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**Community Impact
Statement for
Council File 14-0656**
June 30, 2015

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The Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council (GEPENC) requests that the following Community Impact Statement be attached to City Council File 14-0656.

On June 30, 2015, the GEPENC Board of Governors held a Brown Act--noticed meeting with a quorum of **14**; and with a vote of 14 yeas, 0-nays, and 0-abstentions, adopted the motion to submit a Community Impact Statement in support of Councilmember Paul Koretz' proposed amendments to the citywide Baseline Mansionization Ordinance.

On May 16, 2014, Koretz moved "that the council instruct the Planning Department with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety, and in consultation with the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance that will address the counter-productive provisions of the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (no. 181480), to stabilize the conflict of out-of scale homes that continue to proliferate in entire neighborhoods."

The Motion identifies several provisions as problematic: the green bonus, the two design bonuses, and the Floor Area Ratio (FAR). Motion calls for the re-evaluation of FAR exemptions for attached garages, attached porches/patios/breezeways, and double-height entryways.

A year has passed since the City Council adopted Councilmember Koretz's Motion. The GEPENC Board of Governors urges prompt implementation of the amendments outlined in said Motion.

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Letter to L.A. City Mayor and
City Council---on State of
Emergency on Homelessness
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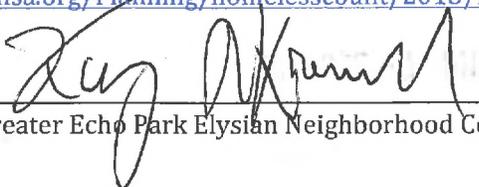
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Facts and Findings

- In the L.A. Times of June 1, 2015, Gale Holland reported that the L.A. Mission was selling its transitional building at 1417 Bronson Ave. in Hollywood with 45 units. Residents, up to 90 men, women, and children were "turned out with no compensation benefits." In the article, Mission President Herb Smith states-- one of the reasons the apartment was sold was that it wasn't working because it was too far away from Skid Row Services.
- In January 2015, the L.A. County homeless total population (including Glendale, Long Beach, and Pasadena) was 44, 359. The City of Los Angeles reported 25, 686, and Council District 13 counted 2,270, according to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

<http://documents.lahsa.org/Planning/homelesscount/2015/HC2015CommissionPresentation.pdf>

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**LETTER OF OPPOSITION
PHILLIPS 66 SANTA MARIA REFINERY RAIL PROJECT
San Luis Obispo County, CA**

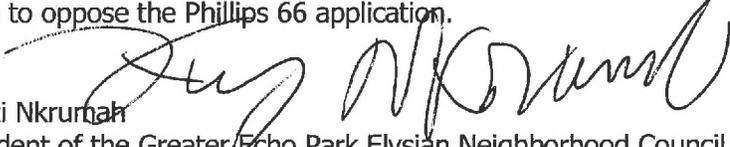
June 30, 2015

On June 30, 2015, the Board of Governors of the Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council (GEPENC) held a Brown Act-noticed public meeting with a quorum of 15 members present, and with a vote of 15 - Yes; 0 - No; and 0 abstentions, adopted the resolution that follows:

The GEPENC Board of Governors **DOES NOT SUPPORT** Phillips 66's proposal to expand the company's shipment of crude oil in the San Luis Obispo County area with their Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project:

<http://www.phillips66.com/EN/about/our-businesses/refining-marketing/refining/santamaria/Pages/rail-project-information.aspx>

On August 26, 2014, the Los Angeles City Council voted to support increased regulation and oversight of oil transport by rail statewide (14-0002-S81). The GEPENC Board of Governors respectfully asks that the honorable members of the City Council continue to take this important stand against dangerous crude-by-rail shipments, and asks the councilmembers to please send a letter to the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors, urging them to oppose the Phillips 66 application.


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