilmember JOSE HUIZAR' next to the City of Los Angeles seal. Below that, it says 'EAGLE ROCK' in yellow, 'Fall Neighborhood Clean-up' in white script, and 'Join us as we clean up Eagle Rock Blvd!' in white. The date and time are 'SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH 9AM-11AM'. The location is 'MEET AT ROJAS AND FIELDS ORTHODONTIST 2244 FAIR PARK AVE'. Contact information is 'CONTACT: SEAN STARKEY SEAN.STARKEY@LACITY.ORG'. At the bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (323) 254-5295'. The top left of the flyer has the ERNC logo and 'eagle rock neighborhood council'. The top right has 'The Eagle Rock Association'.

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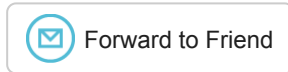


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Our job is neighborhood empowerment: We act as your advocates and liaisons to the City Council, the Mayor, and all City of L.A. departments that touch the lives of Eagle Rockers. Join us at one of our meetings, or talk to us at a community event, and find out how we can make Eagle Rock even better, together.



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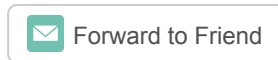


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**EAGLE ROCK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
FULL BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 • 7:00 PM

EAGLE ROCK CITY HALL

2035 Colorado Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90041

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Please be advised agenda items may not be heard in the order listed.

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I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Welcome to the public, note procedures to be followed. - Presiding Officer.
- B. **ROLL CALL** - Matt Hemingway, Secretary. ERNC quorum is 10 members.
- C. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Lisa Kable Blanchard, President.
- D. **CONSENT CALENDAR** - The following items will be voted on as a whole, without discussion.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 4 OCTOBER 2016 • 7PM
EAGLE ROCK CITY HALL (ERCH)
2035 Colorado Boulevard, Los Angeles 90041

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

- Lisa Kable-Blanchard called the meeting to order shortly after 7PM.

B. ROLL CALL

- A roll call was performed, indicating [eventually] sixteen members of the ERNC, along with over forty-five members of the public. A quorum was declared.

Here (16)	John Acevedo, Hanna Bushman, Sylvia Denlinger, Efrim Chiavetta, Natalie Freidberg, David Greene, Matthew Hemingway, James Hocker, Christine Hulen, Lisa Kable-Blanchard, Jennifer Nutting, Cynthia Otteson, Jesse Saucedo, Suzanne Smith, Miry Whitehill, and Chloe Renee Ziegler
Absent (3)	Michele Helseth, Bridget Hirsch, and Patrick Niessen

C. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Lisa reported that ERNC actively participated in the Clean Streets LA Challenge. The first cleanup was on Sunday, September 24 at the Wiota Cul de Sac. About sixty people showed up and cleaned Colorado Boulevard from Monte Bonito Drive to Pillarhenge; approximately fifty bags of trash were removed.
- She also recently spoke with a Cub Scout group regarding what it means to serve on the ERNC.

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- David Greene made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar; Lisa Kable Blanchard seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Field Deputy Sean Starkey from Councilman Huizar’s office reported:
 - There will be a community Eagle Park Dog Park meeting on Wednesday, October 5, at 6PM at the Center for the Arts at 2225 Colorado Boulevard. This will be the first dog park in Los Angeles in ten years.
 - The 20th Century Women’s Club recently celebrated the refurbishing of their pergola. Councilman Huizar was proud to support this renovation.
 - Councilman Huizar’s office is exploring different options for the lot at Genevieve Avenue and Monte Bonito Drive.
 - Councilman Huizar’s office recently sponsored the well-attended Solheim’s Oktoberfest.
 - Neighborhood Watch meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month here at ERCH.
 - This month, the Sanitation Department cleaned up three homeless encampments:
 - Figueroa Street under the 134 Freeway
 - Wiota Cul de Sac
 - Genevieve Avenue and Monte Bonito Drive Triangle

- There are currently four homeless encampments:
 - Figueroa Street under the 134
 - Broadway under the 2 Freeway
 - North side of Colorado Boulevard, east of Wiota Street
 - Fair Park Avenue and Eagle Rock Boulevard
- This month, Councilman Huizar’s Quimby reform was passed by city council with a unanimous vote; this is something that Councilman Huizar has supported for years. Quimby was started in 1971 as a way for developers provide money to the city for the creation of recreation space when they build in a neighborhood. Quimby had a small revision in 1985 with the creation of “Finn” fees that required developers that had a zone change to pay Quimby.

Unit Type	Current (2016 Fee per Unit)	In 120-Days (Mid-January 2017)	One Year Later (Mid-January 2018)
Subdivisions (condos, small lots, and new residential developments for sale)	\$2,789 to \$8,044	\$7,500	\$10,000
Non Subdivisions (rentals and apartments)	\$0	\$2,500	\$5,000

- There are four exemptions:
 - Alternation of existing dwelling units where no additional dwelling units are created
 - Second dwelling units in Single Family Zones (Granny Flats)
 - Affordable housing units at or below 120% Average Median Income; they must stay affordable for 55-years
 - Non-residential development
- A stakeholder asked about a formal procedure for requesting funds from the city; Sean and David Greene explained that the best process is via the ERNC. It was also recommended that the stakeholder reach out to Sean.
- Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Ocheo of the LAPD addressed the ERNC.
 - Violent crime is down. There have been no recent robberies or burglaries; however, vehicle theft and shoplifting (particularly at the Eagle Rock Mall) has increased.
 - There have been nineteen car thefts; eighteen of these thieves were caught.
 - The recent shooting at a police cruiser is being investigated; they do not yet have an arrest.
 - If you think you hear a gunshot, or something that sounds like a gun, call 911. Please do not call SLO Ocheo’s cellular, as he may not have the telephone with him.
 - Please watch out for children and pedestrian traffic near schools on Halloween night.
 - The Neighborhood Watch meetings are held on the 3rd Thursdays here at ERCH; everyone is welcome, not merely block captains.
 - SLO Ocheo looks forward to seeing many people at the movie night at Yosemite Park.
 - A stakeholder asked who is committing the property crimes; is it the homeless? Or people coming from outside Eagle Rock? SLO Ocheo replied that it is a combination.
 - 80% of SLO Ocheo’s calls are regarding the homeless encampments. There are six squad cars that take care of the homeless throughout LA. However, the police cannot force the homeless to go to a hospital for treatment.
- Newly appointed Battalion Chief Lesinski of the LAFD addressed the ERNC
 - He has over twelve-years of experience in homeland security, will serve Eagle Rock for the next five years, and looks forward to meeting with the community. The Eagle Rock fire station at 2021 Colorado Boulevard is a highly desirable location, where many firemen request to work.

- In August and September, the LAFD hit their peak of the most stressful time of the year. This is when they had the most employment vacancies. Chief Lesinski stressed that this is a wonderful career and the new firefighters are doing a great job.
- A stakeholder asked about the brush clearance; there are some areas that have not been cleared for two years. He replied that this remains a priority. However, they have been short staffed.
- A Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) representative (Tom Soong?) asked if all ERNC board members are receiving their monthly profiles. In addition, he mentioned that the Glassell Park (GP) Neighborhood Council would host a free Planning and Land Use workshop on Saturday, October 8, at the GP Community Center, 3750 Verdugo Road, beginning at 10AM.
- Region 8 Budget Advocate Liz Amsden addressed the ERNC
 - Mayor Garcetti is working on his budget for 2017-18; he is attempting to build a more livable LA for all. The budget advocates are calling for three to five year budgets, rather than going through all this work every year.
 - The budget advocates agree with the mayor to focus on inefficiencies within city government; other areas of concern include infrastructure, pension fund concerns, homeless issues, and unfortunate incidents with the police.
 - Measure HHH benefits certain areas, such as non-profits that provide services to the homeless. However, it does not directly help the homeless. As a budget advocate, she is against HHH as it is not well planned and sufficiently organized to give what is needed.

F. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

- Sylvia reminded everyone to have four to ten days of emergency supplies in the event of an earthquake. This includes drinking water, food, and shelter for you and your pets.
- As property crime is an issue for Eagle Rock residents, please photograph everything of value within your home. Also, record the serial numbers to your bicycles and things within your house.

G. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Miry Whitehill reported that \$5,862,69 was spent in September; most of this was for sponsorship for the ER Music Festival and ERNC SWAG. The balance for the fiscal year is \$32,328.14.
- ERNC is waiting for DONE's approval of the \$2,200 expenditure for the October 15 movie night at Yosemite Park.
- These September expenses of \$5,862.69 were included and approved [earlier in the meeting] during the consent calendar as agenda item I.D.3:

Date	Item	Category	Vendor	Amount
September 2	ER Music Festival Sponsorship	Outreach	Center for the Arts	\$5,000.00
September 6	Magnets for ER Music Festival	Outreach	Super Copy	600.00
September 19	Wi-Fi Hot Spot	Operations	T-Mobile	20.00
September 19	Mail Chimp Pro	Operations	Mail Chimp	50.00
September 26	Cleanup on Wiota	Outreach	Vons	77.19
September 26	Minutes	Operations	Apple One	115.50
			TOTAL	<u>\$5,862.69</u>

H. LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE (LUPC) REPORT

- David Greene reported that the LUPC did not meet in September.
- The LUPC will meet at 7PM on Tuesday, October 18; among the topics will be the archdiocese on Hill Drive as well as Occidental College's request for a new aquatics center.
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- Amanda Mejia is the East LA area representative for Mayor Garcetti, covering CD1, CD13, and CD14. This area encompasses ten neighborhood councils; she attempts to attend their monthly meetings every other month. She hopes that they will use her as a resource.
- Amanda distributed a list of Halloween events at the LA Recreation Centers.
- The mayor's Great Streets Challenge met with a great deal of enthusiasm. These are upgraded business corridors for constituents; one will be in Highland Park, as well as Cesar Chavez Avenue in Boyle Heights.
- An informational meeting for the Grant Application Challenge will be held at the Board of Public Works at City Hall on Saturday, October 15.
- Amanda recommends that neighborhood councils have a homeless liaison; Suzanne Smith is currently ERNC's liaison. Last November, Recycled Resources coordinated a Thanksgiving Potluck as a liaison opportunity between the homeless and stakeholders.
- There is a three-tier approach to dealing with the homeless issues:
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 - Housing Strategy. Mayor Garcetti advocates for additional permanent housing.
 - The Welcome Home Project. This is an opportunity to create baskets containing key essentials such as bedding, cookware, towels, coffee maker, etc. Amanda is coordinating with the LAFD to collect these items.

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Schedule a Special ERNC information meeting regarding homeless services in Eagle Rock and CD14

- 80% of the emails that the ERNC receives are frustration regarding homeless issues. People are very passionate about this, and the name-calling has started. There is no easy answer, yet the more of a uniform voice that Eagle Rock has, the louder it will become. A meeting will be arranged with the date, time, and location to be distributed throughout the community.

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Eagle Rock Recreation Center architectural preservation proposal

- Charlie Clark (a ten-year resident of Eagle Rock) and architect Jeremy Levine are attempting to restore the Eagle Rock Recreation Center. They showed a PowerPoint presentation, including photographs of how the building appeared when built in 1953.
- The structure's architect, Richard Nuetra, was one of the founders of the mid-century modernism movement. The building was designed to have large doors open for indoor/outdoor space. These doors are now closed most of the time.
- As this is a historical landmark, Charlie and Jeremy met with city officials to acquire funds to update the building. Kevin Ocubillo, Transportation and Planning Deputy for Councilman Huizar, added that he has worked with them on this project for two years. The only other public building of this type is the Hollyhock House in East Hollywood.
- They hope to
 - Remove the plywood that was placed over the windows (to prevent vandalism)
 - Remove the paint from the bricks
 - Repair the crumbling grout
 - Repair the interior cabinetry

- Repair the bathrooms, including tiles, floors, scratches, etc.
- Sylvia Denlinger mentioned that the 134 fault runs beneath this building and asked what kind of earthquake retrofitting will be included. Jeremy mentioned that when they go to the state, they hope to have additional funds for retrofitting. However, they are not doing structural upgrades to the building, merely beautification.
- Although they do not know what this will cost, they will do fundraising, and they hope to go to the historical societies. When they do, the historical societies may ask, “do you have the support of your local neighborhood council?” They hope to reply affirmatively. Eric Warren, historical building consultant and President of the Eagle Rock Historical Society, offered his services.
- David Greene and Cyndi Otteson mentioned that this should be agendaized [for the November ERNC meeting] to request approval of a letter that Charlie and Jeremy can carry around to show that they have ERNC support.

G. DISCUSSION: Speakers from both sides of the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative (NII), which will appear on the March 2017 ballot

- Highland Park resident Ms. Jackson, from the Coalition to Preserve LA (CPLA), addressed the ERNC.
- According to the city, in the last ten years, 22,000 affordable apartments (housing 58,000 people) have been demolished
- The charter was reformed in 1969 that forbid spot zoning; this new ballot measure is merely to obey the law and establish a new set of rules.
- According to CPLA, the new luxury building’s vacancy rates are 15% to 20%. This is land speculation; it has nothing to do with housing.
- Brian, from the Coalition to Protect LA Neighborhoods and Jobs (CPLANJ) mentioned that the NII is a housing ban that would indefinitely restrict new housing in Los Angeles, increase rents, destroy jobs, and worsen the homeless problem. Mayor Garcetti, Councilman Huizar, and the United Way are among CPLANJ’s supporters.
- Contrary to Ms. Jackson’s 15% to 20%, his numbers indicate a 3% vacancy.
- The city has a 5% to 10% mandate to ensure affordable housing within new buildings.
- A stakeholder from Silver Lake mentioned that this NII is merely a band-aid approach and freezing construction for two years will have a negative impact on the community and the economy.
- Ms. Jackson replied that the major contributors to the NO vote are major developers, such as the Millennium Project and Eli Broad. This will not freeze the general plan. The NII calls for many new homes be built for every demolished home.
- Shamus Garrity from the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council mentioned that everyone he knows is against the initiative, including homeless advocates and the LGBT community that wanted to build a youth shelter. They were required to get a zoning amendment. However the people in favor of the NII mis-appropriated funds.
- Lisa thanked everyone for coming to this evening’s meeting. Matt Hemingway suggested that perhaps ERNC could host a special forum to discuss this topic prior to the March election.

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Vote on the following Neighborhood Purpose Grants

1. Rockdale Visual and Performing Arts Magnet - \$5,000
 - Jennifer Nutting mentioned that this should be tabled, pending additional information.
 - Lisa Kable Blanchard made a motion to table this agenda item; Sylvia Denlinger seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Jazz Hands for Autism (JHFA) - \$1,700
 - Chief Operating Officer Mikal Britt, has been a behavior therapist working with the autistic for several years. The purpose of this grant is to support JHFA in their goal of creating performance opportunities for musically inclined individuals on the autism spectrum. The performances they create build self-esteem, confidence and social skills of the performers.

They also nurture inclusion in the community and teach the public about autism by removing some of the stereotypes and creating better awareness. Additional information can be found at their website at <http://jazzhandsforautism.org/>.

- This grant would allow JHFA to purchase a banner (which will have “ERNC” in a prominent location), an electric acoustic guitar, microphones, and cables. Doing so would allow them to share free music in a variety of settings. The music is inspirational and fun; children are invited to participate, families are welcome, and community building is encouraged. In terms of autism and special needs awareness, they teach the general public about acceptance, tolerance, inclusion, and debunk stereotypes.
- In exchange for helping them acquire equipment, JHFA would perform at the Eagle Rock Farmer's Market on the second Friday of every month for the next six months. This would include a holiday themed performance in December. Also, April is autism awareness month, and would be the last performance in the six month run.
- JHFA also requested financial support for staff transportation; however, ERNC does not want to support that.
- Jennifer Nutting made a motion to approve \$1,200 (rather than \$1,700) for the banner and equipment for JHFA; John Acevedo seconded this motion, and it passed.

Support (12)	Acevedo, Denlinger, Chiavetta, Freidberg, Hemingway, Hocker, Kable-Blanchard, Nutting, Otteson, Saucedo, Smith, and Whitehill
Oppose (1)	Greene
Absent (6)	Bushman, Helseth, Hirsch, Hulen, Niessen, and Ziegler

3. ERHS - \$500

- Jennifer Nutting made a motion to approve this \$500 expenditure to update the first aid kits at ERHS; Matt Hemingway seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. Eagle Rock Elementary Education Foundation - \$1,360.20

- Jennifer Nutting made a motion to approve this expenditure for the purchase and installation of two balance beams. There was no second and so this motion died.
- Cyndi Otteson made a motion to table this agenda item pending a further explanation of the \$500 installation expenditure; Sylvia Denlinger seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Vote on an ERNC letter of community support for a proposed Metro Bus Rapid Transit route on Colorado Blvd, which will connect the Gold and Red Lines

- Lisa Kable Blanchard made a motion to write and send this letter; John Acevedo seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

J. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Vote on Operations expense of up to \$500 to buy a portable air conditioner for the upstairs meeting room at Eagle Rock City Hall

- This agenda item was tabled.

K. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Schedule next Executive Committee and Board meetings

Meeting	Date/Time	Location
Executive Committee	Tuesday, October 25 4PM	The Coffee Table 1958 Colorado Boulevard
Regular Board	Tuesday, November 1 7PM	Eagle Rock City Hall 2035 Colorado Boulevard

L. ADJOURN

- Lisa adjourned the meeting at 10.06PM.

10) Any and all Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) documents and records to establish the ERNC's vote before it sent its October 5, 2016 Letter to Michael Richmai at Metro and copied it to Renee Berlin at Metro, Daniel Rodman, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti and Nate Hayward, Council District 14.

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I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

- Lisa Kable-Blanchard called the meeting to order shortly after 7PM.

B. ROLL CALL

- A roll call was performed, indicating [eventually] sixteen members of the ERNC, along with over forty-five members of the public. A quorum was declared.

Here (16)	John Acevedo, Hanna Bushman, Sylvia Denlinger, Efrim Chiavetta, Natalie Freidberg, David Greene, Matthew Hemingway, James Hocker, Christine Hulen, Lisa Kable-Blanchard, Jennifer Nutting, Cynthia Otteson, Jesse Saucedo, Suzanne Smith, Miry Whitehill, and Chloe Renee Ziegler
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C. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Lisa reported that ERNC actively participated in the Clean Streets LA Challenge. The first cleanup was on Sunday, September 24 at the Wiota Cul de Sac. About sixty people showed up and cleaned Colorado Boulevard from Monte Bonito Drive to Pillarhenge; approximately fifty bags of trash were removed.
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D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve corrected August 2016 ERNC meeting minutes
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 3. Approve Monthly Expense Reports for August and September 2016
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- David Greene made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar; Lisa Kable Blanchard seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Field Deputy Sean Starkey from Councilman Huizar’s office reported:
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 - Figueroa Street under the 134 Freeway
 - Wiota Cul de Sac
 - Genevieve Avenue and Monte Bonito Drive Triangle

- There are currently four homeless encampments:
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 - Broadway under the 2 Freeway
 - North side of Colorado Boulevard, east of Wiota Street
 - Fair Park Avenue and Eagle Rock Boulevard
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- There are four exemptions:
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 - Affordable housing units at or below 120% Average Median Income; they must stay affordable for 55-years
 - Non-residential development
- A stakeholder asked about a formal procedure for requesting funds from the city; Sean and David Greene explained that the best process is via the ERNC. It was also recommended that the stakeholder reach out to Sean.
- Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Ocheo of the LAPD addressed the ERNC.
 - Violent crime is down. There have been no recent robberies or burglaries; however, vehicle theft and shoplifting (particularly at the Eagle Rock Mall) has increased.
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- A stakeholder asked if the city-owned Bridewell Armory of Highland Park could be used as a shelter. Martin mentioned that the building is earmarked to become a youth arts center. A stakeholder suggested that perhaps the owner of a building near the armory lobbied for Councilman Huizar to block that building from becoming a shelter. Rebecca added that they considered the armory since 2009; however, there are concerns regarding asbestos and the lack of

water and electricity. Rebecca would like to see recreation centers stay open overnight as shelters.

- There are city-owned sites being investigated to serve as shelters, including eight locations and twelve parcels, yet none are in CD14. The nearest parcel is behind Eagle Rock Lumber, which is used by the Bureau of Street Services for sidewalk repair. There is one in Cypress Park, two in South LA, one in the West Valley, as well as several in West LA.

D. PRESENTATION: Mayor's Office of Public Engagement report on progress of Mayor Garcetti's 'Back to Basics' agenda and collaborative opportunities moving forward

- Amanda Mejia is the East LA area representative for Mayor Garcetti, covering CD1, CD13, and CD14. This area encompasses ten neighborhood councils; she attempts to attend their monthly meetings every other month. She hopes that they will use her as a resource.
- Amanda distributed a list of Halloween events at the LA Recreation Centers.
- The mayor's Great Streets Challenge met with a great deal of enthusiasm. These are upgraded business corridors for constituents; one will be in Highland Park, as well as Cesar Chavez Avenue in Boyle Heights.
- An informational meeting for the Grant Application Challenge will be held at the Board of Public Works at City Hall on Saturday, October 15.
- Amanda recommends that neighborhood councils have a homeless liaison; Suzanne Smith is currently ERNC's liaison. Last November, Recycled Resources coordinated a Thanksgiving Potluck as a liaison opportunity between the homeless and stakeholders.
- There is a three-tier approach to dealing with the homeless issues:
 - City Street Engagement, such as the Department of Sanitation and the LAPD creating communication and services (rather than just telling them to move along).
 - Housing Strategy. Mayor Garcetti advocates for additional permanent housing.
 - The Welcome Home Project. This is an opportunity to create baskets containing key essentials such as bedding, cookware, towels, coffee maker, etc. Amanda is coordinating with the LAFD to collect these items.

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Schedule a Special ERNC information meeting regarding homeless services in Eagle Rock and CD14

- 80% of the emails that the ERNC receives are frustration regarding homeless issues. People are very passionate about this, and the name-calling has started. There is no easy answer, yet the more of a uniform voice that Eagle Rock has, the louder it will become. A meeting will be arranged with the date, time, and location to be distributed throughout the community.

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Eagle Rock Recreation Center architectural preservation proposal

- Charlie Clark (a ten-year resident of Eagle Rock) and architect Jeremy Levine are attempting to restore the Eagle Rock Recreation Center. They showed a PowerPoint presentation, including photographs of how the building appeared when built in 1953.
- The structure's architect, Richard Nuetra, was one of the founders of the mid-century modernism movement. The building was designed to have large doors open for indoor/outdoor space. These doors are now closed most of the time.
- As this is a historical landmark, Charlie and Jeremy met with city officials to acquire funds to update the building. Kevin Ocubillo, Transportation and Planning Deputy for Councilman Huizar, added that he has worked with them on this project for two years. The only other public building of this type is the Hollyhock House in East Hollywood.
- They hope to
 - Remove the plywood that was placed over the windows (to prevent vandalism)
 - Remove the paint from the bricks
 - Repair the crumbling grout
 - Repair the interior cabinetry

- Repair the bathrooms, including tiles, floors, scratches, etc.
- Sylvia Denlinger mentioned that the 134 fault runs beneath this building and asked what kind of earthquake retrofitting will be included. Jeremy mentioned that when they go to the state, they hope to have additional funds for retrofitting. However, they are not doing structural upgrades to the building, merely beautification.
- Although they do not know what this will cost, they will do fundraising, and they hope to go to the historical societies. When they do, the historical societies may ask, “do you have the support of your local neighborhood council?” They hope to reply affirmatively. Eric Warren, historical building consultant and President of the Eagle Rock Historical Society, offered his services.
- David Greene and Cyndi Otteson mentioned that this should be agendaized [for the November ERNC meeting] to request approval of a letter that Charlie and Jeremy can carry around to show that they have ERNC support.

G. DISCUSSION: Speakers from both sides of the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative (NII), which will appear on the March 2017 ballot

- Highland Park resident Ms. Jackson, from the Coalition to Preserve LA (CPLA), addressed the ERNC.
- According to the city, in the last ten years, 22,000 affordable apartments (housing 58,000 people) have been demolished
- The charter was reformed in 1969 that forbid spot zoning; this new ballot measure is merely to obey the law and establish a new set of rules.
- According to CPLA, the new luxury building’s vacancy rates are 15% to 20%. This is land speculation; it has nothing to do with housing.
- Brian, from the Coalition to Protect LA Neighborhoods and Jobs (CPLANJ) mentioned that the NII is a housing ban that would indefinitely restrict new housing in Los Angeles, increase rents, destroy jobs, and worsen the homeless problem. Mayor Garcetti, Councilman Huizar, and the United Way are among CPLANJ’s supporters.
- Contrary to Ms. Jackson’s 15% to 20%, his numbers indicate a 3% vacancy.
- The city has a 5% to 10% mandate to ensure affordable housing within new buildings.
- A stakeholder from Silver Lake mentioned that this NII is merely a band-aid approach and freezing construction for two years will have a negative impact on the community and the economy.
- Ms. Jackson replied that the major contributors to the NO vote are major developers, such as the Millennium Project and Eli Broad. This will not freeze the general plan. The NII calls for many new homes be built for every demolished home.
- Shamus Garrity from the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council mentioned that everyone he knows is against the initiative, including homeless advocates and the LGBT community that wanted to build a youth shelter. They were required to get a zoning amendment. However the people in favor of the NII mis-appropriated funds.
- Lisa thanked everyone for coming to this evening’s meeting. Matt Hemingway suggested that perhaps ERNC could host a special forum to discuss this topic prior to the March election.

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Vote on the following Neighborhood Purpose Grants

1. Rockdale Visual and Performing Arts Magnet - \$5,000
 - Jennifer Nutting mentioned that this should be tabled, pending additional information.
 - Lisa Kable Blanchard made a motion to table this agenda item; Sylvia Denlinger seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Jazz Hands for Autism (JHFA) - \$1,700
 - Chief Operating Officer Mikal Britt, has been a behavior therapist working with the autistic for several years. The purpose of this grant is to support JHFA in their goal of creating performance opportunities for musically inclined individuals on the autism spectrum. The performances they create build self-esteem, confidence and social skills of the performers.

They also nurture inclusion in the community and teach the public about autism by removing some of the stereotypes and creating better awareness. Additional information can be found at their website at <http://jazzhandsforautism.org/>.

- This grant would allow JHFA to purchase a banner (which will have “ERNC” in a prominent location), an electric acoustic guitar, microphones, and cables. Doing so would allow them to share free music in a variety of settings. The music is inspirational and fun; children are invited to participate, families are welcome, and community building is encouraged. In terms of autism and special needs awareness, they teach the general public about acceptance, tolerance, inclusion, and debunk stereotypes.
- In exchange for helping them acquire equipment, JHFA would perform at the Eagle Rock Farmer's Market on the second Friday of every month for the next six months. This would include a holiday themed performance in December. Also, April is autism awareness month, and would be the last performance in the six month run.
- JHFA also requested financial support for staff transportation; however, ERNC does not want to support that.
- Jennifer Nutting made a motion to approve \$1,200 (rather than \$1,700) for the banner and equipment for JHFA; John Acevedo seconded this motion, and it passed.

Support (12)	Acevedo, Denlinger, Chiavetta, Freidberg, Hemingway, Hocker, Kable-Blanchard, Nutting, Otteson, Saucedo, Smith, and Whitehill
Oppose (1)	Greene
Absent (6)	Bushman, Helseth, Hirsch, Hulen, Niessen, and Ziegler

3. ERHS - \$500

- Jennifer Nutting made a motion to approve this \$500 expenditure to update the first aid kits at ERHS; Matt Hemingway seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. Eagle Rock Elementary Education Foundation - \$1,360.20

- Jennifer Nutting made a motion to approve this expenditure for the purchase and installation of two balance beams. There was no second and so this motion died.
- Cyndi Otteson made a motion to table this agenda item pending a further explanation of the \$500 installation expenditure; Sylvia Denlinger seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Vote on an ERNC letter of community support for a proposed Metro Bus Rapid Transit route on Colorado Blvd, which will connect the Gold and Red Lines

- Lisa Kable Blanchard made a motion to write and send this letter; John Acevedo seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

J. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Vote on Operations expense of up to \$500 to buy a portable air conditioner for the upstairs meeting room at Eagle Rock City Hall

- This agenda item was tabled.

K. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Schedule next Executive Committee and Board meetings

Meeting	Date/Time	Location
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Regular Board	Tuesday, November 1 7PM	Eagle Rock City Hall 2035 Colorado Boulevard

L. ADJOURN

- Lisa adjourned the meeting at 10.06PM.

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134 is complete. Colorado needs another pass today. Will have by this evening

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I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

- President Jesse Saucedo called to order at 7:06PM and reviewed the procedures to be followed.
- SHOW of hands first time here. Reviewing of agenda

B. Roll Call

- A roll call was performed, indicating QTY members of the ERNC, along with over QTY members of the public, were in attendance. A quorum was declared.

Here (19)	John Acevedo, Jane Demian, Sylvia Denlinger, Peter Finestone, Lindsay Kiesling, Margaret Irwin, Andrew Jacobs, , Richard Loew, Becky Newman, James Panozzo, Doreen Sanchez, Victor Sanchez, Jesse Saucedo, Haley Solar, Michael Sweeney, Lani Tunzi, and Marcel Whitfeld, and Jane Demian, James Panozzo, Peter Findstone
Absent (<u> 3 </u>)	Lisa Kable-Blanchard, Chloe Renee Ziegler

C. President’s Report

- Jesse ...

D. Consent Calendar

- The following items will be voted on without discussion. Any Board member may request that item(s) be removed and voted on separately = Becky Newman moves to approve consent calendar
 1. Approve corrected July 2019 ERNC meeting minutes
 2. Approve Monthly Expense Report for July 2019
 3. Approve Jane Demian as Homelessness Liaison

- Becky Newman made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar; Jesse Saucedo seconded this motion, and it passed.

E. Announcements

Jose Hernandez, Council district 14 - Yearly event happening yearly with Highland Park Chamber of Commerce; BET comments extended

Show Canyon Road work with City Attorneys's office to operate logistics, too close to Eagle Rock as for access to canyon Trying to get city attorney's office involved to make it more environmentally friendly; take back the blvd construction beginning in September/Oct along Colorado Blvd for pedestrian improvements; 12 mil funding with Tara; working closely with street services and metro, working on things that overlap;

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Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – send impact statement; mtg in valley, san pedro, censor and removal process; ad hoc committee for bylaws may 2020 for amendments to submit;

LAUSD – Dan Marfisi, Eagle rock HS, 24 hour fundraiser a week from weds to raise money for new auditorium seats 200K; to promote it placing chairs decorated with ribbon & flyers along medians for Colorado and eagle rock blvd, to draw attention and interest; to get the word out; online and at the school; flyers are forthcoming.

LA Sanitation & environment – lead agency for protecting public health & environment; clean water & recycling; watershed protection; www.lacitysand.org, 24 hour customer care 800.773.2489; handout ensuring LA's water future; 100% recycled water by 2025; planting trees for greater greener LA; cards available.

- Mark Estrada from CD14 mentioned the following:

- Edna Degollado from Mayor Garcetti's office spoke of the following:

- LAPD's Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Ochoa addressed the ERNC:

- The LAFD's Captain Carter reported the following:

F. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Sylvia reported ... we have \$7477 rolled over from last year. \$493 operational & outreach Can't access money until new budget 42000 budget, \$750 neighborhood budget grants; remainder \$40, 756.60.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Mary Charthart / Loushana Roybal -Green Earth Collective (GEC)
 - a. Parking and smoking pot in front of houses; solution based; est 2006; created an incentive program to uber or walk to work; uber or lyft; no parking in red; they cannot smioke or will get their membership revoked; spoke with Mike Sweeny was helpful
- 2) Brian Fitzburgh / homes for all
 - a. 3rd annual bar and meo; turn it into dog park during the day; human barking contest; doggie costume parade; watermelon contest compete against your own dog; free to the community; neighborhood purpose grant;

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION Update regarding Scholl Canyon Biogas Project landfill

- Eileen Hatrick reported that

Advocated for not expanding the landfill; what happened because of Glendale and they decided to have an EIR; report will come out in a few weeks; notion of expansion hasn't gone away; biogas energy plant and flaring the methane from the landfill; lots of things Glendale city council will have to decide. Grayson power plant – wants to build a new plant; will be obsolete by 2025 and not environmental friendly; decied a few weeks ago not to build new plnt but a new 93 megawatt plant, new focus will be to get renewables; coalitions were instrumental in looking at what was happening and do right by the community;

Scholl canyon – doing EIR regarding plant; has to figure out what to do with methane; ignite interest in wanting to know when EIR is coming out, getting info and keeping tabs on it; this does make a difference; Glendale city council organizes it; contact Eileen for more info on coalitions; no liner beause it wasn't required when landfill was established; Verdugo fault is nearby on 134; 15 schools within 2 miles, etc; Glendale residents have pushed the EIR; ehatrick@gmail.com.

B. PRESENTATION: Board of Public Works Commission

- President Kevin James reported ...

Owverseas dept of public works; 5 beauras sanitation, street services, engineering, official owners; bureau of contracts; street lighting
 7 divisions: beautification (OCV), provide community cleanups; accounting financial management; mayors office of film & tv production, contract admin for film LA, 18,000 permits per year in LA; Office of petroleum and natural gas safety, brought back from the 1980s; Climate & mobilization office, July 1; going through hiring now

Office of forestry, new chief of urban forestry – overseas trees on streets and rec parks and DWP, who manages trees.

Street services – special events dept, Los Angeles marathon,

k.james@lacity.org put eagle rock neighborhood council in subject line in for priority.

Call 311 for more info

- (MS Powerpoint attached to email to Wendy Diaz, Apple One).

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$1,000 for EnrichLA Garden Ranger Program at Delevan Elementary

- Johanna Recalde mentioned Event LA; 90 SCHOOLS in program on yearly basis; funds go toward supporting program; NPG, handed out flyer of gardening, healthy eating programs etc; does the school give money; 7000 yr budget; school gives 4000 to budget; for all grades; 600,000 per year budget; edible gardening, anything you can eat, watermelon, zucchini, kale lettuce,

Michael Sweeny Seconds to give neighborhood grant. None opposed no abstentions

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Councilmember Huizar's Motion re: CF 19-0785 re: Scholl Canyon

Jane Demian: councilor wrote a report to have sanitation write report in support of EIR; methane flares; suggesting field technology, hydrogen field; injecting the gas directly into pipeline; 60,000 people effected by flares; closed by 2027 but methane will still be there; two air quality monitoring needs to be right there at Scholl Canyon; in support of motion.

In support of motion of LA sanitation writing public comment to Glendale sanitation about the EIR

Treasurer – said they do not care what ERNC has to say;

Margaret makes motion to approve

Lindsey Keisling seconded

All approved, none opposed

No absentia

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION Community Impact Statement re: CF 16-0243 in support of 100% renewable energy by 2030

- Ethan Senser mentioned

Vicki Kirshenbaum – food and water watch

Chance to make voices heard to ask mayor/city council to get the plant up to renewable energy by 2030.; presented community statement

20 neighborhood councils have approved; please sign on

Looking at path to keep us in compliance

2045 is too late in regards to state law

Investing billion dollars for 50 years of gas; gas is as bad as coal; fracking & drilling releases methane; invest in rooftop solar; local jobs.
Asking for a plan

Jesse – sounds like a plan

Syliva Treasurer – moves to support
Peter Firestone – seconded it

Victor Sanchez – think about workers in those industries; any transition toward renewable energy it must include a plan for fair and trust transition for workers including re-training, retaining pensions and fair wages

Last sentence:

All in favor – all aye

None opposed

Motion passes

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION Motion of blanket opposition to street-tree removal permits so as to allow Board members to file objections on behalf of the ERNC during the 3-day objection period

- Jane Demian and/or Michael Sweeney discussed ...

Jane Demain – an individual member has to file an objection to stop tree from being chopped down. Has no info as to why tree is being removed; will present info to board once she has more info; needs to ask for more time to object.

Doreen Sanchez – Motion
Haley – seconded

Richard Loew – whats the time frame?

Michael - system is setup so that we cannot complain; don't really know

Richard Loew – they can just do whatever?

Jane – NC involved; suggested she do an objection, sent copy to lucy, and adele, head of street services; took photos, something about drainage; tree looks healthy, give tree room to grow; huge issue of cutting down healthy trees; process is put in the request and see what they say

All in favor

None opposed

No abstentions

It passes

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ERNC Public Scoping Comment letter regarding priorities and overall vision for Colorado Boulevard

- Michael Sweeney said ...
Looking at safety and small businesses regarding metro;
One minute comment period; will go through cards; time strictly adhered to

Phillip Malboro - on the record of supporting Colorado proposal; concerned with zoning re becoming major transit stop; will have impact on residential buildings; request that it be studied, if there are enough request it will be put back on

Cheryl Weaver - how many members of board have read and understand the street guidelines in letter? Suggested that it is read and understood; safety – evacuation, route safety, not inhibiting emergency vehicles.

Linda Johnston Allen – worked on blvd for a long time; taking back the boulevard to make pedestrian friendly; long standing process from grassroots up; EIR needs to be a full report taking into account environment and historical loss.

Richard Marquez – G/H; from highland park; grew up in the area; what will happen will change eagle rock a lot; impact is unknown; metro is a specialist in making it sound nice but it won't be worth it; will be awful as with the valley BRT.

Sam White - letter is not strong enough for the homeowner; portions, minimizes voice of ppl on each side; outreach relative to the homeowners & renters, trying to reflect what they think; outreach wasn't done well enough; the metro letter is going to take a step back to get around it.

Serverin Martinez – 1st letter supportive, 2nd letter ambivalent; wants to change hearts and minds for street options; don't know what he can say because of misinformation that has been spread; hope decision will be made based on facts not fear & misinformation

There is a letter from October 2016 saying board accepts letter will that be rescinded; does it include Harvey stop only or Harvey & fig.

Caroline Aguirre – who wrote the letters? Michael Sweeney; this letter is not written by Michael McDonald but 3 metro employees; current letter saying that Mike McGurray did not write it; suggest that investigation needs to be made; state attorney;

Lydia Storie - thanks for responding to the community for more detail; conflicting opinion; commutes on 134 daily; pro BRT coming through eagle rock for more options; better transit would mean they would take it.

LeAnn Jackson – Doesn't care about seniors but they care about dog parks; doesn't trust the board; they have lied; don't inform eagle rock people; doesn't know if they live here or what they do here; nothing has been improved in E

Richard Loew – what changes do we want or don't we want

Becky Newman – has deadline of august 15 as a board to make comments; public needs to weigh in on this meeting

Haley Solar

writing of letters came after executive meeting; needs to do outreach what executive meeting is;

Jane Demian - sustainability committee meeting where people could express themselves re BRT; very much in agreement with Richard Loew to get the views of community; put info in letters; letters were written in response to a meeting; she missed the Metro presentation meetings; what do they want to say to metro; would like to be able to incorporate comments fo this evening to study street and freeway option; big proponent of trees and environment.

Michael Sweeny – was not going to submit letter it was extended; compromise was to ask for both; what is being scoped; if specific items need to be in there for option to be studied that should happen; take back the boulevard to make it more livable; drag racing issues; car accidents; not enforcing speed limits; took public comment June committee, six people stayed; emails and over the years re take back the boulevard – safety first, make blvd unique, small buisnesses, street for all; aspirational and have to be germane to project at hand; metro board will not pay attention unless presented to them in a particular way;

Victor Sanchez – 1st letter regarding metro letter is about the timeline; have to take opportunity to submit letter of principle; protecting trees, parking, small businesses; all is in the letter; submitting as a comment on council is well within power of the board; can have larger conversation re BRT; submit letter of priorities; feels conversation has brought out the worst in us; he has grown up in area; stakeholder in Eagle rock; priorities are in alignment with the issues the community has; has the protections for medians, trees, small businesses; in support of submitting letters to community; not the BRT letter, that is a different thing; 1st letter is to have a voice.; more than happy to meet with anyone; asking board members to look specifically at Colorado letter.

Andrew – letter is in line with what community wants for Colorado blvd and take back the blvd; feels important to send the letter; hopes for the best, plans for the worst; to have a voice send letter to BRT to say that this is what’s important to the community.

Becky – this is our opportunity to weigh in; themes and goals that listening to community the board can support.

Jane Demian – helpful if we separate G and H; we can calm down and see that one letter will go out that will address it

Haley Solar - this letter is the foot in the door about our general priorities but not the end of the conversation

Treasurer – important to send letter stating what is important

Becky – can approve letter to BRT with amendments; process approve letter then move for Amendments.

Treasurer – this is not a letter that approves them running a bus down Colorado.

Andrew Jacobs – moving to approve the letter to BRT

Margaret Irwin – seconds the motion to apporvoe

Haley Solar – amendments, how does it work? Can we make sure that the 4 points are there? Can we control zoning.

Jane Demian – construction on Colorado blvd, would business receive money from business interruption fund?

Michael sweeny – Metro has money for business interruption fund; this is an opportunity to get more protection for the business

Amy – if there is an amendment what happens to our low income residents? We value older rental buildings want to protect existing low income housing that exists in eagle rock

Jesse Saucedo – they do have a motion that has been seconded

Jane Demian – please be more specific regarding business interruption fund and how it works.

Treasurer – letter says the businesses will be compensated

Michael Sweeny – this is the first serve over the net; sure there can be a way to word It so businesses will be taken care of

All in favor in G – all none opposed

James Panozzo – abstained

Marcel Whitefield John Acevado and Lindsay Kiesling recused themselves – they own properties

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ERNC letter requesting additional study of locally induced ridership and greenhouse gas reductions for the previous Freeway route option

Marcel Whitefield John Acevado and Lindsay Kiesling recused themselves – they own properties

Cheryl Lieber – letter does not call for a full EIR for 134; she has pettion that requests more than 3 questions but want a full report; with stop at Harvey and Figuerora

Bob DeVelasco – It's time to let Mr Garcetti & weezeer and all the rest now that the votesrs do not want more buses running through their neighborhoods; please use the 134 to accomplish your goal; oe would have to be blind deaf and dumb to plans to destroy Colorado blvd. recommends BRT go along 134.

Anthony Ward – lives on 51st Rangeview, kids go to Montessori; having a no left turn going through the community; have there been studies on schools that will be impacted; doesn't give a shit; at the end of the day a community that talks to each other and wants to vote their frustration; currently not exposed to the community. Waste the paper on information not bullshit.

Becky Newman mentioned that it is important to council to study 134 option with suggested metrics included; environmental metrics also suggested; as a council at executive board meeting to try to take the position then these are the principles; if not please study 134.

Michael Sweeny – is the 134 ridership vehicle and greenhouse gas reductions; this is an important test if this is a viable option; reasonable request for metro to do in parallel with other projects; metro board to change an action that they've already taken; good measure to bring science to determine its viability

Becky Newman – can we send to ? isn't he also on metro board?

Michael - no he is not

Jesse – he is copied

public – put it back on to get the entire EIR; just ask

Jesse – requesting more response to the community;

Richard Loew – new to scoping process, trying to figure out what it is. Metro says its about discussing different alternatives, this is the time to ask for it, which means asking for the 134 alternative; prudent down the line the BRT on blvd that there is an alternative if it doesn't work; doesn't see why all options cannot be explored; the scoping is how far it will go, just want to request they include 134 in their scoping.

Haley Solar – would like to make an amendment that the community have 134 explored as an option

Michael Sweeny – this letter is to see if this can even pass; if the ridership model in the alternative analysis it could be a fatal flaw in metrics; this is a defined request that asks if there are Indian remains, etc; if it can't ridership then it can't get reduced greenhouse gases; this is specific so they can't ignore it; they can ignore an EIR.

Jesse Saucedo – please respect time so that we are clear and there will be many opportunities for the community to chime in but please be respectful of the board.

Becky – please one comment at the time

Jane Demian – other issues besides these 3 items; historical, cultural, value of buisnesses; value of Colorado blvd in eagle rock; needs to make metro consider how important Colorado blvd is to eagle rock;

Treasurer – this letter drafted to force metro to reconsider the 134 so it specifically hit those three items;

Jane Demian - metro chose Colorado due to ridership; looking at freeway numbers may come back with the same result

Treasurer – which issues will force the metro to reconsider the freeway?

Victor Sanchez – asking the metro to revisit the previous 134 option, purpose of letter; an EIR will come out of that; what are the most strategic questions to ask to have metro listen to community? Put 134 option back on the table, a full EIR has left the station; happy medium is in between what they are asking.

Haley Solar – why can't we ask for an EIR now?

Treasurer – if ask for entire EIR metro will say they no longer have time to do the whole EIR.

Andrew Jacobs - If we ask for something simpler we are more likely to get it

Slyvia – motions to approve letter

Haley – seconds the motion

Haley – moves to make an amendment to clearly state that eagle rock as a community wants it to be studied.

Margaret Irwin - Reads a paragraph of the letter; should we be clear on the scientific model?

Haley thinks it should be more clearly defined to represent needs of community

Andrew Jacobs – portions of the eagle rock community still have significant questions, and towards that would like a full ? of the 134. Here we are suggesting.... Etc; noting wants of the community

Haley – add strongly

Margaret – Eagle rock community still has...?

Becky Newman – what was specific amendment? Cannot wordsmith letter in this meeting. Table it so put on agenda for September to make as clear as possible.

Andrew – amendment is to stay... reads amendment sentence... would like a full

Margaret – accepts the amendment

Michael – stating that people want the EIR in the amendment

Jesse - asks for votes: all in favor with amendment - all in favor
Abstentions – Victor Sanchez, Becky Newman

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION Letter of support for Chifa Restaurant Community design overlay and other requests (per LUPC motion)

Opening restaurant in old pet store; unanimous decision to approve; no questions. Michael Sweeney
Motion to approve

James PannoZZo Seconds

All in favor, none opposed no abstentions

J. DISCUSSION/ACTION Letter of support for Zero Fox restaurant CUB and Waiver of Dedication (per LUPC motion)

- LUPC Co-Chair Michael Sweeney mentioned ...

Operations manager here to answer question, tara; width of sidewalk?; 3 ft it will fit for dedication, adding ada accessible ramp to restaurant

James Panozzo – moves to approve

John Acedo – seconds

All approve none opposed no absentia

K. UPDATE Hydration Stations Update

- Jane Demian spoke of Motion that was submitted in 2018 by Rodriguez and Martinez. Becky wrote a letter of support. kPCC wanted to interview them about it. Refilling water bottles. Went to park to take pics of water fountains; would be great to put into effect in eagle rock; investigated prices and sizes; needs to be freestanding; are pipes old pipes? Yes, all pipes are old.
- Jesse Saucedo – get parks & recs involved; in September exec meeting; matching grants

L. UPDATE Report Back from ERNC Sustainability Committee meeting

- Jane Demian mentioned Eileen, to get voted onto committee; Brian presented trolley proposal; lots of public comments, some in favor, some against, some didn't know, fears around re-zoning and high rises; what could happen on Colorado blvd; Juan asked for Colorado blvd plan; we as a committee are making a 100% of electric buses for eagle rock; preserving trees; reduce plastic bags and polystyrene

Juan Ashton - Presented about single use plastic bags, 300mil ton of plastic produced every year; goes into ocean and our food; wants to present to council

M. UPDATE Report Back regarding August 4 ERNC Board Retreat

- Jesse Saucedo mentioned Customary for board retreat for orientation. More time required for that for people to get to know each other; brainstorming; processes of serving as a board members; appreciate who was able to attend.
- Jane – could have been longer
- Jesse – always was 2 hours but some could stay longer
- Richard Loew – if youre on facebook don't click on others post, don't like a comment on someone else's post
- Slyvia – in lieu of actual guidelines use Sacramento rules
- Jesse – mandatory trainings, points of contact; to be clear and compliant with trainings of social media; open to other ideas
- Slyvia - one retreat a year?
- Jesse – yes

N. DISCUSSION/ACTION Schedule next Executive Committee and Board meetings

Meeting	Date/Time	Location
Executive Committee	Thursday, August 22 7PM	Muddy Paw
Regular Board	Tuesday, September 3 7PM	ERCH

O. ADJOURN

- Jesse adjourned the meeting at 10:07PM.

===== FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH =====

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

- President Jesse Saucedo called to order at 7.08PM.

B. Roll Call

- A roll call was performed, indicating thirteen members of the ERNC, along with over thirty members of the public, were in attendance. A quorum was declared.

Here (13)	John Acevedo, Jane Demian*, Sylvia Denlinger, Peter Finestone, Lindsay Kiesling, Margaret Irwin, Andrew Jacobs, Richard Loew, Doreen Sanchez*, Victor Sanchez, Jesse Saucedo, Lani Tunzi*, and Marcel Whitfeld
Resigned (1)	Bridget Hirsch
Absent (6)	Lisa Kable-Blanchard, Becky Newman, James Panozzo, Haley Solar, Michael Sweeney, and Chloe Renee Ziegler

* New board member

C. President's Report

- Jesse thanked the following
 - CD14 and everyone who participated in the June 30th concert and fireworks in the park

- Andrew Jacobs for the new SWAG, including ERNC t-shirts, balls, water bottles, etc.
- All who attended the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) meeting regarding the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). There will be a follow-up Metro-hosted meeting at the Eagle Rock Plaza Mall on Saturday, July 13, 1PM to 3PM. Between now and July 31, Metro invites everyone to stay involved and share feedback via the following methods:
 - Orally at a scoping meeting
 - Call their hotline at 213-418-3228
 - Email to nohopasbrt@metro
 - Visit their website at <https://www.metro.net/projects/noho-pasadena-corridor>
 - Via Twitter at @metrolosangeles
 - Follow via Facebook at losangelesmetro
 - US Mail to: One Gateway Plaza, 99-13-1, Los Angeles 90012
- Jesse represented the ERNC at a brief meeting with Mayor Garcetti and his staff, including one of his top resources, Amy Perkins, from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Mayor Garcetti reiterated his continued support for the three most requested services: mobile showers, bridge housing, and temporary parking. In late August, Mayor Garcetti’s staff may visit Eagle Rock for a tour.
- Jesse also wished to confirm that everyone on the board completed their mandatory finance, ethics, and code of conduct training.

D. Consent Calendar

- The following items will be voted on without discussion. Any Board member may request that item(s) be removed and voted on separately
 4. Approve corrected June 2019 ERNC meeting minutes
 5. Approve Monthly Expense Report for June 2019
 6. Approve Sylvia Denlinger as additional ERNC credit card holder
 7. Approve ERNC board retreat for August 4th
 8. Appoint Pat Niessen and Brigitta Martinez to the Land Use Committee
 9. Approve \$100 for refreshments for previously approved cleanup on July 13th
- Andrew Jacobs made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar; Sylvia Denlinger seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (11)	Acevedo, Demian, Denlinger, Finestone, Kiesling, Irwin, Jacobs, Loew, V. Sanchez, Saucedo, and Whitfeld
May Not be Eligible (2)	D. Sanchez and Tunzi
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

E. Announcements

- Mark Estrada from CD14 mentioned the following:
 - Everyone seemed to have a great time at Sunday’s 10th Annual Independence Day Concert and Fireworks Show and he wished everyone a safe and happy July 4th.
 - CD14 submitted a motion to the Los Angeles Housing Authority (LAHA) that the former St. Barnabas Episcopal Church at 2109 Chickasaw Avenue should become Bridge Housing.
 - The CD14/Eagle Rock Association (TERA) “Slow Yosemite” Community Kick-Off/Initiative to promote traffic safety along Yosemite Drive will be Saturday, July 27th beginning at 11AM at the Rock Coffee House, 4808 Townsend Avenue. Learn about TERA’s latest streetscape initiative to make Yosemite Drive a safe and healthy street. Share ideas, identify “hot spots” that need attention, and let CD14 and TERA know what a safer Yosemite Drive looks like.

- Edna Degollado from Mayor Garcetti's office spoke of the following:
 - The mayor does not support the presidential-requested ICE raids. These raids were to start on Saturday, June 22, but there has been a two-week extension.
 - In June, the mayor proposed a one-year pilot program for free DASH passes to LAUSD students. This may alleviate the concern that many students lack reliable transportation to go to school.
 - The Summer Night Lights is making its 12th annual Summer in the City. In this program, 32 sites will become a place of safety for our youth by providing meals, activities, and fun services. The services will be free to participants, who can remain in the parks until they close at 11PM on Wednesdays through Saturdays from June 26th through August 9th. Between August 9th and August 23rd, the parks will be open on Fridays and Saturdays until 11PM. The recreation centers closest to Eagle Rock are
 - 2630 Pepper Avenue Cypress Park
 - 3650 Verdugo Road Glassell Park
 - 6150 Piedmont Avenue Highland Park
 - The Bridge Home Project, launched in April 2018 by Mayor Garcetti, enables the city to construct bridge housing [faster than ever before] on any land owned or leased by the city, while we wait for Propositions H and HHH to go into affect. To expedite construction, the Mayor's 2018-19 budget included a \$20 million fund to construct emergency bridge housing citywide. Each councilmember must identify a site or building adjacent to a high-density homeless population, and create emergency bridge housing. In total, the mayor's budget includes more than \$450m in supportive housing, bridge housing, services, and facilities to help the homeless find their way off the streets. That represents a 147% increase over last year. Possible bridge housing locations include the facility across from the Union Train Station and near the downtown civic center. Additional information can be found at Mayor Garcetti's website <https://www.lamayor.org/ABridgeHome>
 - Last week, the Supreme Court blocked the citizenship question from the census. Earlier on Tuesday, July 2nd, it was learned that the president's staff withdrew their request for this citizenship question.
 - A stakeholder asked about the rats around skid row; Edna replied that the city does not have a rat abatement program. Sylvia added that typhoid is not from rats, but rather from person to person, possibly from someone who recently visited a country such as Thailand. However, rats can spread fleas. Edna added that they are attempting to sanitize the affected areas.
 - Edna reiterated that the mayor is fully committed to cleaning the area with the elimination of illegal dumping and rats. They hope to have over fifteen additional garbage collection crews, including extra support for each council district, as well as Skid Row and Venice.

- LAPD's Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Ochea addressed the ERNC:
 - The city's narcotics division has arrested several transient people regarding leaving used needles along sidewalks and parks, as well as injections in front of businesses.
 - The LAPD has noticed several young people hanging around the Yosemite Park after the park has closed for the night. This can be extremely dangerous and Officer Ochea urged parents to make certain their children do not go there after the park is closed.

- The LAFD's Captain Carter reported their biggest fears:

- These past few days, they have had to tackle four area brush fires. This past year has seen a great deal of growth, followed by dried vegetation, making the area a tinderbox. The LAFD is very pleased with the homeowner's compliance with mandatory brush clearance.
- In response to Margaret's comment, fireworks are definitely a reportable offense via 911. However, it is difficult for the LAPD and LAFD to track the source.
- Officer Carter also talked about the homeless, and how they get to Eagle Rock [from other areas] via the bus services.

F. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Sylvia reported that the FY2018-19 is over and the preliminary paperwork for FY2019-20 has been submitted and approved at city hall. This will be further discussed under agenda item H.
- The ERNC has \$333 until the end of the month at which time Sylvia will receive her new credit card. The \$100 for Richard Loew's clean up along the Eagle Rock Canyon Trail can be withdrawn from that \$333.
- For the \$10k rollover from the previous fiscal year, the city must first approve that exact amount in August; they may approve merely a little less than \$10k.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Stakeholder Eli Chartoff and his family have lived on Campus Road for over eighteen years. The Green Earth Collective at 4801 York Boulevard has moved in next door. Their temporary cannabis permit, including permission to grow in their 600-amp greenhouse (which is larger than the retail space) may expire in August. This 600-amp facility (which could operate a full city block of businesses) creates a great fire hazard, including the possibility of faulty wiring. Eli asked that CD14 and the ERNC do everything in their power to not permit their growth permit to become permanent.
- Mrs. Chartoff feels that this growing area should be in an M1 industrial zone rather than in their community. She has a concern about the exhaust fumes and the greenhouse's proximity to their son's bedroom (less than 100' away). Sylvia urged them to attend the July 17th LUPC meeting, as the LUPC's co-chair, Michael Sweeney, is very knowledgeable about codes. Mark Estrada added that CD14 is also working on alleviate this growth permit.
- Stakeholder Janie Glass also lives along Campus Road and feels that the Green Earth Collective has made the neighborhood chaotic with multiple burglaries. All day, their customers are very rude, poor parkers, and bad drivers with their loud cars playing loud music. There is trash throughout the community because the business has insufficient trash collection. In addition, the employees also park in Campus Road; they should park on commercial business area along York Boulevard.
- Neighboring stakeholder Johnny expressed concern about the parking by the clientele and employees of the Green Earth Collective; he feels that it would be much better if they parked along York Boulevard.
- Los Flores Drive resident Emily from LA Forward reported that, along with their 10,000 members, they urge Angelenos to join social justice movements striving to transform LA into a fair, flourishing place for everyone. Their key campaign issue is affordable housing. She is developing a neighborhood-by-neighborhood database highlighting affordable housing. If you know of any area that could include this affordable housing, please go to their website at

<https://www.losangelesforward.org>, log-in, and add your information; or email that information to housing@laforward.us.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION

Bird E-Scooters

- Morgan Roth, Community Relations Manager from Bird E-Scooters reported that they are one of the top two scooter companies in LA.
- He offered brochures on how to use the vehicles, etc. This information is also available on their website at <https://www.bird.co>
- The annual fee to use these scooters is \$5; this may be waived for low-income individuals.
- Per a comment from Marcel, Santa Monica attempted to ban these scooters, but Bird prevailed.
- When someone leaves a scooter by the side of the road, Bird has a two-hour response window to retrieve it. Their Santa Monica headquarters allows them to respond to wayward scooters throughout the beach communities.
- Scooters are allowed in the bike lane, but NOT on sidewalks. Jane urged Morgan to make certain that they instruct the riders to keep the cutouts available for the elderly and handicapped.
- Margaret asked what Eagle Rock would be liable for; Morgan explained that the city is already indemnified for these scooters, and Bird has liability insurance in place.

B. PRESENTATION

TERA's new initiative "Slow Yosemite"

- Severin Martinez from TERA explained that they have already secured \$12m for the "Take Back the Boulevard" and "Rock the Boulevard" initiatives.
- They are now partnering with the Eagle Rock High School and Elementary Schools for the "Slow Yosemite" initiative.
- Traffic near the Eagle Rock High School has gotten worse these past ten years with faster distracted drivers. A few years ago, there was a high profile accident that sent a student to the hospital.
- The "Slow Yosemite" Community Kick-Off/Initiative to promote traffic safety along Yosemite Drive will be Saturday, July 27th beginning at 11AM at the Rock Coffee House, 4808 Townsend Avenue. Learn about TERA's latest streetscape initiative to make Yosemite Drive a safe and healthy street. Share ideas, identify "hot spots" that need attention, and let CD14 and TERA know what a safer Yosemite Drive looks like.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION

Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for \$750 for Greater North East Los Angeles (GNELA) Association Bear's Youth Football and Cheer Organization's new division's equipment

- Alex Guerra introduced their President Maricela Torres and their mascot.
- Founded in 1969, the GNELA is a non-profit youth football and cheer organization, consisting of:
 - One flag football team,
 - Five tackle division football teams, and
 - Five division cheer squads
- They currently serve 200 youth, ages 5 to 14, from northeast LA, including Eagle Rock, Highland Park, Glassell Park, and Cypress Park. They recently added a new younger tackle division this year and have officially amended their name.

- This grant will support the organization by helping pay for the necessary reconditioning of helmets and purchase new helmets and shoulder pads. For the safety of the athletes, their helmets must undergo reconditioning every two years.
- GNELA currently has seventeen people on their board, over forty volunteers, and many host families.
- Marcela urged parents that if they want their kids to play during high school, it is important that they play in childhood, where they can learn the rules of the game and safety.
- Sylvia asked if girls could play football and boys could cheer; the reply was affirmative.
- John Acevedo asked about their fundraising; Maricela replied that the kids pay enrollment fees, sell cookie dough, and conduct raffles (with donated prizes).
- They are also a part of a local alliance within the community that works to acquire sports fields within area parks. In addition, their league must annually pay \$10k for lights.
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this \$750 NPG; Peter Finestone seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (11)	Acevedo, Demian, Denlinger, Finestone, Kiesling, Irwin, Jacobs, Loew, V. Sanchez, Saucedo, and Whitfeld
May Not be Eligible (2)	D. Sanchez and Tunzi
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding CF 19-0620/Temporary Bridge Housing in Eagle Rock

- Jane reported that the recent homeless count revealed an 8% increase in homeless families. Contrary to how some people feel, 71% are not drug addicted or mentally ill.
- This CIS supports Councilman Huizar’s motion to provide housing for twelve families for 120 days. The provided services will include:

On-site security and residential supervision	Case management
Assistance with referrals	Crisis intervention
Housing navigation	Nutritious meals
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this CIS; John Acevedo seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

E. UPDATE Housing and Homelessness Committee

- Victor and Jane reported that the ERNC’s Housing and Homelessness Committee has engaged over 200 people in the community via the housing forums, etc.
- The key issues are mobile showers and safe parking. The majority of homeless in Eagle Rock reside in their cars. Possible safe parking locations could be the Eagle Rock Recreation Center and an area of the Eagle Rock Plaza’s parking lot. These issues will be further discussed at the August ERNC meeting.
- Jane introduced Mel Tillekeratne, the founder and executive director of the “Shower of Hope” that brings together a community of strategic partners to generate more value for the homeless population.
- Shower of Hope is the largest provider of portable showers, with twelve locations throughout LA. Each day, the showers, which last for four to six hours, can cost \$800 for 60 people. They visit McArthur Park twice a week to serve over fifty people.
- After their shower, their clients are referred to case management to they can sign up for a benefit, such as bridge housing.
- Mel used the example of a lady with two children who works for a school; however, she cannot afford first and last month’s rent to acquire an apartment.

- Mel added that they are open to donations, especially underwear, soap, shampoo, and feminine hygiene products.

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION Non-LA Haul Route parking on Colorado

- Sylvia asked to table this agenda item until Michael could further explain this issue. However, this issue was already unanimously approved by the LUPC.
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this Haul Route request; Lindsay Kiesling seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (12)	Acevedo, Denlinger, Finestone, Kiesling, Irwin, Jacobs, Loew, D. Sanchez, V. Sanchez, Saucedo, Tunzi, and Whitfeld
Abstain (1)	Demian
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION Letter of support to waive public hearing for Milkfarm Conditional Use Permit (CUP) renewal

- Milkfarm has served bread, cheese, and wine for over five years.
- This letter of support will allow the business owners to waive the additional expenses of a public hearing for the renewal of their CUP.
- Andrew Jacobs made a motion to approve this letter of support; Jesse Saucedo seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (12)	Acevedo, Demian, Denlinger, Finestone, Kiesling, Irwin, Jacobs, Loew, D. Sanchez, V. Sanchez, Saucedo, and Whitfeld
Ineligible (1)	Tunzi
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION Approve budget package for FY 2019/20

- The budget package is similar to last year’s package, with the addition of the \$10k rollover to [tentatively] allow for \$5k towards CISs (for additional native plantings) and \$5k for Outreach,
- The only specific line item changes are for office expenses, including \$1,500 for beverages, snacks, and pizza for the meetings.
- \$2,100 for the clean streets initiative had to be returned to the city’s general fund.
- Andrew Jacobs made a motion to approve this budget package; John Acevedo seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (11)	Acevedo, Demian, Denlinger, Finestone, Kiesling, Irwin, Jacobs, Loew, V. Sanchez, Saucedo, and Whitfeld
May Not be Eligible (2)	D. Sanchez and Tunzi
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of CF 19-0229, also known as “Fair Workweek”

- Anyone who has worked retail or food service remembers the short-notice of their work schedules.
- Victor explained that this CIS would grant employees, who work for companies with over 300 employees worldwide, two-week notice on scheduling.
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this CIS; Margaret Irwin seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

J. DISCUSSION/ACTION Medicare for All resolution

- Medicare fraud investigator and Highland Park resident Sasha Rappaport attended the ERNC meeting of June 4th when he was joined by community organizer Sean Broadbent.
- He recently held an informational presentation at the Eagle Rock Library, whereupon he heard overwhelming support for this Medicare for All.
- Nationwide, over 30m people lack health insurance and over 40m are under-insured.
- There are so many people who cannot afford medical care plus other necessities that they visit emergency rooms when they need a physician. This 2019 Medicare for All Act will provide care for all.
- In response to Margaret’s comment, this would be most similar to Canada’s system, with several improvements. It could eliminate private insurance.
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this Medicare for All resolution; Victor Sanchez seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (8)	Demian, Denlinger, Jacobs, Loew, D. Sanchez, V. Sanchez, Tunzi, and Whitfeld
No (2)	Kiesling and Irwin
Abstain (3)	Acevedo, Finestone, and Saucedo
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

K. DISCUSSION/ACTION Create Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee

- This will be for ad hoc committee until it gets going, then it may become a permanent committee.
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this ad hoc Sustainability Committee; Jesse Saucedo seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

L. PRESENTATION Stay cool, healthy and hydrated during the summer

- Sylvia mentioned that she recently scheduled a free home energy audit from the LADWP. She urged others to contact the LADWP for a free tune-up of their air conditioner, attic insulation inspection, and free light bulbs. They will also provide free Freon for your air conditioner.
- Jane and Sylvia presented some very useful health, safety, and energy saving tips for the summer:

Keep your body cool

- Exercise when it is cool, such as early morning or later in the evening.
- Drink water frequently; do not wait until you are thirsty. If you are not urinating at least three times a day, you are dehydrated.
- Alcohol and coffee will dehydrate your body, so drink them sparingly.
- Apply cold water to your body (such as via a foot-soak or neck cloth) if you feel hot. Take cool showers and baths.
- If you feel nauseous, immediately get into a cool shower.
- Wear light-colored loose clothing in natural fabrics.
- Use public air conditioning at city operated recreation centers, senior centers, or libraries. Use private air conditioning at shopping malls and movie theatres.

Elderly and Infants

- They are the most likely to suffer heat exhaustion or stroke and the least likely to complain.
- Check in on elderly friends, family, and neighbors twice a day.
- Make certain infants are drinking.

Pets

- Do not walk your dog in the middle of the day. If the sidewalk is too hot for your bare feet, it is too hot for a dog.
- Bring dogs and cats inside.

Wildlife

- Bees and other beneficial insects, possums, and other wildlife need water.
- Put out a shallow dish of water, with a rock in it so the bees do not drown. Change this water every day or two to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. Breeding mosquitoes are visible; you will see “wigglers” in the water.

Air Conditioner

- Set your thermostat to 78° or higher.
- Invest in a “smart” thermostat that you can control from your smart phone.
- Tune the A/C once a year.
- Change the filter every three to six months
- Keeps vents clean.

House Management

- Use shades or curtains to block out the sun.
- Invest in double-paned windows with heat treatment.
- Insulate the walls and attic.
- Use ceiling, pedestal, and rotating fans
- Turn off appliances and electronics when not in use.
- Use the outdoor grill rather than your indoor oven.

Energy Use

- Careful use of energy can help avoid brownouts.
- Use large appliances (such as washer/dryer) at night when energy use is lower.
- Limit opening and closing your refrigerator door.
- If you can afford solar panels with battery storage, they will help you get off the grid and ease dependency on the LADWP.

Water Use

- Water every other day, at most.
- Avoid water overflow into the street and sidewalk.
- Hand water plants with a hose (do not use sprinklers).
- Use gray water (if possible) to water plants.

M. UPDATE Eagle Rock Canyon Trail Cleanup on July 13th

- This trail cleanup will be along an overgrown one-mile trail, north of the 134 freeway and the rock, where there is a very nice overlook.
- This trail cleanup will be a collaborative effort with the ERNC (who will provide refreshments), CD14 (who will provide weed cutters and printed flyers), and the Collaborative Eagle Rock Beautiful (CERB). Jesse added that this will be publicized again via the ERNC website and email lists.
- Folks will meet at the base of the trail at 8AM on Saturday, July 13th. This effort will be over by noon, with sufficient time for attendees to attend the BRT meeting at the Eagle Rock Plaza.
- Sylvia asked about trash collection. As there is minimal trash up there to collect, this effort will mainly focus on clearing the trail and trimming the brush.

N. DISCUSSION/ACTION Schedule next Executive Committee and Board meetings

Meeting	Date/Time	Location
Executive Committee	Monday, July 29 7PM	Spire Works
Board Retreat	Sunday, August 4 Noon	TBD
Regular Board	Tuesday, August 6 7PM	ERCH

O. ADJOURN Presiding Officer

- Jesse adjourned the meeting at 9.20PM.

**EAGLE ROCK
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Executive Committee

Jesse Saucedo, President
Becky Newman, Vice President
Sylvia Denlinger, Treasurer
Andrew Jacobs, Communications
Haley Solar, Secretary
Lisa Kable-Blanchard, Immediate Past President

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ERNC REQUEST:

**METRO TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STUDY OF LOCALLY INDUCED RIDERSHIP,
REDUCTION IN VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED, AND GREENHOUSE GAS
REDUCTIONS FOR THE PREVIOUSLY ELIMINATED “FREEWAY” BRT ROUTE
SEGMENT THROUGH EAGLE ROCK VERSUS THE CURRENT “HYBRID” OPTION**

August 7, 2019

Supervisor Hilda Solis
856 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

VIA email: firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov

Dear Supervisor Solis:

We declare that on August 6, 2019, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) at which a quorum was present. The following motion passed with **[INSERT VOTE]**:

Portions of the Eagle Rock community still have significant questions about how the current “Hybrid” NoHo-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route-option along Colorado Boulevard compares against the previously-eliminated “Freeway” option where the BRT primarily traveled along the 134 freeway through our community. In the interest of ensuring that the project is clearly understood to be the most effective and sustainable, the ERNC requests that Supervisor Solis and the Metro Board direct their staff to perform additional scientific modeling of both route alignments with regards to the following metrics in the interest of clarity, openness, and overall public-understanding of the project.

This request for additional study does not negate, diminish, or replace any of the analytic work already done under the CEQA process, nor does it supplant any of the public-participation already done to-date. What we request is a specific, supplemental study of the following metrics in order to clearly, objectively, and unambiguously evaluate the project's effectiveness vis-a-vis both of the route-options through our community. The three requested metrics are:

- 1. Projected ridership totals for trips originating and/or terminating in Eagle Rock itself under both options to confirm which option would have the highest locally-induced ridership.**
- 2. Projected vehicle-miles traveled (VMT) reductions for both options based on expected rates of transit ridership-trips replacing automobile trips.**
- 3. Expected greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions for both options through transit ridership-trips replacing automobile trips.**

As both the County Supervisor representing our area and a Metro Board member, we believe you are uniquely situated and best able to facilitate a fair and expeditious resolution. The ERNC fully supports the actions you and your office have taken to-date--both extending the Public Scoping comment period as well as coordinating the additional August 7, 2019 "Open House" meeting to ensure that interested Eagle Rock community members can learn more about the project directly from Metro. Since the BRT is primarily funded through sales-tax and gas-tax proceeds, all members of the Eagle Rock community therefore have a vested interest in the projects' success. Similarly, Metro has a vested interest in ensuring that the project not only has a sustaining ridership, but that it also positively supports the business community to enable it to continue to contribute to the County's overall tax-base.

In closing, additional study of the previously-eliminated 134 option is warranted at this time to ensure that the project meets the following widely-agreed-upon objectives:

1. The BRT project must provide the highest level of service to the largest number of residents of Eagle Rock and our small-businesses' workers so that our choices for work and leisure travel around our community and city include safe, frequent, and high-quality mass-transit.
2. The BRT project must create and sustain high ridership levels along all route-segments to ensure the line's long-term viability, and thusly the long-term viability of existing and new businesses along its route.
3. The BRT project must make the largest feasible contribution towards reducing GHGs and mitigating the effects of climate-change.

As per the published meeting agenda, this comment letter does not bind the ERNC to a position on the current route-alignment of the BRT at this point in time. The purpose of this comment letter is to ensure that all constituents have sufficient data to participate in the later stages of public-comment for this project as part of the DEIR and FEIR.

Thank you for your time in this matter and also to your excellent staff for their ongoing close attention to our community on this matter and others.

Respectfully,

Jesse Saucedo
President, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

cc: Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti
Office of Councilmember Jose Huizar
Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Los Angeles County District 3
Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County District 5
Ara Najarian, Metro Board, North County/San Fernando Valley Sector
John Fasena, Metro Board, San Gabriel Valley Sector
Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Metro Board, City of Los Angeles
Mike Bonin, Metro Board, City of Los Angeles
Paul Krekorian, Metro Board, City of Los Angeles
Scott Hartwell, Project Manager, Metro NoHoPas BRT project

17) Any and all documents, including any and all emails between Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council members regarding the drafting of the ERNC's proposed letter to Supervisor Hilda Solis that will be addressed at the ERNC's August 6, 2019 meeting.



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Fwd: 134 BRT additional study request - Invitation to edit

3 messages

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To: PRA REQUEST <pra@eaglerockcouncil.org>

Thu, Sep 5, 2019 at 8:41 AM


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From: [Redacted]
Date: Sat, Aug 3, 2019 at 7:56 PM
Subject: Re: 134 BRT additional study request - Invitation to edit
To: [Redacted]

This looks very good, thanks so much for putting it together. See you tomorrow.

On Mon, Jul 29, 2019 at 10:50 PM [Redacted] wrote:

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 here's my draft of the 134 letter. LMK your thoughts. When we get a more fleshed out draft I'll move it into the real Drafts folder

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Fri, Sep 6, 2019 at 1:23 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Jul 30, 2019 at 11:00 AM
Subject: Re: 134 BRT additional study request - Invitation to edit

[REDACTED]

Regarding this particular request, I think looks solid. The three specific metrics you laid out for this alternative seem spot on.

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Mon, Aug 5, 2019 at 4:21 PM

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Subject: RE: 134 BRT additional study request-DRAFT - Invitation to edit

Here's a link to a Metro article dated July 2019 describing the addition of 100% electric buses to Metro's fleet and the first BRT line to utilize electric buses, the Orange Line.

https://www.metro.net/news/simple_pr/metro-takes-delivery-first-60-foot-zero-emission-e/

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 4, 2019 11:17 PM
[Redacted]
Subject: Re: 134 BRT additional study request-DRAFT - Invitation to edit

Jane

My recollection from Metro's public presentations is that this project is supposed to be one of the first lines (if not the 1st) with 100% electric buses. Assuming that's the case, that baseline improvement should be taken into account by the supplemental GHG analysis.

MPS

[Redacted] AIA
Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council
Land Use Committee Co-Chair

On Sun, Aug 4, 2019 at 10:20 PM [Redacted] wrote:

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Thanks so much,

[Redacted]

ERNC Sustainability Director
Housing and Homelessness Committee

[Redacted]

Sent: Sunday, August 4, 2019 7:48 PM

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Sub-District 4 Director
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Subject: Re: 134 BRT additional study request-DRAFT - Invitation to edit

[Redacted]

Dear board members,

Since I recused myself from the BRT topic, I won't vote or be present during public ERNC discussions regarding the project. As a reminder, if anyone on the ERNC board owns property within 500 feet of the proposed route, they are required to contact Elise Ruden at elise.ruden@lacity.org. I will continue to submit comments here on the issue as a private citizen.

With all due respect, I regard the proposed letter as nothing more than an effort to play into Metro's narrative of the the street-running option being the only sensible choice, while creating the misleading impression that the ERNC intends to solicit serious further study of the freeway option. It completely disregards the fact that Metro controlled that narrative from the start by presenting Eagle Rock only with an all-or-nothing scenario, which willfully omitted a perfectly feasible freeway-running option with at least one stop at Figueroa in addition to the proposed Harvey stop.

More importantly, the author(s) chose to cherry-pick only 3 of the 21 (!) areas that CEQUA studies address to be studied. That could be regarded as an attempt to sway public opinion, because all 3 of which would receive skewed results due to the fact that Metro's only freeway option doesn't include enough stops to create local ridership.

The ERNC is obliged to represent the entire neighborhood. If the board truly strives to include the significant segment of our residents and business owners that are questioning the wisdom of the Colorado option, they will have to demand a freeway option (with a stop at Figueroa) to be added to the EIR, so that all 21 areas would be studied. Since Glendale and Pasadena will have their have route alternatives studied, there is simply no good reason why a freeway option for Eagle Rock should be denied that treatment. It would be the only way to ensure a fair comparison between the two routes. Anything less would solidify and perpetuate the sentiment felt by many in our community that Metro manipulated our

neighborhood into giving up two heavily used car lanes, green medians, irreplaceable trees, much needed parking, etc. for their designated BRT lanes - with repeated assistance from the ERNC.

Marcel Wittfeld
ERNC Boulevards Director

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ERNC Sustainability Director
Housing and Homelessness Committee

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Sent: Sunday, August 4, 2019 7:48 PM

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Public Safety Director
sylvia.denlinger@ernc.la

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Sat, Aug 10, 2019 at 8:28 PM

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Thu, Aug 15, 2019 at 6:55 PM

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Fwd: Non-positional letters done?

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Date: August 3, 2019 at 8:48:10 AM PDT
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Subject: Re: Non-positional letters done?

134 is complete. Colorado needs another pass today. Will have by this evening

MPS

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 3, 2019, at 8:35 AM, [Redacted] wrote:

Hey guys -

i'm trying to get out the ERNC newsletter, but the two non-position letters are not currently linked. Are these done?

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**EAGLE ROCK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ERNC)
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 6 August 2019 • 7PM
EAGLE ROCK CITY HALL (ERCH)
2035 Colorado Boulevard, Los Angeles 90041**

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

- President Jesse Saucedo called to order at 7:06PM and reviewed the procedures to be followed.
- SHOW of hands first time here. Reviewing of agenda

B. Roll Call

- A roll call was performed, indicating QTY members of the ERNC, along with over QTY members of the public, were in attendance. A quorum was declared.

Here (19)	John Acevedo, Jane Demian, Sylvia Denlinger, Peter Finestone, Lindsay Kiesling, Margaret Irwin, Andrew Jacobs, , Richard Loew, Becky Newman, James Panozzo, Doreen Sanchez, Victor Sanchez, Jesse Saucedo, Haley Solar, Michael Sweeney, Lani Tunzi, and Marcel Whitfeld, and Jane Demian, James Panozzo, Peter Findstone
Absent (<u> 3 </u>)	Lisa Kable-Blanchard, Chloe Renee Ziegler

C. President’s Report

- Jesse ...

D. Consent Calendar

- The following items will be voted on without discussion. Any Board member may request that item(s) be removed and voted on separately = Becky Newman moves to approve consent calendar
 1. Approve corrected July 2019 ERNC meeting minutes
 2. Approve Monthly Expense Report for July 2019
 3. Approve Jane Demian as Homelessness Liaison

- Becky Newman made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar; Jesse Saucedo seconded this motion, and it passed.

E. Announcements

Jose Hernandez, Council district 14 - Yearly event happening yearly with Highland Park Chamber of Commerce; BET comments extended

Show Canyon Road work with City Attorneys's office to operate logistics, too close to Eagle Rock as for access to canyon Trying to get city attorney's office involved to make it more environmentally friendly; take back the blvd construction beginning in September/Oct along Colorado Blvd for pedestrian improvements; 12 mil funding with Tara; working closely with street services and metro, working on things that overlap;

LAFD – study from metro regarding services David Spence, Battalion officer on York & Eagle Rock blvd, brush clearance, leaving flyers; in the midst of heatwave, rain built up brush that is dry; fire season is year-long process; hydrants, hydrate pets and yourselves; take care re wildlife, snakes, etc; brush clearance received notices, to protect you and your neighbors LAFD.ORG for more info on brush clearance.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – send impact statement; mtg in valley, san pedro, censor and removal process; ad hoc committee for bylaws may 2020 for amendments to submit;

LAUSD – Dan Marfisi, Eagle rock HS, 24 hour fundraiser a week from weds to raise money for new auditorium seats 200K; to promote it placing chairs decorated with ribbon & flyers along medians for Colorado and eagle rock blvd, to draw attention and interest; to get the word out; online and at the school; flyers are forthcoming.

LA Sanitation & environment – lead agency for protecting public health & environment; clean water & recycling; watershed protection; www.lacitysand.org, 24 hour customer care 800.773.2489; handout ensuring LA's water future; 100% recycled water by 2025; planting trees for greater greener LA; cards available.

- Mark Estrada from CD14 mentioned the following:

- Edna Degollado from Mayor Garcetti's office spoke of the following:

- LAPD's Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Ochoa addressed the ERNC:

- The LAFD's Captain Carter reported the following:

F. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Sylvia reported ... we have \$7477 rolled over from last year. \$493 operational & outreach Can't access money until new budget 42000 budget, \$750 neighborhood budget grants; remainder \$40, 756.60.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Mary Charthart / Loushana Roybal -Green Earth Collective (GEC)
 - a. Parking and smoking pot in front of houses; solution based; est 2006; created an incentive program to uber or walk to work; uber or lyft; no parking in red; they cannot smioke or will get their membership revoked; spoke with Mike Sweeny was helpful
- 2) Brian Fitzburgh / homes for all
 - a. 3rd annual bar and meo; turn it into dog park during the day; human barking contest; doggie costume parade; watermelon contest compete against your own dog; free to the community; neighborhood purpose grant;

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION Update regarding Scholl Canyon Biogas Project landfill

- Eileen Hatrick reported that

Advocated for not expanding the landfill; what happened because of Glendale and they decided to have an EIR; report will come out in a few weeks; notion of expansion hasn't gone away; biogas energy plant and flaring the methane from the landfill; lots of things Glendale city council will have to decide. Grayson power plant – wants to build a new plant; will be obsolete by 2025 and not environmental friendly; decied a few weeks ago not to build new plnt but a new 93 megawatt plant, new focus will be to get renewables; coalitions were instrumental in looking at what was happening and do right by the community;

Scholl canyon – doing EIR regarding plant; has to figure out what to do with methane; ignite interest in wanting to know when EIR is coming out, getting info and keeping tabs on it; this does make a difference; Glendale city council organizes it; contact Eileen for more info on coalitions; no liner beause it wasn't required when landfill was established; Verdugo fault is nearby on 134; 15 schools within 2 miles, etc; Glendale residents have pushed the EIR; ehatrick@gmail.com.

B. PRESENTATION: Board of Public Works Commission

- President Kevin James reported ...

Owverseas dept of public works; 5 beauras sanitation, street services, engineering, official owners; bureau of contracts; street lighting
 7 divisions: beautification (OCV), provide community cleanups; accounting financial management; mayors office of film & tv production, contract admin for film LA, 18,000 permits per year in LA; Office of petroleum and natural gas safety, brought back from the 1980s; Climate & mobilization office, July 1; going through hiring now

Office of forestry, new chief of urban forestry – overseas trees on streets and rec parks and DWP, who manages trees.

Street services – special events dept, Los Angeles marathon,

k.james@lacity.org put eagle rock neighborhood council in subject line in for priority.

Call 311 for more info

- (MS Powerpoint attached to email to Wendy Diaz, Apple One).

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$1,000 for EnrichLA Garden Ranger Program at Delevan Elementary

- Johanna Recalde mentioned Event LA; 90 SCHOOLS in program on yearly basis; funds go toward supporting program; NPG, handed out flyer of gardening, healthy eating programs etc; does the school give money; 7000 yr budget; school gives 4000 to budget; for all grades; 600,000 per year budget; edible gardening, anything you can eat, watermelon, zucchini, kale lettuce,

Michael Sweeny Seconds to give neighborhood grant. None opposed no abstentions

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Councilmember Huizar's Motion re: CF 19-0785 re: Scholl Canyon

Jane Demian: councilor wrote a report to have sanitation write report in support of EIR; methane flares; suggesting field technology, hydrogen field; injecting the gas directly into pipeline; 60,000 people effected by flares; closed by 2027 but methane will still be there; two air quality monitoring needs to be right there at Scholl Canyon; in support of motion.

In support of motion of LA sanitation writing public comment to Glendale sanitation about the EIR

Treasurer – said they do not care what ERNC has to say;

Margaret makes motion to approve

Lindsey Keisling seconded

All approved, none opposed

No absentia

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION Community Impact Statement re: CF 16-0243 in support of 100% renewable energy by 2030

- Ethan Senser mentioned

Vicki Kirshenbaum – food and water watch

Chance to make voices heard to ask mayor/city council to get the plant up to renewable energy by 2030.; presented community statement

20 neighborhood councils have approved; please sign on

Looking at path to keep us in compliance

2045 is too late in regards to state law

Investing billion dollars for 50 years of gas; gas is as bad as coal; fracking & drilling releases methane; invest in rooftop solar; local jobs.
Asking for a plan

Jesse – sounds like a plan

SylivaTreasurer – moves to support
Peter Firestone – seconded it

Victor Sanchez – think about workers in those industries; any transition toward renewable energy it must include a plan for fair and trust transition for workers including re-training, retaining pensions and fair wages

Last sentence:

All in favor – all aye

None opposed

Motion passes

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION Motion of blanket opposition to street-tree removal permits so as to allow Board members to file objections on behalf of the ERNC during the 3-day objection period

- Jane Demian and/or Michael Sweeney discussed ...

Jane Demain – an individual member has to file an objection to stop tree from being chopped down. Has no info as to why tree is being removed; will present info to board once she has more info; needs to ask for more time to object.

Doreen Sanchez – Motion
Haley – seconded

Richard Loew – whats the time frame?

Michael - system is setup so that we cannot complain; don't really know

Richard Loew – they can just do whatever?

Jane – NC involved; suggested she do an objection, sent copy to lucy, and adele, head of street services; took photos, something about drainage; tree looks healthy, give tree room to grow; huge issue of cutting down healthy trees; process is put in the request and see what they say

All in favor

None opposed

No abstentions

It passes

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ERNC Public Scoping Comment letter regarding priorities and overall vision for Colorado Boulevard

- Michael Sweeney said ...
Looking at safety and small businesses regarding metro;
One minute comment period; will go through cards; time strictly adhered to

Phillip Malboro - on the record of supporting Colorado proposal; concerned with zoning re becoming major transit stop; will have impact on residential buildings; request that it be studied, if there are enough request it will be put back on

Cheryl Weaver - how many members of board have read and understand the street guidelines in letter? Suggested that it is read and understood; safety – evacuation, route safety, not inhibiting emergency vehicles.

Linda Johnston Allen – worked on blvd for a long time; taking back the boulevard to make pedestrian friendly; long standing process from grassroots up; EIR needs to be a full report taking into account environment and historical loss.

Richard Marquez – G/H; from highland park; grew up in the area; what will happen will change eagle rock a lot; impact is unknown; metro is a specialist in making it sound nice but it won't be worth it; will be awful as with the valley BRT.

Sam White - letter is not strong enough for the homeowner; portions, minimizes voice of ppl on each side; outreach relative to the homeowners & renters, trying to reflect what they think; outreach wasn't done well enough; the metro letter is going to take a step back to get around it.

Serverin Martinez – 1st letter supportive, 2nd letter ambivalent; wants to change hearts and minds for street options; don't know what he can say because of misinformation that has been spread; hope decision will be made based on facts not fear & misinformation

There is a letter from October 2016 saying board accepts letter will that be rescinded; does it include Harvey stop only or Harvey & fig.

Caroline Aguirre – who wrote the letters? Michael Sweeney; this letter is not written by Michael McDonald but 3 metro employees; current letter saying that Mike McGurray did not write it; suggest that investigation needs to be made; state attorney;

Lydia Storie - thanks for responding to the community for more detail; conflicting opinion; commutes on 134 daily; pro BRT coming through eagle rock for more options; better transit would mean they would take it.

LeAnn Jackson – Doesn't care about seniors but they care about dog parks; doesn't trust the board; they have lied; don't inform eagle rock people; doesn't know if they live here or what they do here; nothing has been improved in E

Richard Loew – what changes do we want or don't we want

Becky Newman – has deadline of august 15 as a board to make comments; public needs to weigh in on this meeting

Haley Solar

writing of letters came after executive meeting; needs to do outreach what executive meeting is;

Jane Demian - sustainability committee meeting where people could express themselves re BRT; very much in agreement with Richard Loew to get the views of community; put info in letters; letters were written in response to a meeting; she missed the Metro presentation meetings; what do they want to say to metro; would like to be able to incorporate comments fo this evening to study street and freeway option; big proponent of trees and environment.

Michael Sweeny – was not going to submit letter it was extended; compromise was to ask for both; what is being scoped; if specific items need to be in there for option to be studied that should happen; take back the boulevard to make it more livable; drag racing issues; car accidents; not enforcing speed limits; took public comment June committee, six people stayed; emails and over the years re take back the boulevard – safety first, make blvd unique, small buisnesses, street for all; aspirational and have to be germane to project at hand; metro board will not pay attention unless presented to them in a particular way;

Victor Sanchez – 1st letter regarding metro letter is about the timeline; have to take opportunity to submit letter of principle; protecting trees, parking, small businesses; all is in the letter; submitting as a comment on council is well within power of the board; can have larger conversation re BRT; submit letter of priorities; feels conversation has brought out the worst in us; he has grown up in area; stakeholder in Eagle rock; priorities are in alignment with the issues the community has; has the protections for medians, trees, small businesses; in support of submitting letters to community; not the BRT letter, that is a different thing; 1st letter is to have a voice.; more than happy to meet with anyone; asking board members to look specifically at Colorado letter.

Andrew – letter is in line with what community wants for Colorado blvd and take back the blvd; feels important to send the letter; hopes for the best, plans for the worst; to have a voice send letter to BRT to say that this is what’s important to the community.

Becky – this is our opportunity to weigh in; themes and goals that listening to community the board can support.

Jane Demian – helpful if we separate G and H; we can calm down and see that one letter will go out that will address it

Haley Solar - this letter is the foot in the door about our general priorities but not the end of the conversation

Treasurer – important to send letter stating what is important

Becky – can approve letter to BRT with amendments; process approve letter then move for Amendments.

Treasurer – this is not a letter that approves them running a bus down Colorado.

Andrew Jacobs – moving to approve the letter to BRT

Margaret Irwin – seconds the motion to apporvoe

Haley Solar – amendments, how does it work? Can we make sure that the 4 points are there? Can we control zoning.

Jane Demian – construction on Colorado blvd, would business receive money from business interruption fund?

Michael sweeny – Metro has money for business interruption fund; this is an opportunity to get more protection for the business

Amy – if there is an amendment what happens to our low income residents? We value older rental buildings want to protect existing low income housing that exists in eagle rock

Jesse Saucedo – they do have a motion that has been seconded

Jane Demian – please be more specific regarding business interruption fund and how it works.

Treasurer – letter says the businesses will be compensated

Michael Sweeny – this is the first serve over the net; sure there can be a way to word It so businesses will be taken care of

All in favor in G – all none opposed

James Panozzo – abstained

Marcel Whitefield John Acevado and Lindsay Kiesling recused themselves – they own properties

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ERNC letter requesting additional study of locally induced ridership and greenhouse gas reductions for the previous Freeway route option

Marcel Whitefield John Acevado and Lindsay Kiesling recused themselves – they own properties

Cheryl Lieber – letter does not call for a full EIR for 134; she has pettion that requests more than 3 questions but want a full report; with stop at Harvey and Figuerora

Bob DeVelasco – It's time to let Mr Garcetti & weezeer and all the rest now that the votesrs do not want more buses running through their neighborhoods; please use the 134 to accomplish your goal; oe would have to be blind deaf and dumb to plans to destroy Colorado blvd. recommends BRT go along 134.

Anthony Ward – lives on 51st Rangeview, kids go to Montessori; having a no left turn going through the community; have there been studies on schools that will be impacted; doesn't give a shit; at the end of the day a community that talks to each other and wants to vote their frustration; currently not exposed to the community. Waste the paper on information not bullshit.

Becky Newman mentioned that it is important to council to study 134 option with suggested metrics included; environmental metrics also suggested; as a council at executive board meeting to try to take the position then these are the principles; if not please study 134.

Michael Sweeny – is the 134 ridership vehicle and greenhouse gas reductions; this is an important test if this is a viable option; reasonable request for metro to do in parallel with other projects; metro board to change an action that they've already taken; good measure to bring science to determine its viability

Becky Newman – can we send to ? isn't he also on metro board?

Michael - no he is not

Jesse – he is copied

public – put it back on to get the entire EIR; just ask

Jesse – requesting more response to the community;

Richard Loew – new to scoping process, trying to figure out what it is. Metro says its about discussing different alternatives, this is the time to ask for it, which means asking for the 134 alternative; prudent down the line the BRT on blvd that there is an alternative if it doesn't work; doesn't see why all options cannot be explored; the scoping is how far it will go, just want to request they include 134 in their scoping.

Haley Solar – would like to make an amendment that the community have 134 explored as an option

Michael Sweeny – this letter is to see if this can even pass; if the ridership model in the alternative analysis it could be a fatal flaw in metrics; this is a defined request that asks if there are Indian remains, etc; if it can't ridership then it can't get reduced greenhouse gases; this is specific so they can't ignore it; they can ignore an EIR.

Jesse Saucedo – please respect time so that we are clear and there will be many opportunities for the community to chime in but please be respectful of the board.

Becky – please one comment at the time

Jane Demian – other issues besides these 3 items; historical, cultural, value of buisnesses; value of Colorado blvd in eagle rock; needs to make metro consider how important Colorado blvd is to eagle rock;

Treasurer – this letter drafted to force metro to reconsider the 134 so it specifically hit those three items;

Jane Demian - metro chose Colorado due to ridership; looking at freeway numbers may come back with the same result

Treasurer – which issues will force the metro to reconsider the freeway?

Victor Sanchez – asking the metro to revisit the previous 134 option, purpose of letter; an EIR will come out of that; what are the most strategic questions to ask to have metro listen to community? Put 134 option back on the table, a full EIR has left the station; happy medium is in between what they are asking.

Haley Solar – why can't we ask for an EIR now?

Treasurer – if ask for entire EIR metro will say they no longer have time to do the whole EIR.

Andrew Jacobs - If we ask for something simpler we are more likely to get it

Slyvia – motions to approve letter

Haley – seconds the motion

Haley – moves to make an amendment to clearly state that eagle rock as a community wants it to be studied.

Margaret Irwin - Reads a paragraph of the letter; should we be clear on the scientific model?

Haley thinks it should be more clearly defined to represent needs of community

Andrew Jacobs – portions of the eagle rock community still have significant questions, and towards that would like a full ? of the 134. Here we are suggesting.... Etc; noting wants of the community

Haley – add strongly

Margaret – Eagle rock community still has...?

Becky Newman – what was specific amendment? Cannot wordsmith letter in this meeting. Table it so put on agenda for September to make as clear as possible.

Andrew – amendment is to stay... reads amendment sentence... would like a full

Margaret – accepts the amendment

Michael – stating that people want the EIR in the amendment

Jesse - asks for votes: all in favor with amendment - all in favor
Abstentions – Victor Sanchez, Becky Newman

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION Letter of support for Chifa Restaurant Community design overlay and other requests (per LUPC motion)

Opening restaurant in old pet store; unanimous decision to approve; no questions. Michael Sweeney
Motion to approve

James PannoZZo Seconds

All in favor, none opposed no abstentions

J. DISCUSSION/ACTION Letter of support for Zero Fox restaurant CUB and Waiver of Dedication (per LUPC motion)

- LUPC Co-Chair Michael Sweeney mentioned ...

Operations manager here to answer question, tara; width of sidewalk?; 3 ft it will fit for dedication, adding ada accessible ramp to restaurant

James Panozzo – moves to approve

John Acedo – seconds

All approve none opposed no absentia

K. UPDATE Hydration Stations Update

- Jane Demian spoke of Motion that was submitted in 2018 by Rodriguez and Martinez. Becky wrote a letter of support. kPCC wanted to interview them about it. Refilling water bottles. Went to park to take pics of water fountains; would be great to put into effect in eagle rock; investigated prices and sizes; needs to be freestanding; are pipes old pipes? Yes, all pipes are old.
- Jesse Saucedo – get parks & recs involved; in September exec meeting; matching grants

L. UPDATE Report Back from ERNC Sustainability Committee meeting

- Jane Demian mentioned Eileen, to get voted onto committee; Brian presented trolley proposal; lots of public comments, some in favor, some against, some didn't know, fears around re-zoning and high rises; what could happen on Colorado blvd; Juan asked for Colorado blvd plan; we as a committee are making a 100% of electric buses for eagle rock; preserving trees; reduce plastic bags and polystyrene

Juan Ashton - Presented about single use plastic bags, 300mil ton of plastic produced every year; goes into ocean and our food; wants to present to council

M. UPDATE Report Back regarding August 4 ERNC Board Retreat

- Jesse Saucedo mentioned Customary for board retreat for orientation. More time required for that for people to get to know each other; brainstorming; processes of serving as a board members; appreciate who was able to attend.
- Jane – could have been longer
- Jesse – always was 2 hours but some could stay longer
- Richard Loew – if youre on facebook don't click on others post, don't like a comment on someone else's post
- Slyvia – in lieu of actual guidelines use Sacramento rules
- Jesse – mandatory trainings, points of contact; to be clear and compliant with trainings of social media; open to other ideas
- Slyvia - one retreat a year?
- Jesse – yes

N. DISCUSSION/ACTION Schedule next Executive Committee and Board meetings

Meeting	Date/Time	Location
Executive Committee	Thursday, August 22 7PM	Muddy Paw
Regular Board	Tuesday, September 3 7PM	ERCH

O. ADJOURN

- Jesse adjourned the meeting at 10:07PM.

===== FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH =====

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

- President Jesse Saucedo called to order at 7.08PM.

B. Roll Call

- A roll call was performed, indicating thirteen members of the ERNC, along with over thirty members of the public, were in attendance. A quorum was declared.

Here (13)	John Acevedo, Jane Demian*, Sylvia Denlinger, Peter Finestone, Lindsay Kiesling, Margaret Irwin, Andrew Jacobs, Richard Loew, Doreen Sanchez*, Victor Sanchez, Jesse Saucedo, Lani Tunzi*, and Marcel Whitfeld
Resigned (1)	Bridget Hirsch
Absent (6)	Lisa Kable-Blanchard, Becky Newman, James Panozzo, Haley Solar, Michael Sweeney, and Chloe Renee Ziegler

* New board member

C. President's Report

- Jesse thanked the following
 - CD14 and everyone who participated in the June 30th concert and fireworks in the park

- Andrew Jacobs for the new SWAG, including ERNC t-shirts, balls, water bottles, etc.
- All who attended the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) meeting regarding the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). There will be a follow-up Metro-hosted meeting at the Eagle Rock Plaza Mall on Saturday, July 13, 1PM to 3PM. Between now and July 31, Metro invites everyone to stay involved and share feedback via the following methods:
 - Orally at a scoping meeting
 - Call their hotline at 213-418-3228
 - Email to nohopasbrt@metro
 - Visit their website at <https://www.metro.net/projects/noho-pasadena-corridor>
 - Via Twitter at @metrolosangeles
 - Follow via Facebook at losangelesmetro
 - US Mail to: One Gateway Plaza, 99-13-1, Los Angeles 90012
- Jesse represented the ERNC at a brief meeting with Mayor Garcetti and his staff, including one of his top resources, Amy Perkins, from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Mayor Garcetti reiterated his continued support for the three most requested services: mobile showers, bridge housing, and temporary parking. In late August, Mayor Garcetti’s staff may visit Eagle Rock for a tour.
- Jesse also wished to confirm that everyone on the board completed their mandatory finance, ethics, and code of conduct training.

D. Consent Calendar

- The following items will be voted on without discussion. Any Board member may request that item(s) be removed and voted on separately
 4. Approve corrected June 2019 ERNC meeting minutes
 5. Approve Monthly Expense Report for June 2019
 6. Approve Sylvia Denlinger as additional ERNC credit card holder
 7. Approve ERNC board retreat for August 4th
 8. Appoint Pat Niessen and Brigitta Martinez to the Land Use Committee
 9. Approve \$100 for refreshments for previously approved cleanup on July 13th
- Andrew Jacobs made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar; Sylvia Denlinger seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (11)	Acevedo, Demian, Denlinger, Finestone, Kiesling, Irwin, Jacobs, Loew, V. Sanchez, Saucedo, and Whitfeld
May Not be Eligible (2)	D. Sanchez and Tunzi
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

E. Announcements

- Mark Estrada from CD14 mentioned the following:
 - Everyone seemed to have a great time at Sunday’s 10th Annual Independence Day Concert and Fireworks Show and he wished everyone a safe and happy July 4th.
 - CD14 submitted a motion to the Los Angeles Housing Authority (LAHA) that the former St. Barnabas Episcopal Church at 2109 Chickasaw Avenue should become Bridge Housing.
 - The CD14/Eagle Rock Association (TERA) “Slow Yosemite” Community Kick-Off/Initiative to promote traffic safety along Yosemite Drive will be Saturday, July 27th beginning at 11AM at the Rock Coffee House, 4808 Townsend Avenue. Learn about TERA’s latest streetscape initiative to make Yosemite Drive a safe and healthy street. Share ideas, identify “hot spots” that need attention, and let CD14 and TERA know what a safer Yosemite Drive looks like.

- Edna Degollado from Mayor Garcetti's office spoke of the following:
 - The mayor does not support the presidential-requested ICE raids. These raids were to start on Saturday, June 22, but there has been a two-week extension.
 - In June, the mayor proposed a one-year pilot program for free DASH passes to LAUSD students. This may alleviate the concern that many students lack reliable transportation to go to school.
 - The Summer Night Lights is making its 12th annual Summer in the City. In this program, 32 sites will become a place of safety for our youth by providing meals, activities, and fun services. The services will be free to participants, who can remain in the parks until they close at 11PM on Wednesdays through Saturdays from June 26th through August 9th. Between August 9th and August 23rd, the parks will be open on Fridays and Saturdays until 11PM. The recreation centers closest to Eagle Rock are
 - 2630 Pepper Avenue Cypress Park
 - 3650 Verdugo Road Glassell Park
 - 6150 Piedmont Avenue Highland Park
 - The Bridge Home Project, launched in April 2018 by Mayor Garcetti, enables the city to construct bridge housing [faster than ever before] on any land owned or leased by the city, while we wait for Propositions H and HHH to go into affect. To expedite construction, the Mayor's 2018-19 budget included a \$20 million fund to construct emergency bridge housing citywide. Each councilmember must identify a site or building adjacent to a high-density homeless population, and create emergency bridge housing. In total, the mayor's budget includes more than \$450m in supportive housing, bridge housing, services, and facilities to help the homeless find their way off the streets. That represents a 147% increase over last year. Possible bridge housing locations include the facility across from the Union Train Station and near the downtown civic center. Additional information can be found at Mayor Garcetti's website <https://www.lamayor.org/ABridgeHome>
 - Last week, the Supreme Court blocked the citizenship question from the census. Earlier on Tuesday, July 2nd, it was learned that the president's staff withdrew their request for this citizenship question.
 - A stakeholder asked about the rats around skid row; Edna replied that the city does not have a rat abatement program. Sylvia added that typhoid is not from rats, but rather from person to person, possibly from someone who recently visited a country such as Thailand. However, rats can spread fleas. Edna added that they are attempting to sanitize the affected areas.
 - Edna reiterated that the mayor is fully committed to cleaning the area with the elimination of illegal dumping and rats. They hope to have over fifteen additional garbage collection crews, including extra support for each council district, as well as Skid Row and Venice.

- LAPD's Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Ochea addressed the ERNC:
 - The city's narcotics division has arrested several transient people regarding leaving used needles along sidewalks and parks, as well as injections in front of businesses.
 - The LAPD has noticed several young people hanging around the Yosemite Park after the park has closed for the night. This can be extremely dangerous and Officer Ochea urged parents to make certain their children do not go there after the park is closed.

- The LAFD's Captain Carter reported their biggest fears:

- These past few days, they have had to tackle four area brush fires. This past year has seen a great deal of growth, followed by dried vegetation, making the area a tinderbox. The LAFD is very pleased with the homeowner's compliance with mandatory brush clearance.
- In response to Margaret's comment, fireworks are definitely a reportable offense via 911. However, it is difficult for the LAPD and LAFD to track the source.
- Officer Carter also talked about the homeless, and how they get to Eagle Rock [from other areas] via the bus services.

F. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Sylvia reported that the FY2018-19 is over and the preliminary paperwork for FY2019-20 has been submitted and approved at city hall. This will be further discussed under agenda item H.
- The ERNC has \$333 until the end of the month at which time Sylvia will receive her new credit card. The \$100 for Richard Loew's clean up along the Eagle Rock Canyon Trail can be withdrawn from that \$333.
- For the \$10k rollover from the previous fiscal year, the city must first approve that exact amount in August; they may approve merely a little less than \$10k.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Stakeholder Eli Chartoff and his family have lived on Campus Road for over eighteen years. The Green Earth Collective at 4801 York Boulevard has moved in next door. Their temporary cannabis permit, including permission to grow in their 600-amp greenhouse (which is larger than the retail space) may expire in August. This 600-amp facility (which could operate a full city block of businesses) creates a great fire hazard, including the possibility of faulty wiring. Eli asked that CD14 and the ERNC do everything in their power to not permit their growth permit to become permanent.
- Mrs. Chartoff feels that this growing area should be in an M1 industrial zone rather than in their community. She has a concern about the exhaust fumes and the greenhouse's proximity to their son's bedroom (less than 100' away). Sylvia urged them to attend the July 17th LUPC meeting, as the LUPC's co-chair, Michael Sweeney, is very knowledgeable about codes. Mark Estrada added that CD14 is also working on alleviate this growth permit.
- Stakeholder Janie Glass also lives along Campus Road and feels that the Green Earth Collective has made the neighborhood chaotic with multiple burglaries. All day, their customers are very rude, poor parkers, and bad drivers with their loud cars playing loud music. There is trash throughout the community because the business has insufficient trash collection. In addition, the employees also park in Campus Road; they should park on commercial business area along York Boulevard.
- Neighboring stakeholder Johnny expressed concern about the parking by the clientele and employees of the Green Earth Collective; he feels that it would be much better if they parked along York Boulevard.
- Los Flores Drive resident Emily from LA Forward reported that, along with their 10,000 members, they urge Angelenos to join social justice movements striving to transform LA into a fair, flourishing place for everyone. Their key campaign issue is affordable housing. She is developing a neighborhood-by-neighborhood database highlighting affordable housing. If you know of any area that could include this affordable housing, please go to their website at

<https://www.losangelesforward.org>, log-in, and add your information; or email that information to housing@laforward.us.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION

Bird E-Scooters

- Morgan Roth, Community Relations Manager from Bird E-Scooters reported that they are one of the top two scooter companies in LA.
- He offered brochures on how to use the vehicles, etc. This information is also available on their website at <https://www.bird.co>
- The annual fee to use these scooters is \$5; this may be waived for low-income individuals.
- Per a comment from Marcel, Santa Monica attempted to ban these scooters, but Bird prevailed.
- When someone leaves a scooter by the side of the road, Bird has a two-hour response window to retrieve it. Their Santa Monica headquarters allows them to respond to wayward scooters throughout the beach communities.
- Scooters are allowed in the bike lane, but NOT on sidewalks. Jane urged Morgan to make certain that they instruct the riders to keep the cutouts available for the elderly and handicapped.
- Margaret asked what Eagle Rock would be liable for; Morgan explained that the city is already indemnified for these scooters, and Bird has liability insurance in place.

B. PRESENTATION

TERA's new initiative "Slow Yosemite"

- Severin Martinez from TERA explained that they have already secured \$12m for the "Take Back the Boulevard" and "Rock the Boulevard" initiatives.
- They are now partnering with the Eagle Rock High School and Elementary Schools for the "Slow Yosemite" initiative.
- Traffic near the Eagle Rock High School has gotten worse these past ten years with faster distracted drivers. A few years ago, there was a high profile accident that sent a student to the hospital.
- The "Slow Yosemite" Community Kick-Off/Initiative to promote traffic safety along Yosemite Drive will be Saturday, July 27th beginning at 11AM at the Rock Coffee House, 4808 Townsend Avenue. Learn about TERA's latest streetscape initiative to make Yosemite Drive a safe and healthy street. Share ideas, identify "hot spots" that need attention, and let CD14 and TERA know what a safer Yosemite Drive looks like.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION

Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for \$750 for Greater North East Los Angeles (GNELA) Association Bear's Youth Football and Cheer Organization's new division's equipment

- Alex Guerra introduced their President Maricela Torres and their mascot.
- Founded in 1969, the GNELA is a non-profit youth football and cheer organization, consisting of:
 - One flag football team,
 - Five tackle division football teams, and
 - Five division cheer squads
- They currently serve 200 youth, ages 5 to 14, from northeast LA, including Eagle Rock, Highland Park, Glassell Park, and Cypress Park. They recently added a new younger tackle division this year and have officially amended their name.

- This grant will support the organization by helping pay for the necessary reconditioning of helmets and purchase new helmets and shoulder pads. For the safety of the athletes, their helmets must undergo reconditioning every two years.
- GNELA currently has seventeen people on their board, over forty volunteers, and many host families.
- Marcela urged parents that if they want their kids to play during high school, it is important that they play in childhood, where they can learn the rules of the game and safety.
- Sylvia asked if girls could play football and boys could cheer; the reply was affirmative.
- John Acevedo asked about their fundraising; Maricela replied that the kids pay enrollment fees, sell cookie dough, and conduct raffles (with donated prizes).
- They are also a part of a local alliance within the community that works to acquire sports fields within area parks. In addition, their league must annually pay \$10k for lights.
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this \$750 NPG; Peter Finestone seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (11)	Acevedo, Demian, Denlinger, Finestone, Kiesling, Irwin, Jacobs, Loew, V. Sanchez, Saucedo, and Whitfeld
May Not be Eligible (2)	D. Sanchez and Tunzi
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding CF 19-0620/Temporary Bridge Housing in Eagle Rock

- Jane reported that the recent homeless count revealed an 8% increase in homeless families. Contrary to how some people feel, 71% are not drug addicted or mentally ill.
- This CIS supports Councilman Huizar’s motion to provide housing for twelve families for 120 days. The provided services will include:

On-site security and residential supervision	Case management
Assistance with referrals	Crisis intervention
Housing navigation	Nutritious meals
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this CIS; John Acevedo seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

E. UPDATE Housing and Homelessness Committee

- Victor and Jane reported that the ERNC’s Housing and Homelessness Committee has engaged over 200 people in the community via the housing forums, etc.
- The key issues are mobile showers and safe parking. The majority of homeless in Eagle Rock reside in their cars. Possible safe parking locations could be the Eagle Rock Recreation Center and an area of the Eagle Rock Plaza’s parking lot. These issues will be further discussed at the August ERNC meeting.
- Jane introduced Mel Tillekeratne, the founder and executive director of the “Shower of Hope” that brings together a community of strategic partners to generate more value for the homeless population.
- Shower of Hope is the largest provider of portable showers, with twelve locations throughout LA. Each day, the showers, which last for four to six hours, can cost \$800 for 60 people. They visit McArthur Park twice a week to serve over fifty people.
- After their shower, their clients are referred to case management to they can sign up for a benefit, such as bridge housing.
- Mel used the example of a lady with two children who works for a school; however, she cannot afford first and last month’s rent to acquire an apartment.

- Mel added that they are open to donations, especially underwear, soap, shampoo, and feminine hygiene products.

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION Non-LA Haul Route parking on Colorado

- Sylvia asked to table this agenda item until Michael could further explain this issue. However, this issue was already unanimously approved by the LUPC.
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this Haul Route request; Lindsay Kiesling seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (12)	Acevedo, Denlinger, Finestone, Kiesling, Irwin, Jacobs, Loew, D. Sanchez, V. Sanchez, Saucedo, Tunzi, and Whitfeld
Abstain (1)	Demian
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION Letter of support to waive public hearing for Milkfarm Conditional Use Permit (CUP) renewal

- Milkfarm has served bread, cheese, and wine for over five years.
- This letter of support will allow the business owners to waive the additional expenses of a public hearing for the renewal of their CUP.
- Andrew Jacobs made a motion to approve this letter of support; Jesse Saucedo seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (12)	Acevedo, Demian, Denlinger, Finestone, Kiesling, Irwin, Jacobs, Loew, D. Sanchez, V. Sanchez, Saucedo, and Whitfeld
Ineligible (1)	Tunzi
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION Approve budget package for FY 2019/20

- The budget package is similar to last year’s package, with the addition of the \$10k rollover to [tentatively] allow for \$5k towards CISs (for additional native plantings) and \$5k for Outreach,
- The only specific line item changes are for office expenses, including \$1,500 for beverages, snacks, and pizza for the meetings.
- \$2,100 for the clean streets initiative had to be returned to the city’s general fund.
- Andrew Jacobs made a motion to approve this budget package; John Acevedo seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (11)	Acevedo, Demian, Denlinger, Finestone, Kiesling, Irwin, Jacobs, Loew, V. Sanchez, Saucedo, and Whitfeld
May Not be Eligible (2)	D. Sanchez and Tunzi
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of CF 19-0229, also known as “Fair Workweek”

- Anyone who has worked retail or food service remembers the short-notice of their work schedules.
- Victor explained that this CIS would grant employees, who work for companies with over 300 employees worldwide, two-week notice on scheduling.
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this CIS; Margaret Irwin seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

J. DISCUSSION/ACTION Medicare for All resolution

- Medicare fraud investigator and Highland Park resident Sasha Rappaport attended the ERNC meeting of June 4th when he was joined by community organizer Sean Broadbent.
- He recently held an informational presentation at the Eagle Rock Library, whereupon he heard overwhelming support for this Medicare for All.
- Nationwide, over 30m people lack health insurance and over 40m are under-insured.
- There are so many people who cannot afford medical care plus other necessities that they visit emergency rooms when they need a physician. This 2019 Medicare for All Act will provide care for all.
- In response to Margaret’s comment, this would be most similar to Canada’s system, with several improvements. It could eliminate private insurance.
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this Medicare for All resolution; Victor Sanchez seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (8)	Demian, Denlinger, Jacobs, Loew, D. Sanchez, V. Sanchez, Tunzi, and Whitfeld
No (2)	Kiesling and Irwin
Abstain (3)	Acevedo, Finestone, and Saucedo
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

K. DISCUSSION/ACTION Create Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee

- This will be for ad hoc committee until it gets going, then it may become a permanent committee.
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this ad hoc Sustainability Committee; Jesse Saucedo seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

L. PRESENTATION Stay cool, healthy and hydrated during the summer

- Sylvia mentioned that she recently scheduled a free home energy audit from the LADWP. She urged others to contact the LADWP for a free tune-up of their air conditioner, attic insulation inspection, and free light bulbs. They will also provide free Freon for your air conditioner.
- Jane and Sylvia presented some very useful health, safety, and energy saving tips for the summer:

Keep your body cool

- Exercise when it is cool, such as early morning or later in the evening.
- Drink water frequently; do not wait until you are thirsty. If you are not urinating at least three times a day, you are dehydrated.
- Alcohol and coffee will dehydrate your body, so drink them sparingly.
- Apply cold water to your body (such as via a foot-soak or neck cloth) if you feel hot. Take cool showers and baths.
- If you feel nauseous, immediately get into a cool shower.
- Wear light-colored loose clothing in natural fabrics.
- Use public air conditioning at city operated recreation centers, senior centers, or libraries. Use private air conditioning at shopping malls and movie theatres.

Elderly and Infants

- They are the most likely to suffer heat exhaustion or stroke and the least likely to complain.
- Check in on elderly friends, family, and neighbors twice a day.
- Make certain infants are drinking.

Pets

- Do not walk your dog in the middle of the day. If the sidewalk is too hot for your bare feet, it is too hot for a dog.
- Bring dogs and cats inside.

Wildlife

- Bees and other beneficial insects, possums, and other wildlife need water.
- Put out a shallow dish of water, with a rock in it so the bees do not drown. Change this water every day or two to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. Breeding mosquitoes are visible; you will see “wigglers” in the water.

Air Conditioner

- Set your thermostat to 78° or higher.
- Invest in a “smart” thermostat that you can control from your smart phone.
- Tune the A/C once a year.
- Change the filter every three to six months
- Keeps vents clean.

House Management

- Use shades or curtains to block out the sun.
- Invest in double-paned windows with heat treatment.
- Insulate the walls and attic.
- Use ceiling, pedestal, and rotating fans
- Turn off appliances and electronics when not in use.
- Use the outdoor grill rather than your indoor oven.

Energy Use

- Careful use of energy can help avoid brownouts.
- Use large appliances (such as washer/dryer) at night when energy use is lower.
- Limit opening and closing your refrigerator door.
- If you can afford solar panels with battery storage, they will help you get off the grid and ease dependency on the LADWP.

Water Use

- Water every other day, at most.
- Avoid water overflow into the street and sidewalk.
- Hand water plants with a hose (do not use sprinklers).
- Use gray water (if possible) to water plants.

M. UPDATE Eagle Rock Canyon Trail Cleanup on July 13th

- This trail cleanup will be along an overgrown one-mile trail, north of the 134 freeway and the rock, where there is a very nice overlook.
- This trail cleanup will be a collaborative effort with the ERNC (who will provide refreshments), CD14 (who will provide weed cutters and printed flyers), and the Collaborative Eagle Rock Beautiful (CERB). Jesse added that this will be publicized again via the ERNC website and email lists.
- Folks will meet at the base of the trail at 8AM on Saturday, July 13th. This effort will be over by noon, with sufficient time for attendees to attend the BRT meeting at the Eagle Rock Plaza.
- Sylvia asked about trash collection. As there is minimal trash up there to collect, this effort will mainly focus on clearing the trail and trimming the brush.

N. DISCUSSION/ACTION Schedule next Executive Committee and Board meetings

Meeting	Date/Time	Location
Executive Committee	Monday, July 29 7PM	Spire Works
Board Retreat	Sunday, August 4 Noon	TBD
Regular Board	Tuesday, August 6 7PM	ERCH

O. ADJOURN Presiding Officer

- Jesse adjourned the meeting at 9.20PM.

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ERNC REQUEST:

**METRO TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STUDY OF LOCALLY INDUCED RIDERSHIP,
REDUCTION IN VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED, AND GREENHOUSE GAS
REDUCTIONS FOR THE PREVIOUSLY ELIMINATED “FREEWAY” BRT ROUTE
SEGMENT THROUGH EAGLE ROCK VERSUS THE CURRENT “HYBRID” OPTION**

August 7, 2019

Supervisor Hilda Solis
856 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

VIA email: firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov

Dear Supervisor Solis:

We declare that on August 6, 2019, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) at which a quorum was present. The following motion passed with **[INSERT VOTE]**:

Portions of the Eagle Rock community still have significant questions about how the current “Hybrid” NoHo-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route-option along Colorado Boulevard compares against the previously-eliminated “Freeway” option where the BRT primarily traveled along the 134 freeway through our community. In the interest of ensuring that the project is clearly understood to be the most effective and sustainable, the ERNC requests that Supervisor Solis and the Metro Board direct their staff to perform additional scientific modeling of both route alignments with regards to the following metrics in the interest of clarity, openness, and overall public-understanding of the project.

This request for additional study does not negate, diminish, or replace any of the analytic work already done under the CEQA process, nor does it supplant any of the public-participation already done to-date. What we request is a specific, supplemental study of the following metrics in order to clearly, objectively, and unambiguously evaluate the project's effectiveness vis-a-vis both of the route-options through our community. The three requested metrics are:

- 1. Projected ridership totals for trips originating and/or terminating in Eagle Rock itself under both options to confirm which option would have the highest locally-induced ridership.**
- 2. Projected vehicle-miles traveled (VMT) reductions for both options based on expected rates of transit ridership-trips replacing automobile trips.**
- 3. Expected greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions for both options through transit ridership-trips replacing automobile trips.**

As both the County Supervisor representing our area and a Metro Board member, we believe you are uniquely situated and best able to facilitate a fair and expeditious resolution. The ERNC fully supports the actions you and your office have taken to-date--both extending the Public Scoping comment period as well as coordinating the additional August 7, 2019 "Open House" meeting to ensure that interested Eagle Rock community members can learn more about the project directly from Metro. Since the BRT is primarily funded through sales-tax and gas-tax proceeds, all members of the Eagle Rock community therefore have a vested interest in the projects' success. Similarly, Metro has a vested interest in ensuring that the project not only has a sustaining ridership, but that it also positively supports the business community to enable it to continue to contribute to the County's overall tax-base.

In closing, additional study of the previously-eliminated 134 option is warranted at this time to ensure that the project meets the following widely-agreed-upon objectives:

1. The BRT project must provide the highest level of service to the largest number of residents of Eagle Rock and our small-businesses' workers so that our choices for work and leisure travel around our community and city include safe, frequent, and high-quality mass-transit.
2. The BRT project must create and sustain high ridership levels along all route-segments to ensure the line's long-term viability, and thusly the long-term viability of existing and new businesses along its route.
3. The BRT project must make the largest feasible contribution towards reducing GHGs and mitigating the effects of climate-change.

As per the published meeting agenda, this comment letter does not bind the ERNC to a position on the current route-alignment of the BRT at this point in time. The purpose of this comment letter is to ensure that all constituents have sufficient data to participate in the later stages of public-comment for this project as part of the DEIR and FEIR.

Thank you for your time in this matter and also to your excellent staff for their ongoing close attention to our community on this matter and others.

Respectfully,

Jesse Saucedo
President, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

cc: Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti
Office of Councilmember Jose Huizar
Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Los Angeles County District 3
Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County District 5
Ara Najarian, Metro Board, North County/San Fernando Valley Sector
John Fasena, Metro Board, San Gabriel Valley Sector
Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Metro Board, City of Los Angeles
Mike Bonin, Metro Board, City of Los Angeles
Paul Krekorian, Metro Board, City of Los Angeles
Scott Hartwell, Project Manager, Metro NoHoPas BRT project

18) Any and all documents and records to establish that the ERNC's proposed letter to Supervisor Hilda Solis to be addressed at the August 6, 2019 ERNC meeting was posted 72 hours before the ERNC's August 6, 2019 meeting.



Andrew Jacobs <andrew.jacobs@eaglerockcouncil.org>

Agenda Timing Clarification

Tue, Aug 6, 2019 at 9:05 AM

[REDACTED]

Just to be clear for your call - the agenda was noticed, put up at City Hall and available on our website to the public on Friday. The last two links were not added until Sunday night (the agenda says links may be added until up to one hour before) and the agenda link was emailed out Sunday night.

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Andrew Jacobs <andrew.jacobs@eaglerockcouncil.org>

ERNC full board meeting agenda 8.6.19

Fri, Aug 2, 2019 at 1:55 PM

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Attached is a pdf of the ERNC full board meeting for Tuesday, August 6th 2019.
Thank you

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Secretary
Business Director
Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

**EAGLE ROCK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 • 7:00 PM

EAGLE ROCK CITY HALL

2035 Colorado Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90041

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Please be advised agenda items may not be heard in the order listed.

Note to online readers: Web links may be added to "click to view" up to 1 hour before the meeting.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER: Welcome to the public, note procedures to be followed. Presiding Officer.

B. ROLL CALL: Haley Solar, Secretary. ERNC quorum is 10 members.

C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jesse Saucedo, President.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR: The following items will be voted on without discussion. Any Board member may request that item(s) be removed and voted on separately. (Jesse Saucedo)

1. Approve corrected July 2019 ERNC meeting minutes ([click to view](#))
2. Approve Monthly Expense Report for July 2019 ([click to view](#))
3. Approve Jane Demian as Homelessness Liaison

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Council District 14 (5 min.), State Assembly/Senate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, LAPD, LAFD, LAUSD, Budget Advocates, and/or other elected officials. (2 min. each)

F. TREASURER'S REPORT: Sylvia Denlinger, Treasurer. (5 min.)

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (10 min.)

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. PRESENTATION:** Update re: Scholl Canyon Biogas Project (Eileen Hatrick, 7 min.)
- B. PRESENTATION:** Board of Public Works Commission (Kevin James, President, 5 min.)
- C. DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$1,000 for EnrichLA Garden Ranger Program at Delevan Elementary ([click here](#) for materials) (Johanna Recalde, 3 min.)
- D. DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Community Impact Statement in support of Councilmember Huizar's Motion re: CF 19-0785 re: Scholl Canyon ([click here](#) for draft) (5 min)
- E. DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Community Impact Statement re: CF 16-0243 in support of 100% renewable energy by 2030 ([click here](#) for draft) (Ethan Senser, 3 min.) [CIS statement](#), Further resources on the proposal [here](#)
- F. DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Motion of blanket opposition to street-tree removal permits so as to allow Board members to file objections on behalf of the ERNC during the 3-day objection period. (Jane Demian/Michael Sweeney, 3 min.)
- G. DISCUSSION/ACTION:** ERNC Public Scoping Comment letter regarding priorities and overall vision for Colorado Boulevard (Letter does not take a position on the proposed route--[click here](#) for draft) (Michael Sweeney, 10 min.)
- H. DISCUSSION/ACTION:** ERNC letter requesting additional study of locally induced ridership and greenhouse gas reductions for the previous Freeway route option (Letter does not take a position on the proposed route--[click here](#) for draft) (Becky Newman, 10 min.)
- I. DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Letter of support for Chifa Restaurant Community design overlay and other requests (per LUPC motion)) ([click here](#) for draft) (Michael Sweeney, 3 min.)
- J. DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Letter of support for Zero Fox restaurant CUB & waiver of Dedication (per LUPC motion) ([click here](#) for draft) (Michael Sweeney, 3 min.)
- K. UPDATE:** Hydration Stations Update (Jane Demian, 3 min.)
- L. UPDATE:** Report Back from ERNC Sustainability Committee meeting (Jane Demian, 3 min.)
- M. UPDATE:** Report Back regarding August 4 ERNC Board Retreat (Jesse Saucedo/Becky Newman, 3 min.)
- N. DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Schedule next Executive Committee and Board meetings - (Haley Solar) (1 min.)
- O. ADJOURN:** Presiding Officer

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19) Any and all documents, including any and all emails between Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) members regarding the ERNC members' decision to include in its proposed letter to Supervisor Hilda Solis a request to limit the Metro Pasadena to North Hollywood Bus Rapid Transit Environmental Impact Report study of the 134 option to only 3 questions.



PRA REQUEST <pra@eaglerockcouncil.org>

Fwd: 134 BRT additional study request-DRAFT - Invitation to edit

[Redacted]
To: PRA@ernc.la

Thu, Aug 15, 2019 at 6:55 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: 134 BRT additional study request-DRAFT - Invitation to edit
Date: August 5, 2019 at 4:41:50 PM PDT

[Redacted]

Dear board members,

Since I recused myself from the BRT topic, I won't vote or be present during public ERNC discussions regarding the project. As a reminder, if anyone on the ERNC board owns property within 500 feet of the proposed route, they are required to contact Elise Ruden at elise.ruden@lacity.org. I will continue to submit comments here on the issue as a private citizen.

With all due respect, I regard the proposed letter as nothing more than an effort to play into Metro's narrative of the the street-running option being the only sensible choice, while creating the misleading impression that the ERNC intends to solicit serious further study of the freeway option. It completely disregards the fact that Metro controlled that narrative from the start by presenting Eagle Rock only with an all-or-nothing scenario, which willfully omitted a perfectly feasible freeway-running option with at least one stop at Figueroa in addition to the proposed Harvey stop.

More importantly, the author(s) chose to cherry-pick only 3 of the 21 (!) areas that CEQUA studies address to be studied. That could be regarded as an attempt to sway public opinion, because all 3 of which would receive skewed results due to the fact that Metro's only freeway option doesn't include enough stops to create local ridership.

The ERNC is obliged to represent the entire neighborhood. If the board truly strives to include the significant segment of our residents and business owners that are questioning the wiseness of the Colorado option, they will have to demand a freeway option (with a stop at Figueroa) to be added to the EIR, so that all 21 areas would be studied. Since Glendale and Pasadena will have their have route alternatives studied, there is simply no good reason why a freeway option for Eagle Rock should be denied that treatment. It would be the only way to ensure a fair comparison between the two routes. Anything less would solidify and perpetuate the sentiment felt by many in our community that Metro manipulated our neighborhood into giving up two heavily used car lanes, green medians, irreplaceable trees, much needed parking, etc. for their designated BRT lanes - with repeated assistance from the ERNC.

[Redacted]
ERNC Boulevards Director

**EAGLE ROCK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ERNC)
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 6 August 2019 • 7PM
EAGLE ROCK CITY HALL (ERCH)
2035 Colorado Boulevard, Los Angeles 90041**

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

- President Jesse Saucedo called to order at 7:06PM and reviewed the procedures to be followed.
- SHOW of hands first time here. Reviewing of agenda

B. Roll Call

- A roll call was performed, indicating QTY members of the ERNC, along with over QTY members of the public, were in attendance. A quorum was declared.

Here (19)	John Acevedo, Jane Demian, Sylvia Denlinger, Peter Finestone, Lindsay Kiesling, Margaret Irwin, Andrew Jacobs, , Richard Loew, Becky Newman, James Panozzo, Doreen Sanchez, Victor Sanchez, Jesse Saucedo, Haley Solar, Michael Sweeney, Lani Tunzi, and Marcel Whitfeld, and Jane Demian, James Panozzo, Peter Findstone
Absent (<u> 3 </u>)	Lisa Kable-Blanchard, Chloe Renee Ziegler

C. President’s Report

- Jesse ...

D. Consent Calendar

- The following items will be voted on without discussion. Any Board member may request that item(s) be removed and voted on separately = Becky Newman moves to approve consent calendar
 1. Approve corrected July 2019 ERNC meeting minutes
 2. Approve Monthly Expense Report for July 2019
 3. Approve Jane Demian as Homelessness Liaison

- Becky Newman made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar; Jesse Saucedo seconded this motion, and it passed.

E. Announcements

Jose Hernandez, Council district 14 - Yearly event happening yearly with Highland Park Chamber of Commerce; BET comments extended

Show Canyon Road work with City Attorneys's office to operate logistics, too close to Eagle Rock as for access to canyon Trying to get city attorney's office involved to make it more environmentally friendly; take back the blvd construction beginning in September/Oct along Colorado Blvd for pedestrian improvements; 12 mil funding with Tara; working closely with street services and metro, working on things that overlap;

LAFD – study from metro regarding services David Spence, Battalion officer on York & Eagle Rock blvd, brush clearance, leaving flyers; in the midst of heatwave, rain built up brush that is dry; fire season is year-long process; hydrants, hydrate pets and yourselves; take care re wildlife, snakes, etc; brush clearance received notices, to protect you and your neighbors LAFD.ORG for more info on brush clearance.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – send impact statement; mtg in valley, san pedro, censor and removal process; ad hoc committee for bylaws may 2020 for amendments to submit;

LAUSD – Dan Marfisi, Eagle rock HS, 24 hour fundraiser a week from weds to raise money for new auditorium seats 200K; to promote it placing chairs decorated with ribbon & flyers along medians for Colorado and eagle rock blvd, to draw attention and interest; to get the word out; online and at the school; flyers are forthcoming.

LA Sanitation & environment – lead agency for protecting public health & environment; clean water & recycling; watershed protection; www.lacitysand.org, 24 hour customer care 800.773.2489; handout ensuring LA's water future; 100% recycled water by 2025; planting trees for greater greener LA; cards available.

- Mark Estrada from CD14 mentioned the following:

- Edna Degollado from Mayor Garcetti's office spoke of the following:

- LAPD's Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Ochoa addressed the ERNC:

- The LAFD's Captain Carter reported the following:

F. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Sylvia reported ... we have \$7477 rolled over from last year. \$493 operational & outreach Can't access money until new budget 42000 budget, \$750 neighborhood budget grants; remainder \$40, 756.60.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Mary Charthart / Loushana Roybal -Green Earth Collective (GEC)
 - a. Parking and smoking pot in front of houses; solution based; est 2006; created an incentive program to uber or walk to work; uber or lyft; no parking in red; they cannot smioke or will get their membership revoked; spoke with Mike Sweeny was helpful
- 2) Brian Fitzburgh / homes for all
 - a. 3rd annual bar and meo; turn it into dog park during the day; human barking contest; doggie costume parade; watermelon contest compete against your own dog; free to the community; neighborhood purpose grant;

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION Update regarding Scholl Canyon Biogas Project landfill

- Eileen Hatrick reported that

Advocated for not expanding the landfill; what happened because of Glendale and they decided to have an EIR; report will come out in a few weeks; notion of expansion hasn't gone away; biogas energy plant and flaring the methane from the landfill; lots of things Glendale city council will have to decide. Grayson power plant – wants to build a new plant; will be obsolete by 2025 and not environmental friendly; decied a few weeks ago not to build new plnt but a new 93 megawatt plant, new focus will be to get renewables; coalitions were instrumental in looking at what was happening and do right by the community;

Scholl canyon – doing EIR regarding plant; has to figure out what to do with methane; ignite interest in wanting to know when EIR is coming out, getting info and keeping tabs on it; this does make a difference; Glendale city council organizes it; contact Eileen for more info on coalitions; no liner beause it wasn't required when landfill was established; Verdugo fault is nearby on 134; 15 schools within 2 miles, etc; Glendale residents have pushed the EIR; ehatrick@gmail.com.

B. PRESENTATION: Board of Public Works Commission

- President Kevin James reported ...

Owverseas dept of public works; 5 beauras sanitation, street services, engineering, official owners; bureau of contracts; street lighting
 7 divisions: beautification (OCV), provide community cleanups; accounting financial management; mayors office of film & tv production, contract admin for film LA, 18,000 permits per year in LA; Office of petroleum and natural gas safety, brought back from the 1980s; Climate & mobilization office, July 1; going through hiring now

Office of forestry, new chief of urban forestry – overseas trees on streets and rec parks and DWP, who manages trees.

Street services – special events dept, Los Angeles marathon,

k.james@lacity.org put eagle rock neighborhood council in subject line in for priority.

Call 311 for more info

- (MS Powerpoint attached to email to Wendy Diaz, Apple One).

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$1,000 for EnrichLA Garden Ranger Program at Delevan Elementary

- Johanna Recalde mentioned Event LA; 90 SCHOOLS in program on yearly basis; funds go toward supporting program; NPG, handed out flyer of gardening, healthy eating programs etc; does the school give money; 7000 yr budget; school gives 4000 to budget; for all grades; 600,000 per year budget; edible gardening, anything you can eat, watermelon, zucchini, kale lettuce,

Michael Sweeny Seconds to give neighborhood grant. None opposed no abstentions

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Councilmember Huizar's Motion re: CF 19-0785 re: Scholl Canyon

Jane Demian: councilor wrote a report to have sanitation write report in support of EIR; methane flares; suggesting field technology, hydrogen field; injecting the gas directly into pipeline; 60,000 people effected by flares; closed by 2027 but methane will still be there; two air quality monitoring needs to be right there at Scholl Canyon; in support of motion.

In support of motion of LA sanitation writing public comment to Glendale sanitation about the EIR

Treasurer – said they do not care what ERNC has to say;

Margaret makes motion to approve

Lindsey Keisling seconded

All approved, none opposed

No absentia

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION Community Impact Statement re: CF 16-0243 in support of 100% renewable energy by 2030

- Ethan Senser mentioned

Vicki Kirshenbaum – food and water watch

Chance to make voices heard to ask mayor/city council to get the plant up to renewable energy by 2030.; presented community statement

20 neighborhood councils have approved; please sign on

Looking at path to keep us in compliance

2045 is too late in regards to state law

Investing billion dollars for 50 years of gas; gas is as bad as coal; fracking & drilling releases methane; invest in rooftop solar; local jobs.
Asking for a plan

Jesse – sounds like a plan

SylivaTreasurer – moves to support
Peter Firestone – seconded it

Victor Sanchez – think about workers in those industries; any transition toward renewable energy it must include a plan for fair and trust transition for workers including re-training, retaining pensions and fair wages

Last sentence:

All in favor – all aye

None opposed

Motion passes

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION Motion of blanket opposition to street-tree removal permits so as to allow Board members to file objections on behalf of the ERNC during the 3-day objection period

- Jane Demian and/or Michael Sweeney discussed ...

Jane Demain – an individual member has to file an objection to stop tree from being chopped down. Has no info as to why tree is being removed; will present info to board once she has more info; needs to ask for more time to object.

Doreen Sanchez – Motion
Haley – seconded

Richard Loew – whats the time frame?

Michael - system is setup so that we cannot complain; don't really know

Richard Loew – they can just do whatever?

Jane – NC involved; suggested she do an objection, sent copy to lucy, and adele, head of street services; took photos, something about drainage; tree looks healthy, give tree room to grow; huge issue of cutting down healthy trees; process is put in the request and see what they say

All in favor

None opposed

No abstentions

It passes

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ERNC Public Scoping Comment letter regarding priorities and overall vision for Colorado Boulevard

- Michael Sweeney said ...
Looking at safety and small businesses regarding metro;
One minute comment period; will go through cards; time strictly adhered to

Phillip Malboro - on the record of supporting Colorado proposal; concerned with zoning re becoming major transit stop; will have impact on residential buildings; request that it be studied, if there are enough request it will be put back on

Cheryl Weaver - how many members of board have read and understand the street guidelines in letter? Suggested that it is read and understood; safety – evacuation, route safety, not inhibiting emergency vehicles.

Linda Johnston Allen – worked on blvd for a long time; taking back the boulevard to make pedestrian friendly; long standing process from grassroots up; EIR needs to be a full report taking into account environment and historical loss.

Richard Marquez – G/H; from highland park; grew up in the area; what will happen will change eagle rock a lot; impact is unknown; metro is a specialist in making it sound nice but it won't be worth it; will be awful as with the valley BRT.

Sam White - letter is not strong enough for the homeowner; portions, minimizes voice of ppl on each side; outreach relative to the homeowners & renters, trying to reflect what they think; outreach wasn't done well enough; the metro letter is going to take a step back to get around it.

Serverin Martinez – 1st letter supportive, 2nd letter ambivalent; wants to change hearts and minds for street options; don't know what he can say because of misinformation that has been spread; hope decision will be made based on facts not fear & misinformation

There is a letter from October 2016 saying board accepts letter will that be rescinded; does it include Harvey stop only or Harvey & fig.

Caroline Aguirre – who wrote the letters? Michael Sweeney; this letter is not written by Michael McDonald but 3 metro employees; current letter saying that Mike McGurray did not write it; suggest that investigation needs to be made; state attorney;

Lydia Storie - thanks for responding to the community for more detail; conflicting opinion; commutes on 134 daily; pro BRT coming through eagle rock for more options; better transit would mean they would take it.

LeAnn Jackson – Doesn't care about seniors but they care about dog parks; doesn't trust the board; they have lied; don't inform eagle rock people; doesn't know if they live here or what they do here; nothing has been improved in E

Richard Loew – what changes do we want or don't we want

Becky Newman – has deadline of august 15 as a board to make comments; public needs to weigh in on this meeting

Haley Solar

writing of letters came after executive meeting; needs to do outreach what executive meeting is;

Jane Demian - sustainability committee meeting where people could express themselves re BRT; very much in agreement with Richard Loew to get the views of community; put info in letters; letters were written in response to a meeting; she missed the Metro presentation meetings; what do they want to say to metro; would like to be able to incorporate comments fo this evening to study street and freeway option; big proponent of trees and environment.

Michael Sweeny – was not going to submit letter it was extended; compromise was to ask for both; what is being scoped; if specific items need to be in there for option to be studied that should happen; take back the boulevard to make it more livable; drag racing issues; car accidents; not enforcing speed limits; took public comment June committee, six people stayed; emails and over the years re take back the boulevard – safety first, make blvd unique, small buisnesses, street for all; aspirational and have to be germane to project at hand; metro board will not pay attention unless presented to them in a particular way;

Victor Sanchez – 1st letter regarding metro letter is about the timeline; have to take opportunity to submit letter of principle; protecting trees, parking, small businesses; all is in the letter; submitting as a comment on council is well within power of the board; can have larger conversation re BRT; submit letter of priorities; feels conversation has brought out the worst in us; he has grown up in area; stakeholder in Eagle rock; priorities are in alignment with the issues the community has; has the protections for medians, trees, small businesses; in support of submitting letters to community; not the BRT letter, that is a different thing; 1st letter is to have a voice.; more than happy to meet with anyone; asking board members to look specifically at Colorado letter.

Andrew – letter is in line with what community wants for Colorado blvd and take back the blvd; feels important to send the letter; hopes for the best, plans for the worst; to have a voice send letter to BRT to say that this is what’s important to the community.

Becky – this is our opportunity to weigh in; themes and goals that listening to community the board can support.

Jane Demian – helpful if we separate G and H; we can calm down and see that one letter will go out that will address it

Haley Solar - this letter is the foot in the door about our general priorities but not the end of the conversation

Treasurer – important to send letter stating what is important

Becky – can approve letter to BRT with amendments; process approve letter then move for Amendments.

Treasurer – this is not a letter that approves them running a bus down Colorado.

Andrew Jacobs – moving to approve the letter to BRT

Margaret Irwin – seconds the motion to apporvoe

Haley Solar – amendments, how does it work? Can we make sure that the 4 points are there? Can we control zoning.

Jane Demian – construction on Colorado blvd, would business receive money from business interruption fund?

Michael sweeny – Metro has money for business interruption fund; this is an opportunity to get more protection for the business

Amy – if there is an amendment what happens to our low income residents? We value older rental buildings want to protect existing low income housing that exists in eagle rock

Jesse Saucedo – they do have a motion that has been seconded

Jane Demian – please be more specific regarding business interruption fund and how it works.

Treasurer – letter says the businesses will be compensated

Michael Sweeny – this is the first serve over the net; sure there can be a way to word It so businesses will be taken care of

All in favor in G – all none opposed

James Panozzo – abstained

Marcel Whitefield John Acevado and Lindsay Kiesling recused themselves – they own properties

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ERNC letter requesting additional study of locally induced ridership and greenhouse gas reductions for the previous Freeway route option

Marcel Whitefield John Acevado and Lindsay Kiesling recused themselves – they own properties

Cheryl Lieber – letter does not call for a full EIR for 134; she has pettion that requests more than 3 questions but want a full report; with stop at Harvey and Figuerora

Bob DeVelasco – It's time to let Mr Garcetti & weezeer and all the rest now that the votesrs do not want more buses running through their neighborhoods; please use the 134 to accomplish your goal; oe would have to be blind deaf and dumb to plans to destroy Colorado blvd. recommends BRT go along 134.

Anthony Ward – lives on 51st Rangeview, kids go to Montessori; having a no left turn going through the community; have there been studies on schools that will be impacted; doesn't give a shit; at the end of the day a community that talks to each other and wants to vote their frustration; currently not exposed to the community. Waste the paper on information not bullshit.

Becky Newman mentioned that it is important to council to study 134 option with suggested metrics included; environmental metrics also suggested; as a council at executive board meeting to try to take the position then these are the principles; if not please study 134.

Michael Sweeny – is the 134 ridership vehicle and greenhouse gas reductions; this is an important test if this is a viable option; reasonable request for metro to do in parallel with other projects; metro board to change an action that they've already taken; good measure to bring science to determine its viability

Becky Newman – can we send to ? isn't he also on metro board?

Michael - no he is not

Jesse – he is copied

public – put it back on to get the entire EIR; just ask

Jesse – requesting more response to the community;

Richard Loew – new to scoping process, trying to figure out what it is. Metro says its about discussing different alternatives, this is the time to ask for it, which means asking for the 134 alternative; prudent down the line the BRT on blvd that there is an alternative if it doesn't work; doesn't see why all options cannot be explored; the scoping is how far it will go, just want to request they include 134 in their scoping.

Haley Solar – would like to make an amendment that the community have 134 explored as an option

Michael Sweeny – this letter is to see if this can even pass; if the ridership model in the alternative analysis it could be a fatal flaw in metrics; this is a defined request that asks if there are Indian remains, etc; if it can't ridership then it can't get reduced greenhouse gases; this is specific so they can't ignore it; they can ignore an EIR.

Jesse Saucedo – please respect time so that we are clear and there will be many opportunities for the community to chime in but please be respectful of the board.

Becky – please one comment at the time

Jane Demian – other issues besides these 3 items; historical, cultural, value of businesses; value of Colorado blvd in eagle rock; needs to make metro consider how important Colorado blvd is to eagle rock;

Treasurer – this letter drafted to force metro to reconsider the 134 so it specifically hit those three items;

Jane Demian - metro chose Colorado due to ridership; looking at freeway numbers may come back with the same result

Treasurer – which issues will force the metro to reconsider the freeway?

Victor Sanchez – asking the metro to revisit the previous 134 option, purpose of letter; an EIR will come out of that; what are the most strategic questions to ask to have metro listen to community? Put 134 option back on the table, a full EIR has left the station; happy medium is in between what they are asking.

Haley Solar – why can't we ask for an EIR now?

Treasurer – if ask for entire EIR metro will say they no longer have time to do the whole EIR.

Andrew Jacobs - If we ask for something simpler we are more likely to get it

Slyvia – motions to approve letter

Haley – seconds the motion

Haley – moves to make an amendment to clearly state that eagle rock as a community wants it to be studied.

Margaret Irwin - Reads a paragraph of the letter; should we be clear on the scientific model?

Haley thinks it should be more clearly defined to represent needs of community

Andrew Jacobs – portions of the eagle rock community still have significant questions, and towards that would like a full ? of the 134. Here we are suggesting.... Etc; noting wants of the community

Haley – add strongly

Margaret – Eagle rock community still has...?

Becky Newman – what was specific amendment? Cannot wordsmith letter in this meeting. Table it so put on agenda for September to make as clear as possible.

Andrew – amendment is to stay... reads amendment sentence... would like a full

Margaret – accepts the amendment

Michael – stating that people want the EIR in the amendment

Jesse - asks for votes: all in favor with amendment - all in favor
Abstentions – Victor Sanchez, Becky Newman

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION Letter of support for Chifa Restaurant Community design overlay and other requests (per LUPC motion)

Opening restaurant in old pet store; unanimous decision to approve; no questions. Michael Sweeney
Motion to approve

James Pannozzo Seconds

All in favor, none opposed no abstentions

J. DISCUSSION/ACTION Letter of support for Zero Fox restaurant CUB and Waiver of Dedication (per LUPC motion)

- LUPC Co-Chair Michael Sweeney mentioned ...

Operations manager here to answer question, tara; width of sidewalk?; 3 ft it will fit for dedication, adding ada accessible ramp to restaurant

James Panozzo – moves to approve

John Acedo – seconds

All approve none opposed no absentia

K. UPDATE Hydration Stations Update

- Jane Demian spoke of Motion that was submitted in 2018 by Rodriguez and Martinez. Becky wrote a letter of support. KPCC wanted to interview them about it. Refilling water bottles. Went to park to take pics of water fountains; would be great to put into effect in eagle rock; investigated prices and sizes; needs to be freestanding; are pipes old pipes? Yes, all pipes are old.
- Jesse Saucedo – get parks & recs involved; in September exec meeting; matching grants

L. UPDATE Report Back from ERNC Sustainability Committee meeting

- Jane Demian mentioned Eileen, to get voted onto committee; Brian presented trolley proposal; lots of public comments, some in favor, some against, some didn't know, fears around re-zoning and high rises; what could happen on Colorado blvd; Juan asked for Colorado blvd plan; we as a committee are making a 100% of electric buses for eagle rock; preserving trees; reduce plastic bags and polystyrene

Juan Ashton - Presented about single use plastic bags, 300mil ton of plastic produced every year; goes into ocean and our food; wants to present to council

M. UPDATE Report Back regarding August 4 ERNC Board Retreat

- Jesse Saucedo mentioned Customary for board retreat for orientation. More time required for that for people to get to know each other; brainstorming; processes of serving as a board members; appreciate who was able to attend.
- Jane – could have been longer
- Jesse – always was 2 hours but some could stay longer
- Richard Loew – if youre on facebook don't click on others post, don't like a comment on someone else's post
- Slyvia – in lieu of actual guidelines use Sacramento rules
- Jesse – mandatory trainings, points of contact; to be clear and compliant with trainings of social media; open to other ideas
- Slyvia - one retreat a year?
- Jesse – yes

N. DISCUSSION/ACTION Schedule next Executive Committee and Board meetings

Meeting	Date/Time	Location
Executive Committee	Thursday, August 22 7PM	Muddy Paw
Regular Board	Tuesday, September 3 7PM	ERCH

O. ADJOURN

- Jesse adjourned the meeting at 10:07PM.

===== FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH =====

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

- President Jesse Saucedo called to order at 7.08PM.

B. Roll Call

- A roll call was performed, indicating thirteen members of the ERNC, along with over thirty members of the public, were in attendance. A quorum was declared.

Here (13)	John Acevedo, Jane Demian*, Sylvia Denlinger, Peter Finestone, Lindsay Kiesling, Margaret Irwin, Andrew Jacobs, Richard Loew, Doreen Sanchez*, Victor Sanchez, Jesse Saucedo, Lani Tunzi*, and Marcel Whitfeld
Resigned (1)	Bridget Hirsch
Absent (6)	Lisa Kable-Blanchard, Becky Newman, James Panozzo, Haley Solar, Michael Sweeney, and Chloe Renee Ziegler

* New board member

C. President's Report

- Jesse thanked the following
 - CD14 and everyone who participated in the June 30th concert and fireworks in the park

- Andrew Jacobs for the new SWAG, including ERNC t-shirts, balls, water bottles, etc.
- All who attended the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) meeting regarding the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). There will be a follow-up Metro-hosted meeting at the Eagle Rock Plaza Mall on Saturday, July 13, 1PM to 3PM. Between now and July 31, Metro invites everyone to stay involved and share feedback via the following methods:
 - Orally at a scoping meeting
 - Call their hotline at 213-418-3228
 - Email to nohopasbrt@metro
 - Visit their website at <https://www.metro.net/projects/noho-pasadena-corridor>
 - Via Twitter at @metrolosangeles
 - Follow via Facebook at losangelesmetro
 - US Mail to: One Gateway Plaza, 99-13-1, Los Angeles 90012
- Jesse represented the ERNC at a brief meeting with Mayor Garcetti and his staff, including one of his top resources, Amy Perkins, from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Mayor Garcetti reiterated his continued support for the three most requested services: mobile showers, bridge housing, and temporary parking. In late August, Mayor Garcetti’s staff may visit Eagle Rock for a tour.
- Jesse also wished to confirm that everyone on the board completed their mandatory finance, ethics, and code of conduct training.

D. Consent Calendar

- The following items will be voted on without discussion. Any Board member may request that item(s) be removed and voted on separately
 4. Approve corrected June 2019 ERNC meeting minutes
 5. Approve Monthly Expense Report for June 2019
 6. Approve Sylvia Denlinger as additional ERNC credit card holder
 7. Approve ERNC board retreat for August 4th
 8. Appoint Pat Niessen and Brigitta Martinez to the Land Use Committee
 9. Approve \$100 for refreshments for previously approved cleanup on July 13th
- Andrew Jacobs made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar; Sylvia Denlinger seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (11)	Acevedo, Demian, Denlinger, Finestone, Kiesling, Irwin, Jacobs, Loew, V. Sanchez, Saucedo, and Whitfeld
May Not be Eligible (2)	D. Sanchez and Tunzi
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

E. Announcements

- Mark Estrada from CD14 mentioned the following:
 - Everyone seemed to have a great time at Sunday’s 10th Annual Independence Day Concert and Fireworks Show and he wished everyone a safe and happy July 4th.
 - CD14 submitted a motion to the Los Angeles Housing Authority (LAHA) that the former St. Barnabas Episcopal Church at 2109 Chickasaw Avenue should become Bridge Housing.
 - The CD14/Eagle Rock Association (TERA) “Slow Yosemite” Community Kick-Off/Initiative to promote traffic safety along Yosemite Drive will be Saturday, July 27th beginning at 11AM at the Rock Coffee House, 4808 Townsend Avenue. Learn about TERA’s latest streetscape initiative to make Yosemite Drive a safe and healthy street. Share ideas, identify “hot spots” that need attention, and let CD14 and TERA know what a safer Yosemite Drive looks like.

- Edna Degollado from Mayor Garcetti's office spoke of the following:
 - The mayor does not support the presidential-requested ICE raids. These raids were to start on Saturday, June 22, but there has been a two-week extension.
 - In June, the mayor proposed a one-year pilot program for free DASH passes to LAUSD students. This may alleviate the concern that many students lack reliable transportation to go to school.
 - The Summer Night Lights is making its 12th annual Summer in the City. In this program, 32 sites will become a place of safety for our youth by providing meals, activities, and fun services. The services will be free to participants, who can remain in the parks until they close at 11PM on Wednesdays through Saturdays from June 26th through August 9th. Between August 9th and August 23rd, the parks will be open on Fridays and Saturdays until 11PM. The recreation centers closest to Eagle Rock are
 - 2630 Pepper Avenue Cypress Park
 - 3650 Verdugo Road Glassell Park
 - 6150 Piedmont Avenue Highland Park
 - The Bridge Home Project, launched in April 2018 by Mayor Garcetti, enables the city to construct bridge housing [faster than ever before] on any land owned or leased by the city, while we wait for Propositions H and HHH to go into affect. To expedite construction, the Mayor's 2018-19 budget included a \$20 million fund to construct emergency bridge housing citywide. Each councilmember must identify a site or building adjacent to a high-density homeless population, and create emergency bridge housing. In total, the mayor's budget includes more than \$450m in supportive housing, bridge housing, services, and facilities to help the homeless find their way off the streets. That represents a 147% increase over last year. Possible bridge housing locations include the facility across from the Union Train Station and near the downtown civic center. Additional information can be found at Mayor Garcetti's website <https://www.lamayor.org/ABridgeHome>
 - Last week, the Supreme Court blocked the citizenship question from the census. Earlier on Tuesday, July 2nd, it was learned that the president's staff withdrew their request for this citizenship question.
 - A stakeholder asked about the rats around skid row; Edna replied that the city does not have a rat abatement program. Sylvia added that typhoid is not from rats, but rather from person to person, possibly from someone who recently visited a country such as Thailand. However, rats can spread fleas. Edna added that they are attempting to sanitize the affected areas.
 - Edna reiterated that the mayor is fully committed to cleaning the area with the elimination of illegal dumping and rats. They hope to have over fifteen additional garbage collection crews, including extra support for each council district, as well as Skid Row and Venice.
- LAPD's Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Ochea addressed the ERNC:
 - The city's narcotics division has arrested several transient people regarding leaving used needles along sidewalks and parks, as well as injections in front of businesses.
 - The LAPD has noticed several young people hanging around the Yosemite Park after the park has closed for the night. This can be extremely dangerous and Officer Ochea urged parents to make certain their children do not go there after the park is closed.
- The LAFD's Captain Carter reported their biggest fears:

- These past few days, they have had to tackle four area brush fires. This past year has seen a great deal of growth, followed by dried vegetation, making the area a tinderbox. The LAFD is very pleased with the homeowner's compliance with mandatory brush clearance.
- In response to Margaret's comment, fireworks are definitely a reportable offense via 911. However, it is difficult for the LAPD and LAFD to track the source.
- Officer Carter also talked about the homeless, and how they get to Eagle Rock [from other areas] via the bus services.

F. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Sylvia reported that the FY2018-19 is over and the preliminary paperwork for FY2019-20 has been submitted and approved at city hall. This will be further discussed under agenda item H.
- The ERNC has \$333 until the end of the month at which time Sylvia will receive her new credit card. The \$100 for Richard Loew's clean up along the Eagle Rock Canyon Trail can be withdrawn from that \$333.
- For the \$10k rollover from the previous fiscal year, the city must first approve that exact amount in August; they may approve merely a little less than \$10k.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Stakeholder Eli Chartoff and his family have lived on Campus Road for over eighteen years. The Green Earth Collective at 4801 York Boulevard has moved in next door. Their temporary cannabis permit, including permission to grow in their 600-amp greenhouse (which is larger than the retail space) may expire in August. This 600-amp facility (which could operate a full city block of businesses) creates a great fire hazard, including the possibility of faulty wiring. Eli asked that CD14 and the ERNC do everything in their power to not permit their growth permit to become permanent.
- Mrs. Chartoff feels that this growing area should be in an M1 industrial zone rather than in their community. She has a concern about the exhaust fumes and the greenhouse's proximity to their son's bedroom (less than 100' away). Sylvia urged them to attend the July 17th LUPC meeting, as the LUPC's co-chair, Michael Sweeney, is very knowledgeable about codes. Mark Estrada added that CD14 is also working on alleviate this growth permit.
- Stakeholder Janie Glass also lives along Campus Road and feels that the Green Earth Collective has made the neighborhood chaotic with multiple burglaries. All day, their customers are very rude, poor parkers, and bad drivers with their loud cars playing loud music. There is trash throughout the community because the business has insufficient trash collection. In addition, the employees also park in Campus Road; they should park on commercial business area along York Boulevard.
- Neighboring stakeholder Johnny expressed concern about the parking by the clientele and employees of the Green Earth Collective; he feels that it would be much better if they parked along York Boulevard.
- Los Flores Drive resident Emily from LA Forward reported that, along with their 10,000 members, they urge Angelenos to join social justice movements striving to transform LA into a fair, flourishing place for everyone. Their key campaign issue is affordable housing. She is developing a neighborhood-by-neighborhood database highlighting affordable housing. If you know of any area that could include this affordable housing, please go to their website at

<https://www.losangelesforward.org>, log-in, and add your information; or email that information to housing@laforward.us.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION Bird E-Scooters

- Morgan Roth, Community Relations Manager from Bird E-Scooters reported that they are one of the top two scooter companies in LA.
- He offered brochures on how to use the vehicles, etc. This information is also available on their website at <https://www.bird.co>
- The annual fee to use these scooters is \$5; this may be waived for low-income individuals.
- Per a comment from Marcel, Santa Monica attempted to ban these scooters, but Bird prevailed.
- When someone leaves a scooter by the side of the road, Bird has a two-hour response window to retrieve it. Their Santa Monica headquarters allows them to respond to wayward scooters throughout the beach communities.
- Scooters are allowed in the bike lane, but NOT on sidewalks. Jane urged Morgan to make certain that they instruct the riders to keep the cutouts available for the elderly and handicapped.
- Margaret asked what Eagle Rock would be liable for; Morgan explained that the city is already indemnified for these scooters, and Bird has liability insurance in place.

B. PRESENTATION TERA's new initiative "Slow Yosemite"

- Severin Martinez from TERA explained that they have already secured \$12m for the "Take Back the Boulevard" and "Rock the Boulevard" initiatives.
- They are now partnering with the Eagle Rock High School and Elementary Schools for the "Slow Yosemite" initiative.
- Traffic near the Eagle Rock High School has gotten worse these past ten years with faster distracted drivers. A few years ago, there was a high profile accident that sent a student to the hospital.
- The "Slow Yosemite" Community Kick-Off/Initiative to promote traffic safety along Yosemite Drive will be Saturday, July 27th beginning at 11AM at the Rock Coffee House, 4808 Townsend Avenue. Learn about TERA's latest streetscape initiative to make Yosemite Drive a safe and healthy street. Share ideas, identify "hot spots" that need attention, and let CD14 and TERA know what a safer Yosemite Drive looks like.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for \$750 for Greater North East Los Angeles (GNELA) Association Bear's Youth Football and Cheer Organization's new division's equipment

- Alex Guerra introduced their President Maricela Torres and their mascot.
- Founded in 1969, the GNELA is a non-profit youth football and cheer organization, consisting of:
 - One flag football team,
 - Five tackle division football teams, and
 - Five division cheer squads
- They currently serve 200 youth, ages 5 to 14, from northeast LA, including Eagle Rock, Highland Park, Glassell Park, and Cypress Park. They recently added a new younger tackle division this year and have officially amended their name.

- This grant will support the organization by helping pay for the necessary reconditioning of helmets and purchase new helmets and shoulder pads. For the safety of the athletes, their helmets must undergo reconditioning every two years.
- GNELA currently has seventeen people on their board, over forty volunteers, and many host families.
- Marcela urged parents that if they want their kids to play during high school, it is important that they play in childhood, where they can learn the rules of the game and safety.
- Sylvia asked if girls could play football and boys could cheer; the reply was affirmative.
- John Acevedo asked about their fundraising; Maricela replied that the kids pay enrollment fees, sell cookie dough, and conduct raffles (with donated prizes).
- They are also a part of a local alliance within the community that works to acquire sports fields within area parks. In addition, their league must annually pay \$10k for lights.
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this \$750 NPG; Peter Finestone seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (11)	Acevedo, Demian, Denlinger, Finestone, Kiesling, Irwin, Jacobs, Loew, V. Sanchez, Saucedo, and Whitfeld
May Not be Eligible (2)	D. Sanchez and Tunzi
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding CF 19-0620/Temporary Bridge Housing in Eagle Rock

- Jane reported that the recent homeless count revealed an 8% increase in homeless families. Contrary to how some people feel, 71% are not drug addicted or mentally ill.
- This CIS supports Councilman Huizar’s motion to provide housing for twelve families for 120 days. The provided services will include:

On-site security and residential supervision	Case management
Assistance with referrals	Crisis intervention
Housing navigation	Nutritious meals
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this CIS; John Acevedo seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

E. UPDATE Housing and Homelessness Committee

- Victor and Jane reported that the ERNC’s Housing and Homelessness Committee has engaged over 200 people in the community via the housing forums, etc.
- The key issues are mobile showers and safe parking. The majority of homeless in Eagle Rock reside in their cars. Possible safe parking locations could be the Eagle Rock Recreation Center and an area of the Eagle Rock Plaza’s parking lot. These issues will be further discussed at the August ERNC meeting.
- Jane introduced Mel Tillekeratne, the founder and executive director of the “Shower of Hope” that brings together a community of strategic partners to generate more value for the homeless population.
- Shower of Hope is the largest provider of portable showers, with twelve locations throughout LA. Each day, the showers, which last for four to six hours, can cost \$800 for 60 people. They visit McArthur Park twice a week to serve over fifty people.
- After their shower, their clients are referred to case management to they can sign up for a benefit, such as bridge housing.
- Mel used the example of a lady with two children who works for a school; however, she cannot afford first and last month’s rent to acquire an apartment.

- Mel added that they are open to donations, especially underwear, soap, shampoo, and feminine hygiene products.

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION Non-LA Haul Route parking on Colorado

- Sylvia asked to table this agenda item until Michael could further explain this issue. However, this issue was already unanimously approved by the LUPC.
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this Haul Route request; Lindsay Kiesling seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (12)	Acevedo, Denlinger, Finestone, Kiesling, Irwin, Jacobs, Loew, D. Sanchez, V. Sanchez, Saucedo, Tunzi, and Whitfeld
Abstain (1)	Demian
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION Letter of support to waive public hearing for Milkfarm Conditional Use Permit (CUP) renewal

- Milkfarm has served bread, cheese, and wine for over five years.
- This letter of support will allow the business owners to waive the additional expenses of a public hearing for the renewal of their CUP.
- Andrew Jacobs made a motion to approve this letter of support; Jesse Saucedo seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (12)	Acevedo, Demian, Denlinger, Finestone, Kiesling, Irwin, Jacobs, Loew, D. Sanchez, V. Sanchez, Saucedo, and Whitfeld
Ineligible (1)	Tunzi
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION Approve budget package for FY 2019/20

- The budget package is similar to last year’s package, with the addition of the \$10k rollover to [tentatively] allow for \$5k towards CISs (for additional native plantings) and \$5k for Outreach,
- The only specific line item changes are for office expenses, including \$1,500 for beverages, snacks, and pizza for the meetings.
- \$2,100 for the clean streets initiative had to be returned to the city’s general fund.
- Andrew Jacobs made a motion to approve this budget package; John Acevedo seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (11)	Acevedo, Demian, Denlinger, Finestone, Kiesling, Irwin, Jacobs, Loew, V. Sanchez, Saucedo, and Whitfeld
May Not be Eligible (2)	D. Sanchez and Tunzi
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of CF 19-0229, also known as “Fair Workweek”

- Anyone who has worked retail or food service remembers the short-notice of their work schedules.
- Victor explained that this CIS would grant employees, who work for companies with over 300 employees worldwide, two-week notice on scheduling.
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this CIS; Margaret Irwin seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

J. DISCUSSION/ACTION Medicare for All resolution

- Medicare fraud investigator and Highland Park resident Sasha Rappaport attended the ERNC meeting of June 4th when he was joined by community organizer Sean Broadbent.
- He recently held an informational presentation at the Eagle Rock Library, whereupon he heard overwhelming support for this Medicare for All.
- Nationwide, over 30m people lack health insurance and over 40m are under-insured.
- There are so many people who cannot afford medical care plus other necessities that they visit emergency rooms when they need a physician. This 2019 Medicare for All Act will provide care for all.
- In response to Margaret’s comment, this would be most similar to Canada’s system, with several improvements. It could eliminate private insurance.
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this Medicare for All resolution; Victor Sanchez seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (8)	Demian, Denlinger, Jacobs, Loew, D. Sanchez, V. Sanchez, Tunzi, and Whitfeld
No (2)	Kiesling and Irwin
Abstain (3)	Acevedo, Finestone, and Saucedo
Absent (6)	Kable-Blanchard, Newman, Panozzo, Solar, Sweeney, and Ziegler

K. DISCUSSION/ACTION Create Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee

- This will be for ad hoc committee until it gets going, then it may become a permanent committee.
- Sylvia Denlinger made a motion to approve this ad hoc Sustainability Committee; Jesse Saucedo seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

L. PRESENTATION Stay cool, healthy and hydrated during the summer

- Sylvia mentioned that she recently scheduled a free home energy audit from the LADWP. She urged others to contact the LADWP for a free tune-up of their air conditioner, attic insulation inspection, and free light bulbs. They will also provide free Freon for your air conditioner.
- Jane and Sylvia presented some very useful health, safety, and energy saving tips for the summer:

Keep your body cool

- Exercise when it is cool, such as early morning or later in the evening.
- Drink water frequently; do not wait until you are thirsty. If you are not urinating at least three times a day, you are dehydrated.
- Alcohol and coffee will dehydrate your body, so drink them sparingly.
- Apply cold water to your body (such as via a foot-soak or neck cloth) if you feel hot. Take cool showers and baths.
- If you feel nauseous, immediately get into a cool shower.
- Wear light-colored loose clothing in natural fabrics.
- Use public air conditioning at city operated recreation centers, senior centers, or libraries. Use private air conditioning at shopping malls and movie theatres.

Elderly and Infants

- They are the most likely to suffer heat exhaustion or stroke and the least likely to complain.
- Check in on elderly friends, family, and neighbors twice a day.
- Make certain infants are drinking.

Pets

- Do not walk your dog in the middle of the day. If the sidewalk is too hot for your bare feet, it is too hot for a dog.
- Bring dogs and cats inside.

Wildlife

- Bees and other beneficial insects, possums, and other wildlife need water.
- Put out a shallow dish of water, with a rock in it so the bees do not drown. Change this water every day or two to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. Breeding mosquitoes are visible; you will see “wigglers” in the water.

Air Conditioner

- Set your thermostat to 78° or higher.
- Invest in a “smart” thermostat that you can control from your smart phone.
- Tune the A/C once a year.
- Change the filter every three to six months
- Keeps vents clean.

House Management

- Use shades or curtains to block out the sun.
- Invest in double-paned windows with heat treatment.
- Insulate the walls and attic.
- Use ceiling, pedestal, and rotating fans
- Turn off appliances and electronics when not in use.
- Use the outdoor grill rather than your indoor oven.

Energy Use

- Careful use of energy can help avoid brownouts.
- Use large appliances (such as washer/dryer) at night when energy use is lower.
- Limit opening and closing your refrigerator door.
- If you can afford solar panels with battery storage, they will help you get off the grid and ease dependency on the LADWP.

Water Use

- Water every other day, at most.
- Avoid water overflow into the street and sidewalk.
- Hand water plants with a hose (do not use sprinklers).
- Use gray water (if possible) to water plants.

M. UPDATE Eagle Rock Canyon Trail Cleanup on July 13th

- This trail cleanup will be along an overgrown one-mile trail, north of the 134 freeway and the rock, where there is a very nice overlook.
- This trail cleanup will be a collaborative effort with the ERNC (who will provide refreshments), CD14 (who will provide weed cutters and printed flyers), and the Collaborative Eagle Rock Beautiful (CERB). Jesse added that this will be publicized again via the ERNC website and email lists.
- Folks will meet at the base of the trail at 8AM on Saturday, July 13th. This effort will be over by noon, with sufficient time for attendees to attend the BRT meeting at the Eagle Rock Plaza.
- Sylvia asked about trash collection. As there is minimal trash up there to collect, this effort will mainly focus on clearing the trail and trimming the brush.

N. DISCUSSION/ACTION Schedule next Executive Committee and Board meetings

Meeting	Date/Time	Location
Executive Committee	Monday, July 29 7PM	Spire Works
Board Retreat	Sunday, August 4 Noon	TBD
Regular Board	Tuesday, August 6 7PM	ERCH

O. ADJOURN Presiding Officer

- Jesse adjourned the meeting at 9.20PM.

20) Any and all documents and records, establishing the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council's outreach to the local community regarding the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council's decision to limit the Metro Pasadena to North Hollywood Bus Rapid Transit Environmental Impact Report study of the 134 option to only 3 questions.

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Hello Neighbor!

It's officially August - which means two things: Summer is flying by way too fast, and it's time for the monthly **Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council Board** meeting!

The August ERNC board meeting is this **Tuesday, August 6th**, at Eagle Rock City Hall starting at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. You can find the agenda [HERE](#).

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Fwd: INVITATION: North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Technical Study Open House - January 25, 2017, 5-6:30 PM

[Redacted]
to: PRA REQUEST <pra@eaglerockcouncil.org>

Tue, Aug 6, 2019 at 12:16 PM

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[Redacted]

Date: Tue, Jan 10, 2017 at 2:33 PM
Subject: Re: INVITATION: North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Technical Study Open House - January 25, 2017, 5-6:30 PM

[Redacted]

As an avid transit rider I'm happy to go (as long as my schedule works out.) As of right now, I'm good to go.

On Tue, Jan 10, 2017 at 2:29 PM, [Redacted] wrote:
as Boulevards Rep, I'll sacrifice myself. (don't know if that sounds right in English)
Let me know if I'm worthy
:)

On Jan 10, 2017, at 2:18 PM, [Redacted] wrote:

We should probably send an ERNC member (or two) to this meeting, to continue and follow up on our official support for bringing this line through ER (vs the 134).

Sean - am I correct that this is what the meeting is about?

Everyone - Who can make the meeting to represent ER and the ERNC?

- D

[Redacted]
Immediate Past President
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From: [Redacted]
Date: Tue, Jan 10, 2017 at 1:29 PM
Subject: INVITATION: North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Technical Study Open House - January 25, 2017, 5-6:30 PM
To: NoHo-Pasadena BRT <Nohopasadenabrt@metro.net>

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The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) invites you to join us for an Open House regarding

the *North Hollywood – Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Technical Study*, also known as the Orange/Red Line to

Gold Line BRT, which explores strategies for improving bus service along a 16-mile corridor connecting the Cities

of Burbank, Glendale, Los Angeles and Pasadena.

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Henry Huntington Conference Room, 3rd Floor

Metro Headquarters Building

One [Gateway Plaza](#)

[Los Angeles, CA 90012](#)

Accessible via various Metro lines.

Please plan your trip by visiting [metro.net](#).

Parking will be validated.

The purpose of this meeting is to share information on preliminary study findings, receive feedback on preliminary Bus Rapid Transit service concepts and discuss next steps.

Metro will also be providing the same project update on the following dates and times should one of them be more convenient to attend:

February 1, 2017

6:30 PM

San Fernando Valley Service Council

Marvin Braude Constituent Center

[6262 Van Nuys Bl](#)

[Van Nuys, CA 91401](#)

February 13, 2017, 9:30 AM

5:00 PM

San Gabriel Valley Service Council

Metro Division 9 Building, 3rd Floor

[3449 Santa Anita Av](#)

[El Monte, CA 91731](#)

For more information, or if you would like to request a special project update for your group and/or organization, please contact:

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[Redacted]
To: PRA REQUEST <pra@eaglerockcouncil.org>

Fri, Aug 16, 2019 at 9:20 PM

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Date: Fri, Sep 21, 2018 at 12:27 AM
Subject: Eagle Rock BRT

[Redacted]

All: thank you for setting up an Eagle Rock meeting re: the proposed BRT line.

As a committed metro rider and advocate for mass transit support for our community, I can't help but feel that the meeting that has been set up for Eagle Rock as an afterthought.

Meetings were set up in Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena, and only through, what assume was good work by Sean Starkey, an additional meeting was set up at the Eagle Rock Plaza on a Saturday in a place that our community doesn't usually meet.

We have this issue on our Executive Board agenda after we received an email from Isaiah on August 13.

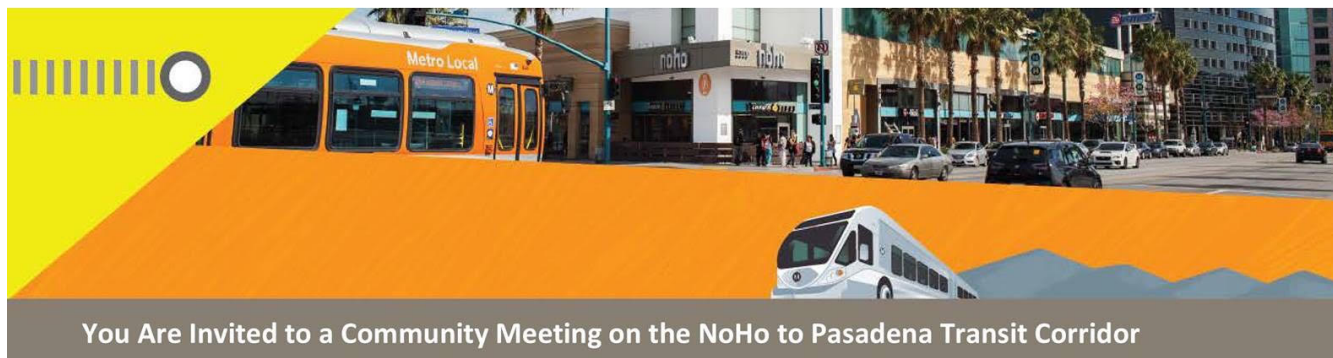
When were the other community meetings scheduled? What other community organizations were consulted when setting up these meetings?

I've copied Nathan Lucero and Severin Martinez, local transit advocates to help figure out where the gap in communication happened.

Any information you can pass on would be great!

Thanks in advance.

[Redacted]
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Metro is working to improve bus service connecting communities from North Hollywood to Pasadena. This new high-quality, reliable Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service will link key activity centers and improve access to jobs, entertainment and the regional transit system.

The North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT Project extends approximately 16 miles and will provide a connection between the Metro Red, Orange and Gold Lines. The areas that will be served by the proposed project include the Cities of Los Angeles (North Hollywood and Eagle Rock), Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena. In planning for this project, Metro will complete an Alternatives Analysis and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that will consider various routes.

Metro invites you to join us at a community meeting in Eagle Rock to learn more about the project and provide your input.

Saturday, October 13, 2018
1 – 3 pm

Eagle Rock Plaza
 2700 Colorado Boulevard
 Suite 248
 Eagle Rock, CA 90041

Contact Us

Metro invites you to stay involved and share your feedback.

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To: PRA REQUEST <pra@eaglerockcouncil.org>

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From: [Redacted]
Date: Fri, Sep 21, 2018 at 10:20 AM
Subject: Re: Eagle Rock BRT

[Redacted]

Pat,

Thank you for reaching out to our office. I can only speak on behalf of the Council Office and not Metro but, I can assure you Eagle Rock was not an "afterthought."

By not including Eagle Rock on any of the earlier versions of the flyer should be seen as an attempt to not engage the community. Each of these public meetings are designed to be for the community in which they are held. By not being included the only people that may not be aware of the meeting are the residents of Burbank and Glendale who will attend their respective meetings. Our office has been working with Metro to schedule a meeting to allow the residents of Eagle Rock time to hear the full presentation and ask questions and give input to the process.

I was the one that chose Eagle Rock Plaza. I know it is not a conventional space that we normally host meeting at but it is a location that every Eagle Rock resident is accustomed to. It also has ample parking and is fully ADA compliant, we often receive complaints regarding meeting at the Center for the Arts and the Women's Club which are neither. I also believe using the Plaza will also attract new people that normally are not engages in the community process.

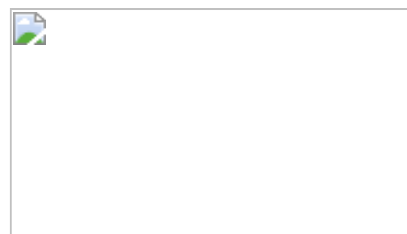
As for the Saturday afternoon time. Another complaint we receive is that week night meeting are tough for many families. Having a Saturday meeting will hopefully allow many more people to attend.

I hope Councilmember Huizar's record over the last 13 years shows that the community engagement part of any and all projects is vital to the process. The proposed BRT will be held to the same standard.

If you have any questions or concerns I am always available, [Redacted] I hope we will see you at the meeting.

[Redacted]
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Office of Councilmember José Huizar
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Fwd: Metro - SR-710 North Corridor Mobility Improvements

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[Redacted]
To: PRA REQUEST <pra@eaglerockcouncil.org>

Fri, Aug 16, 2019 at 9:28 PM

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From: [Redacted]
Date: Wed, Dec 5, 2018 at 11:37 AM
Subject: Metro - SR-710 North Corridor Mobility Improvements
To: <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>, <firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov>, <Mike.Bonin@lacity.org>
Cc: <eric.bruins@lacity.org>, Nate Hayward <nate.hayward@lacity.org>, Sean Starkey <sean.starkey@lacity.org>, <daniel.rodman@lacity.org>, <JHernandez@bos.lacounty.gov>, Lisa Kable Blanchard <lisa.kable.blanchard@ernc.la>

Metro Board Members -

Attached is a letter from The Eagle Rock Association (TERA) expressing our disagreement with Metro staff's recommendations for SR-710 North Corridor Mobility Improvements. TERA believes that greater emphasis should be placed on multi-modal, community-driven improvements which better-reflect community interests and are more cost-effective.

Please consider our recommendations at tomorrow's meeting. Thank you.

[Redacted]
President
The Eagle Rock Association (TERA)

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 6:29 PM

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Cc: Robert De Velasco <commercialprinting@sbcglobal.net>; contact_us@counsel.lacounty.gov; First District <firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov>; Councilmember de Leon <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>; Jennifer <friendsofhilldrive@gmail.com>; rcaruso@caruso.com; Karenbass Info <info@karenbass.com>; Los Angeles Mayor's Office <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>; Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; mike.bonin@lacity.org; fdutra@cityofwhittier.org; Holly J. Mitchell <hollyjmitchell@bos.lacounty.gov>; hahn@bos.lacounty.gov; City of Los Angeles <paul.krekorian@lacity.org>; sheila@bos.lacounty.gov

Subject: Re: MTA's Response to Letter No. 194: MTA's Community Outreach - Part 1 of 4

Dear [REDACTED]:

Save Eagle Rock Community and The Positions of Over 3000 Eagle Rock Stakeholder Petitioners Sent to the MTA Board on August 14, 2019, May 26, 2021 and October 22, 2021, Respectively

Save Eagle Rock Community is a diverse coalition of Eagle Rock stakeholders, who simply object to reducing a lane of traffic for a MTA BRT bus only lane running down the center of Colorado Boulevard. It appears that the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation, The Eagle Rock Association (TERA) and MTA staff have worked in collaboration to do all of the following: *Negatively impact "some of the City's planned curb extensions and medians", eliminate "left turns at 15 unsignalized intersections" on Colorado Boulevard and require that "medians be narrowed or removed/be less contiguous resulting in 40% reduced on-street parking spaces."* TERA's Option C Plan (also known as the Beautiful Boulevard Plan: Now the MTA-recommended/MTA Planning and Programming Committee Approved Refined F1 Option) is a "center-running segment of the BRT" on Colorado Boulevard that will not allow either non-BRT MTA or City Los Angeles operated buses to use that center running BRT bus lane.

Mayor Eric Garcetti's December 14, 2020 Colorado Boulevard BRT Recommendation

On December 14, 2020, Mayor Garcetti's Office sent Severin Martinez, City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation employee and a board officer of TERA an overview of the MTA BRT NoHo to Pasadena Corridor Project (MTA Project) because he was somehow selected to be the author of the City's draft environmental impact report (DEIR) Comment Letter: MTA BRT Project FEIR Comment Letter 5. Mr. Martinez's selection was in accordance with the Mayor's decision that "key City agencies coordinate a single request with precise mitigation measures" regarding "impacted City streets/public rights-of way".

The Mayor's Office described the background of the MTA BRT Project in a four page memo to Mr. Martinez with facts and details supporting **Mayor Garcetti's final recommendation: "Based on engagement with community stakeholders and in-**

field investigation, the on-street side-running NoHo to Pasadena BRT alignment within Eagle Rock is recommended." (Emphasis added.) See Attachment. In addition to preparing the City's MTA FEIR Comment Letter 5 Mr. Martinez also authored his own personal MTA FEIR Comment Letter 315.

Who are the Eagle Rock Stakeholder Petitioners?

The Eagle Rock Stakeholder Petitioners ignored by you and your staff – MTA's Community Outreach - are people who live, work, own real property, belong to a fraternal organization or worship in the Eagle Rock neighborhood of Los Angeles - "Eagle Rock Stakeholders" as defined by the City of Los Angeles. As a very unique community, we first joined together in August 2019, to oppose the proposed MTA NoHo to Pasadena Primary Route through Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock with stops near Eagle Rock Boulevard and Townsend that the (MTA) Board has approved.

By way of background, on August 14, 2019, Stephenie Lucio on behalf of Save Eagle Rock Community delivered via email to the MTA and every MTA Board member over 600 signed petitions from Eagle Rock stakeholders, who all opposed MTA's plan to run its bus rapid transit on Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock: This means we vehemently opposed having only one car lane each way on Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock. Not a single Eagle Rock stakeholder has retracted his/her petition to Save Eagle Rock Community. MTA's Community Relations sent us an August 14, 2019 email response that Save Eagle Rock Community's "inquiry" had been received and registered our "case" as "Case#00062224".

Even though the MTA responded, "We'll get back to you very soon" until your April 8, 2022 response and today's response, the MTA did not "get back" to Save Eagle Rock Community about its thousands of petitions; our reference to an additional 600 Eagle Rock stakeholders, who signed Robert De Velasco's petition's opposing the MTA's BRT Colorado Boulevard plan, and our reference to another petition with an additional 1000 signatures in opposition to MTA's plan to have a BRT bus on Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock, sent to the MTA in August 2019.

On August 14, 2019, Save Eagle Rock Community wrote to the MTA "that we are open to a dialogue that will address alternative options for Eagle Rock, similar to those afforded our neighboring cities, Pasadena and Glendale". The MTA never responded to Save Eagle Rock Community's request to have that open public dialogue with us – the Eagle Rock stakeholder petitioners. Many of us included our email addresses in our respective petitions. Our letter also outlined our concerns with the legitimacy of the persons identified by the MTA as "Key Stakeholders". The MTA described TERA as being a "Key Stakeholder" even though it is a group, which holds **closed-door meetings without any membership input.**

On May 26, 2021, Cheryl Weaver and Mr. Velasco on behalf of Save Eagle Rock Community presented over 600 petitions against the MTA Planning Committee's approval of a draft environmental impact report to reduce one car lane of traffic going in

each direction, i.e., east and west on Colorado Boulevard. As of May 26, 2021, we relied upon a May 2021 LA Times news editorial written by Felicia Garcia, a co-founder of Equitable Eagle Rock, to understand what the Beautiful Boulevard Plan was. According to Equitable Eagle Rock's website: "A coalition of over 40 Eagle Rock residents, parents, business owners, and community leaders generated a thoughtful solution" for a Colorado Boulevard BRT lane alignment known as the Beautiful Boulevard plan.

On October 22, 2021, Friends of Hill Drive, a Save Eagle Rock Community supporter, sent to the MTA an additional 1534 petitions, signed by Eagle Rock stakeholders. All of those petitions included the petitioners' email addresses and some personal addresses. That same date Friends of Hill Drive also emailed the MTA Board an 80+ page spreadsheet identifying the petitioners, who requested that the MTA study and select a third option for the Colorado Boulevard BRT alignment: Drive the BRT in the current mixed-flow lanes on Colorado Boulevard. We questioned why the MTA eliminated "Alternative Two-Improved Existing Bus Service Alternative- in the Draft Environment Impact Report".

MTA Community Outreach's Failed MTA BRT Project Outreach to the Eagle Rock Stakeholder Petitioners

For all of your reasons stated in your explanation to me today, you have confirmed that the MTA has not provided/will not provide all of the petitioners, (who provided the MTA on his/her petition with his/her email address and/or personal address and/or telephone number) with any information about the MTA's BRT plans for Colorado Boulevard, including Notice of the MTA's April 28, 2022 meeting. Yet in July 2019, Corey Zelmer, a MTA BRT Project Manager met with Severin Martinez and worked with him about issues address in the City of Los Angeles' coordinated MTA FEIR Comment Letter 5, prepared by Mr. Martinez. You are well-aware that Mr. Martinez is a TERA Board Officer and ardent Streets for All supporter.

The contrast between the MTA support given to the 43 Beautiful Boulevard supporters, who presented MTA FEIR Comment Letter 14, and the MTA's treatment of the aforementioned Eagle Rock Stakeholder Petitioners is glaring. As your message establishes: MTA Community Outreach did not/will not send the MTA's FEIR for this project; MTA Community Outreach did not/will not send any information about the MTA recommended and MTA Planning Committee approved Beautiful Boulevard plan and the MTA Community Outreach did not/will not send any notice of the MTA's April 28, 2022 Meeting to all of the Eagle Rock stakeholder petitioners: 3000 Eagle Rock residents, business owners and members of the Eagle Rock Baptist Church, Los Angeles Filipino-American United Congregational Church, St. Dominic's Catholic Church and Christian Assembly Church.

For years the MTA and MTA Community Outreach has long ignored positions expressed to the MTA as set forth in the Eagle Rock Stakeholders' aforementioned petitions, and the MTA Community Outreach has long ignored Save Eagle Rock Community supporters' valid concerns. Evidence also demonstrates that on December 14, 2020, **Mayor Garcetti's Office shared many of our same concerns** about

Colorado Boulevard with Mr. Martinez about a Center Running BRT Lane Alignment Option for Colorado Boulevard. As of December 14, 2020 it was **Mayor Garcetti's final recommendation to Mr. Martinez: "Based on engagement with community stakeholders and in-field investigation, the on-street side-running NoHo to Pasadena BRT alignment within Eagle Rock is recommended."** What happened to Mayor Garcetti's Recommendation between December 14, 2020, and the MTA extended DEIR Comment cut-off date of December 28, 2020?

Thank you for your professional courtesy in responding, Mr. Corona.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

On Monday, April 25, 2022, 03:29:55 PM PDT, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email request that Metro communicate with persons on the attached petitions.

As for sending notification of the FEIR to all the persons listed on the petition, Metro Community Relations does not send unsolicited communications to parties that have not communicated directly with Metro or requested to be added to the project distribution list. The project makes every effort to ensure that all interested parties and individuals that have communicated to the project email be added to the project's distribution database.

To ensure the project is providing meaningful opportunities for engagement throughout the corridor, the project has implemented several notification measures that are outlined through our project milestones. During the Public Scoping period, legal advertisement notices were published in 11 newspapers and 178,198 notices were mailed to residents, property owners and businesses located within 500 feet of the proposed route and alternative routes within 0.25 mile of proposed stations. Additionally, 15,000 meeting notices were sent to all homes and businesses in the Eagle Rock community during the extended scoping period and to solicit comments on the Draft EIR.

To maximize public awareness, a variety of noticing methods were implemented in advance of the Public Scoping meetings. These included mailing bi-lingual (English and Spanish) notices and distributing multi-lingual (English/Armenian/Tagalog/Spanish) electronic notices to our database of contacts. In response to community interest during the initial 30-day Scoping period, it was extended an additional 30 days to allow for additional input and engagement with the community. One additional scoping open house was added in Eagle Rock to allow for more opportunities to receive comments from the community.

To maximize public awareness during the Draft EIR phase, a variety of noticing methods were utilized in advance of the Public Hearings. These included:

- Distributing electronic notices to the Project database of contacts;
- Distributing flyers door-to-door within the Eagle Rock community;
- Purchasing geo-targeted social media advertisements on Facebook;
- Posting meeting information on NextDoor within Eagle Rock and Highland Park;
- Presentations to various community groups, business groups, councils of governments, elected officials, and neighborhood councils throughout the project study area;
- Car cards with project information placed in buses along the corridor; and,
- Paid media advertisements and earned media through organic publicly gained media, including stories from local blogs, print, and online newspapers advertising the meetings.

All forms of notices provided meeting details (dates, times, meeting links, dial-in information, and in-language services), as well as contact information for accessing additional Project details. Additionally, each notice provided information on the public comment period deadline and the various ways the public could submit comments on the Draft EIR. Meeting notices were produced in English and Spanish, including 15,000 flyers distributed to residents and businesses within the Eagle Rock community. Notification efforts also included communicating via email with over 5,000 interested contacts in the Project's database that included contact names, organizations (if any), mailing addresses, email addresses and all federal, state and local elected offices and city staff within the project study area.

In addition to the aforementioned notices, other noticing methods included social media advertisements and meeting flyers distributed by Metro, local cities, and other elected officials within the Study Area. Print and online media notifications were also provided throughout the project study area during the public review period.

The noticing methods during the 2019 community workshops included a series of eight email blasts to the project database of over 5,000 contacts, social media advertisements on Facebook, and meeting flyers distributed at public venues in the project area. Meeting notices were mailed to 11,599 discrete addresses in Eagle Rock notifying residents of the new addition of the SR 134-freeway route option within Eagle Rock to be included in the environmental study, as well as the BRT workshops. All materials were produced in English, Spanish and Armenian.

Additionally, meeting notifications were leveraged through Metro's existing relationships with community partners, elected officials, and neighborhood councils in the cities of Los Angeles, Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, as well as the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council, Occidental College, and Pasadena City College, among others, to share the meeting information through their own notification measures.

A targeted outreach effort to inform project stakeholders of the 2021 Spring community meeting was conducted in a number of ways, including emails (e-blasts), door-to-door flyers, press releases, and notifications on Metro's "The Source". Additionally, local news media sources displayed the notices on digital platforms. A total of five e-blasts were sent with an average email open rate of approximately 30% of the total who received the e-blasts. An additional e-blast was sent after the community meeting thanking those who participated and providing guidance on where to find the information presented at the meeting, how to access the meeting recording and next steps. All e-blast notifications were distributed in English, Spanish, Tagalog and Armenian. A total of 15,000 flyers in both English and Spanish were also distributed in Eagle Rock prior to the meeting.

Noticing of the Fall 2021 community meetings to project stakeholders was accomplished via emails (e-blasts), door-to-door flyers, car cards on Metro buses, a notification on Metro's "The Source" and through local and City news media. A total of seven e-blasts were sent notifying the public about the community meetings with an average email open rate of approximately 32% of the total who received the e-blasts. Additionally, an e-blast was sent following all of the community meetings thanking those who participated, and providing guidance on where to find the meeting materials, how to access the meeting recordings and a discussion on next steps. All e-blast notifications were distributed in English, Spanish, Tagalog and Armenian. A total of 15,000 flyers in English, Spanish and Tagalog were also distributed in Eagle Rock leading up to the community meetings. Additionally, flyers were distributed door-to-door to businesses along Colorado Boulevard, notifying businesses of the upcoming meetings.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 2:08 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: MTA's Response to Letter No. 194: MTA's Community Outreach - Part 1 of 4

Dear [REDACTED]:

I appreciate your response, but I disagree with the MTA's decision not to communicate with the persons, who signed Robert De Velasco's letter to the MTA. Please note that I did not sign Mr. De Velasco's letter, which he had hand-delivered to the MTA in August 2019. What deeply concerns me is that I did sign two petitions regarding my position about the MTA's BRT plans for Colorado Boulevard: One petition, which Save Eagle Rock Community presented to the MTA in August 2019. Many parishioners at St. Dominic's Catholic Church signed that petition. Additionally, I am one of the 1534 petitioners who signed a petition, which Friends of Hill Drive presented to the MTA Board on October 22, 2021. It was my understanding that the MTA has been emailing me with the MTA's BRT plans for Colorado Boulevard because I signed those two petitions. Based upon your response, that understanding appears to be wrong.

To clearly understand your response to me *I would **FIRST** appreciate your confirming that as part of the MTA's community outreach about the MTA's BRT plans for Colorado Boulevard that **the MTA did NOT and will NOT notify or provide** any information about the MTA's BRT Final Environmental Impact Report to all of the Eagle Rock stakeholders who either signed Mr. De Velasco letter or signed either of the aforementioned two petitions.*

For over two and a half years the MTA has had the addresses and phone numbers of over 600 Eagle Rock residents, who signed Mr. De Velasco's letter. Since October 2021, the MTA has had the email addresses of over 1534 Eagle Rock residents, business owners and parishioners of St. Dominic's Catholic Church in Eagle Rock, who provided the MTA with their positions about the MTA's BRT options for Colorado Boulevard in their respective petitions.

SECOND, I am requesting that you confirm that the MTA has **not** provided any of those Eagle Rock residents and business owners who signed Mr. De Velasco's August 2019 letter with any information about the MTA's BRT Project plans for Colorado Boulevard **since the MTA received his letter in August 2019.**

Hopefully, my next understanding is incorrect regarding how the MTA handled over 2000 Eagle Rock residents, business owners and members of St. Dominic's Catholic Church, who provided his/her email address, and signed one or both of the aforementioned petitions presented to the MTA and the MTA Board in August 2019, and October 22, 2021, respectively.

*That is why I am making a **THIRD** request that you clarify your April 8, 2022 email response below and confirm that the **MTA has not provided all of the aforementioned petitioners, i.e., over 2000 Eagle Rock residents, business owners or members of St. Dominic's Catholic Church parishioners with any information about the MTA's BRT Project plans for Colorado Boulevard, including emailing each of them with the MTA's Final Environmental Impact Report.***

Your response appears to make it clear that the MTA Community Outreach Division failed in its due diligence obligations and responsibilities to the Eagle Rock community. All of the aforementioned petitioners do not have information about the MTA's BRT plans for Colorado Boulevard. Most importantly, all of the Eagle Rock stakeholder petitioners do not have any knowledge about the MTA Board's plans to hold a public ADA-accessible meeting this month to review and approve the MTA's Final Environmental Impact Report regarding the MTA BRT

Project Plans for Colorado Boulevard because the MTA does not "generally...send unsolicited communications to parties that have not communicated directly with Metro or requested to be added to the project distribution list." Each of the 1534 petitioners, who are Eagle Rock resident, business owners and stakeholders, did provide their respective names and email addresses to the MTA when Friends of Hill Drive sent the MTA his/her petition on October 22, 2021. The MTA Community Outreach Department should immediately provide the people, who signed both Mr. De Velasco's letter as well as each of the petitioners with the MTA's Final Environmental Impact Report as well as **notice** of the MTA's April 2022 hearings, informing each of them that he/she has an **opportunity to be heard** at any public meeting regarding the MTA's Final Environmental Impact Report about the MTA BRT Project plans for the Eagle Rock community.

Thank you again or your response below. Given the time limitations I expect your kind attention in answering my three requests.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

On Friday, April 8, 2022, 09:36:06 AM PDT, [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED],

Thank you for your email request to communicate with the persons on the attached petitions. The petitions received during the project scoping period will become part of the administrative record for the environmental document.

As for sending notification of the FEIR to all the persons listed on the petition, we generally do not send unsolicited communications to parties that have not communicated directly with Metro or requested to be added to the project distribution list. We hope you understand, and we encourage all petitioners to continue expressing their interests and concerns with regard to this proposed public transportation project.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 2:02 PM



Subject: MTA's Response to Letter No. 194: MTA's Community Outreach - Part 1 of 4

MTA's Response to Letter No. 194: MTA's Community Outreach - Part 1 of 4

Dear MTA:

Thank you for your response to my comment letter, which the MTA has identified in the Final Environmental Impact Report as Letter No. 194.

Please immediately confirm that the MTA either mailed the MTA's Final Environmental Impact Report Regarding the Two Proposed BRT Options for Colorado Boulevard or called the Eagle Rock residents, who signed Robert De Velasco's August 11, 2019 letter to the MTA, Over 600 Eagle Rock residents signed Mr. De Velasco's August 11, 2019 letter. The MTA has had almost 3 years either to mail or to call each of those Eagle Rock residents, who signed Mr. De Velasco's August 11, 2019 letter to update each of them as to the MTA's BRT plans for Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock. Many of the Eagle Rock residents, who signed Mr. De Velasco's letter, do not have email addresses.

Due to the size of Mr. De Velasco's August 11, 2019 letter I have sent it in four parts. I appreciate the MTA's prompt response. Each of the Eagle Rock residents, who signed Mr. De Velasco's letter should receive notice of the MTA's meeting regarding the MTA Board's review, consideration and approval of the **MTA's Final Environmental Impact Report Regarding the Two Proposed BRT Options for Colorado Boulevard.** Any failure to provide notice of the MTA's meetings on this important issue to those Eagle Rock residents, who do not use email, would constitute disenfranchisement. Additionally, each of those residents and Mr. De Velasco have every right to be heard at any MTA public meeting.

Sincerely,



From: Karina Macias (via Google Docs) Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 12:12 PM To: severin.martinez@lacity.org Cc: rubina.ghazarian@lacity.org; eddie.guerrero@lacity.org; tomas.carranza@lacity.org Subject: Reference: NoHo to Pasadena BRT Project Overview Attachments: NoHo to Pasadena BRT Project Overview (3-19-20).pdf karina.macias@lacity.org has attached the following document: NoHo to Pasadena BRT Project Overview (3-19-20) Hi Rubina and Severin, I want to offer this write-up I authored for Mayor's Office leadership on the NoHo to Pasadena BRT Project. I think it may be a useful reference to you as you develop the City of LA's comment letter to the Project DEIR. I am looping in Eddie and Tomas too. As I mentioned during our meeting this AM, I recommend key City agencies coordinate a single request with precise mitigation measures for any project impacts identified in the Project DEIR, specifically conflicts with any adopted plans and policies for the impacted City streets/public rights-of-way.

NoHo to Pasadena BRT Project Design and Planning Overview

Authored by Transportation Manager Karina Macias on March 19, 2020

Elected Officials In-Field Staff Tour

On March 9, 2020, following more thorough technical analysis, LA Metro Countywide Planning staff (Cory Zelmer <zelmerc@metro.net> and Scott Harwell <hartwells@metro.net>) and Community Relations staff (Lilian De Loza-Gutierrez <delozagutierrezl@metro.net>) hosted an on-site proposed project tour exclusively for staff of elected officials representing the community, including LA Mayor Garcetti (Karina Macias), then-CD 14 Councilmember Huizar (Lucy Aparicio <lucy.aparicio@lacity.org>), and LA County Supervisor Solis (Martin Reyes <mreyes@bos.lacounty.gov>).

Metro staff intended to present all North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) proposed alignment options, with site visits to proposed project options within the Eagle Rock neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles. Metro staff presented operational changes on streets within the entire BRT alignment, but focused on showcasing the trade-offs between the two BRT routes being considered for Eagle Rock: 1) street-running BRT on Colorado Boulevard and 2) freeway-running BRT route on SR-134.

Recommended Position

Based on engagement with community stakeholders and in-field investigation, the on-street side-running NoHo to Pasadena BRT alignment within Eagle Rock is recommended. An on-street side-running BRT would streamline project delivery by avoiding lengthy inter-agency review and approvals, would establish dedicated bus lanes while retaining bike lanes to improve local and regional connectivity for transit users, and is anticipated to attract the greatest number of new riders due to its convenience and quality user experience, having the highest likelihood of achieving the greatest VMT reductions.

From: Shirley Zamora <shirley.zamora@lacity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Severin Martinez
Cc: Vicente Cordero
Subject: NoHo to Pasadena BRT

Hi Severin,
Our section has been reviewing the draft EIR for the subject project. We were told you are the person putting together the letter with LADOT comments for Metro. Is this still the case? If so, when is the last day we can send our comments over to you by since the deadline is on Monday?

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Shirley Zamora
Transportation Engineering Associate II
Valley Planning & Development Review

Comment & Speakers List

Board Month: April 2022

NUMBER	NAME	ITEM NUMBER	POSITION (FOR/AGAINST/GENERAL COMMENT/ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION)
1	Caller 3713	CON #35	FOR
2	Caller 6898	CON #35	FOR
3	Caller 7107	CON #35	FOR
4	Caller 0818 - ACT LA	FB&A #15	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
5	Caller 5684 - Move LA	FB&A #15	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
6	Caller - Bus Riders Union	OPS #15	AGAINST
7	Caller 0818 - ACT LA	OPS #15	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
8	Caller 4253	OPS #15	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
9	Caller 5684 - Move LA	OPS #15	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
10	Caller 5709	OPS #15	AGAINST
11	Caller 8136	OPS #15	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
12	Caller 5684 - Move LA	OPS #20	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
13	Caller 5709	OPS #20	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
14	Caller 5684 - Move LA	OPS #21	FOR
15	Caller 5709	OPS #21	AGAINST
16	Caller 0818	OPS #24	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
17	Caller 2894	OPS #24	AGAINST
18	Caller 1635	OPS #25	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
19	Caller 2306	OPS #25	FOR
20	Caller 3747	OPS #25	FOR
21	Caller 4990	OPS #25	FOR
22	Caller 7096	OPS #25	FOR
23	Caller 9076	OPS #25	FOR
24	Caller User 1	OPS #25	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
25	Caller	OPS #25	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
26	Caller 5709	OPS CONSENT AND GENERAL COMMENT	GENERAL COMMENT - ASSAULT
27	High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority	P&P #13	FOR
28	Adriane Zaudke	P&P #8	AGAINST
29	Alexandra Gordon	P&P #8	FOR
30	Alicia Barclay	P&P #8	AGAINST
31	Alma Garza-Hernandez	P&P #8	AGAINST
32	Amanda Taylor	P&P #8	AGAINST
33	Andrew Ellis	P&P #8	AGAINST
34	Anne Hall	P&P #8	AGAINST
35	Arthur Poma	P&P #8	AGAINST
36	Aviva Williams	P&P #8	AGAINST
37	Becki Chernoff	P&P #8	AGAINST
38	Benjamin Foushee	P&P #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
39	Blanche Sindelar	P&P #8	AGAINST
40	Bob de Velasco	P&P #8	AGAINST
41	Brian Bress	P&P #8	AGAINST
42	Christina Newland	P&P #8	AGAINST

43	Christine HINE	P&P #8	AGAINST
44	Christine Richards	P&P #8	AGAINST
45	Christopher Grove	P&P #8	AGAINST
46	City of Burbank	P&P #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
47	Councilmember Kevin de Leon	P&P #8	FOR
48	E.C. Krupp	P&P #8	AGAINST
49	Edward "Ted" Dunlap	P&P #8	FOR
50	Ellen Stern	P&P #8	AGAINST
51	Holly Stewart	P&P #8	AGAINST
52	James Panozzo	P&P #8	AGAINST
53	Jason Jordan	P&P #8	AGAINST
54	John Goldfarb	P&P #8	AGAINST
55	Jovita Molina	P&P #8	AGAINST
56	Karen Shanbrom	P&P #8	AGAINST
57	Kathleen Whitaker	P&P #8	AGAINST
58	Kerrin Tso	P&P #8	AGAINST GENERAL COMMENT
59	Kim Martellino	P&P #8	AGAINST
60	Kim Villalobos	P&P #8	AGAINST
61	Lani Stapp	P&P #8	AGAINST
62	Lara Escriba	P&P #8	AGAINST
63	Laraine Kasper	P&P #8	AGAINST
64	Lauren McElroy	P&P #8	AGAINST
65	Leslie Valenciano-Lopez	P&P #8	AGAINST
66	Loretta Washington	P&P #8	AGAINST
67	Maayan Lev	P&P #8	AGAINST
68	Mandy Black	P&P #8	AGAINST
69	Mark Martinez	P&P #8	AGAINST
70	Martha Kowal	P&P #8	AGAINST
71	Mary Fischer	P&P #8	AGAINST
72	Meredith King	P&P #8	AGAINST
73	Michael Breaux	P&P #8	AGAINST
74	Michele McKinnon	P&P #8	AGAINST
75	Mike E. McNish	P&P #8	AGAINST
76	Minerva Garza	P&P #8	AGAINST
77	Pamela Brull	P&P #8	AGAINST
78	Paul Misik	P&P #8	AGAINST
79	Richard Patterson	P&P #8	AGAINST
80	Roberta Ikemi	P&P #8	AGAINST
81	Roe Muzingo	P&P #8	AGAINST
82	Ronda Jovanelly	P&P #8	AGAINST
83	Ronda Jovanelly	P&P #8	AGAINST
84	Sabrina Grimes	P&P #8	AGAINST
85	Samuel Reed	P&P #8	AGAINST
86	saveeaglerockcommunity@yahoo.com	P&P #8	AGAINST
87	Tasia M	P&P #8	AGAINST
88	Terrye Munday	P&P #8	AGAINST
89	Tim Campbell	P&P #8	FOR
90	Tracey Trahilcal	P&P #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION

91	Vera Golakova Abreu	P&P #8	AGAINST
92	Vera Golakova Abreu	P&P #8	AGAINST
93	Wendy Keller	P&P #8	AGAINST
94	Yoshiko Kim	P&P #8	AGAINST
95	Caller 2397	P&P #8	FOR
96	Caller 6569	P&P #8	FOR
97	Caller 1610	P&P #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
98	Caler 9929	P&P #8	FOR
99	Caller 0109	P&P #8	FOR
100	Caller 1901	P&P #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
101	Caller 2282	P&P #8	FOR
102	Caller User 1	P&P #8	AGAINST
103	Caller 5605	P&P #8	AGAINST
104	Caller 9740	P&P #8	AGAINST
105	Caller 7506	P&P #8	FOR
106	Caller 1535	P&P #8	FOR
107	Caller 0739	P&P #8	FOR
108	Caller 2900	P&P #8	FOR
109	Caller 5684	RBM #12	FOR
110	Caller 5801	RBM #23	FOR
111	Caller 5801	RBM #24	FOR
112	Caller 5605	RBM #3	FOR
113	Caller 2517	RBM #4	FOR
114	Caller 4861	RBM #4	FOR
115	Caller 5605	RBM #4	FOR
116	Caller Act LA	RBM #45	FOR
117	Caller 5801	RBM #45	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
118	Caller 5684	RBM #45	FOR
119	Ace Aguilera	RBM #8	AGAINST
120	Amanda Taylor	RBM #8	AGAINST
121	Andrew Bystrom	RBM #8	AGAINST
122	Andrew Ellis	RBM #8	AGAINST
123	Anthony Larry	RBM #8	AGAINST
124	Ariel Hutalla	RBM #8	AGAINST
125	Blanche Sindelar	RBM #8	AGAINST
126	Cardie Molina	RBM #8	AGAINST
127	Carl Matthes	RBM #8	AGAINST
128	Cherryl Weaver	RBM #8	AGAINST
129	Chris Dunn	RBM #8	AGAINST
130	Christopher Shelton	RBM #8	AGAINST
131	Courtney Chase	RBM #8	AGAINST
132	David Swift	RBM #8	AGAINST
133	Elizabeth Stroll	RBM #8	AGAINST
134	Eric B.	RBM #8	AGAINST
135	Geralt Beukema	RBM #8	AGAINST
136	Holly Stewart	RBM #8	AGAINST
137	Jimmy Vasquez	RBM #8	AGAINST
138	Johanna Harper Metcalfe	RBM #8	AGAINST
139	John Dunlop	RBM #8	AGAINST
140	Karen Shanbrom	RBM #8	AGAINST
141	Kathleen Whitaker	RBM #8	AGAINST

142	Kelly Johnston	RBM #8	AGAINST
143	Kim Martellino	RBM #8	AGAINST
144	Kim Turner	RBM #8	AGAINST
145	Kristine Salonga Li	RBM #8	AGAINST
146	Lara Escriba	RBM #8	AGAINST
147	Laura Conn	RBM #8	AGAINST
148	Linda Allen	RBM #8	AGAINST
149	Lora Martinolich	RBM #8	AGAINST
150	Lynda	RBM #8	AGAINST
151	Lynda Sue Marks-Guarnieri	RBM #8	AGAINST
152	Marcos Beltran	RBM #8	AGAINST
153	Marilyn J Johnson	RBM #8	AGAINST
154	Mary Frances Spencer	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
155	Matt & Michelle Cicero	RBM #8	AGAINST
156	May Camson	RBM #8	AGAINST
157	Melanie Pava	RBM #8	AGAINST
158	Michele McKinlay	RBM #8	AGAINST
159	Michelle Helseth	RBM #8	AGAINST
160	Miryam Finkelberg	RBM #8	AGAINST
161	Nadine Levyfield	RBM #8	AGAINST
162	Raymond Cho	RBM #8	AGAINST
163	Rosser Cole	RBM #8	AGAINST
164	Sarah Cho	RBM #8	AGAINST
165	Sean Green	RBM #8	AGAINST
166	Shaina Steinberg	RBM #8	AGAINST
167	Spike Whitney	RBM #8	AGAINST
168	Suzanne Commons	RBM #8	AGAINST
169	Vera Golakova Abreu	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
170	William Heath	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
171	Yoshiko Kim	RBM #8	AGAINST
172	Lora Martinolich	RBM #8	AGAINST
173	Victor Gordo, Mayor of Pasadena	RBM #8	FOR
174	City of Burbank	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
175	Men's Twentieth Century Club of Eagle	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
176	Councilmember Kevin De Leon - 3294	RBM #8	FOR
177	Caller 9929	RBM #8	FOR
178	Caller 9729	RBM #8	FOR
179	Caller 1901	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
180	Caller 1610	RBM #8	FOR
181	Caller 6555	RBM #8	FOR
182	Caller 2740	RBM #8	FOR
183	Caller 5684	RBM #8	FOR
184	Caller 0081	RBM #8	FOR
185	Caller 8485	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
186	Caller 1983	RBM #8	FOR
187	Caller 0109	RBM #8	FOR
188	Caller 2900	RBM #8	FOR
189	Caller User 1	RBM #8	FOR
190	Caller 1932	RBM #8	FOR
191	Caller 7506	RBM #8	FOR

192	Caller 6127	RBM #8	FOR
193	Caller 5654	RBM #8	FOR
194	Caller 7880	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
195	Caller	RBM #8	FOR
196	Caller 9516	RBM #8	AGAINST
197	Caller 8639	RBM #8	FOR
198	Caller 5251	RBM #8	FOR
199	Caller 4130	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
200	Caller 2250	RBM #8	FOR
201	Caller 7202	RBM #8	FOR
202	7554	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
203	3392	RBM #8	FOR
204	1535	RBM #8	FOR
205	8622	RBM #8	AGAINST
206	Caller 2517	RBM #8	FOR
207	Caller 7028	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
208	Caller 9005	RBM #8	FOR
209	Caller 7523	RBM #8	FOR
210	Caller 1671	RBM #8	FOR
211	Caller 4805	RBM #8	AGAINST
212	Caller 8021	RBM #8	FOR
213	Caller 2747	RBM #8	FOR
214	Caller 8123	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
215	Caller 9208	RBM #8	FOR
216	Caller 2009	RBM #8	AGAINST
217	Caller User 1	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
218	Caller 2154	RBM #8	AGAINST
219	Caller 3413	RBM #8	FOR
220	Caller 7642	RBM #8	FOR
221	Caller 4053	RBM #8	FOR
222	Caller 4362	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
223	Caller 5065	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
224	Caller 2480	RBM #8	FOR
225	Caller 8865	RBM #8	FOR
226	Caller 5824	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
227	Caller 9300	RBM #8	FOR
228	Caller 8136	RBM #8	FOR
229	Caller 5773	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
230	Caller 2251	RBM #8	AGAINST
231	Caller 9717	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
232	Caller 2248	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
233	Caller 1381	RBM #8	AGAINST
234	Caller 0932	RBM #8	FOR
235	Caller 5539	RBM #8	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
236	Caller 5684 - Move LA	RBM CONSENT CALENDAR	FOR
237	Caller 5065	RBM CONSENT CALENDAR	ITEM NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION
238	Andrew M.	RBM GENERAL COMMENT	GENERAL COMMENT

239	Dale Winke	RBM GENERAL COMMENT	GENERAL COMMENT
240	Jeffry Stein	RBM GENERAL COMMENT	GENERAL COMMENT
241	Caller User 1	RBM GENERAL COMMENT	GENERAL COMMENT - GREEN LINE
242	Caller 5801	RBM GENERAL COMMENT	GENERAL COMMENT - FARE/TVM
243	Caller 8663	RBM GENERAL COMMENT	GENERAL COMMENT - GONDOLA