



August 11, 2015

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RE: Council File 05-0876-S2, 2917 Partridge Avenue / Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley  
Community Plan / Correction Ordinance

Dear Chairman Huizar and Members of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee,

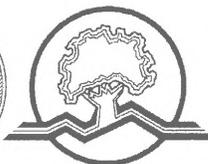
On behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council, we write to express our concern regarding the lack of public process regarding the proposed zone change from open space to commercial for the 1.3-acre parcel at 2917 Partridge Avenue being considered today by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee. We urge the Committee to delay consideration of this item to allow for the proper public process to take place.

Given the long-standing open space designation and the importance of open space as identified in the Los Angeles River Master Plan and the river restoration and revitalization, it is important that this proposed zone change be afforded the customary public notice and hearing process, even if as the staff report indicates the change is being made to correct a prior error in the community plan update.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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### **2917 Partridge Avenue Zoning Change**

Dear Members of the Committee,

It has been brought to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA) attention that at the August 11, 2015 Committee Meeting, the City of Los Angeles Planning and Land Use Management Committee intends to change the zoning for a 1.3-acre property located at 2917 Partridge Avenue adjacent to Los Angeles River from open space to commercial. This is occurring without a public notification process.

The MRCA strongly feels that the City should not change zoning from open space to other uses without contacting interested conservation groups and notifying members of the public. We urge you to delay this zoning change consideration until a proper public process may occur.

This zoning change would be in direct conflict with the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration and revitalization efforts currently occurring. As America's second largest city, there is a serious lack of open space and recreational opportunities in Los Angeles. As there is a great demand for both active and passive recreation along the River and in the adjacent neighborhoods, it is critical to keep this property zoned as open space.

Sincerely,

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