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Council File # CF 15-0966
Street Vacation East Blvd and South Park Ave in Mar Vista

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We have owned our home at 4201 East Blvd and lived in Mar Vista for more than 24 years. **We object to the proposed “street vacation” CF 15-0966 at the triangle intersection of East Blvd and South Park Avenue because we believe it creates a safety issue with visibility and traffic, is not in keeping with the density of the neighborhood, and would allow future extensive development.** Large setbacks and 40 foot deep city parkways are the norm at every property in this unique neighborhood. Granting the applicant almost 6000 square feet of city land would allow him to develop, and potentially subdivide his property for building or fencing which would have negative impact on safety and density. Speeding cars blast through the stop sign at the corner of East Blvd and South Park many times a day; accidents are only avoided because cars can see across **the 20 foot city owned parkway around this triangle property** and take evasive action on our wide streets. This is exactly the property the applicant is proposing to annex – and then he will have the right to build a tall fence, plant trees or develop in a way that will block views of oncoming traffic.

Notice of this major proposed change in our neighborhood was not done well. I saw several small 8x12 notices taped to poles several weeks saying “Notice of Street Vacation”. There was nothing posted in front of our property and we live 50 feet from the proposed annexation. The text was only in English, impossible to read from vehicles and posted in areas not frequently by pedestrians. I am attaching some examples. Some neighbors thought it meant a stop in street cleaning. There were no answer at the phone numbers listed for more information. I had to call many offices to discover what was proposed. For this reason alone, this decision should be postponed until neighbors are properly informed and have an opportunity to

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respond. I would also ask that any decision be postponed until after March of 2017 when the Mar Vista Anti- Mansionization restrictions take effect because by giving the applicant almost 6000 square feet of public land, the property becomes a prime site for sub-division and extensive development.

We are not "anti-development" when the development is in keeping with our unique and beautiful Mar Vista neighborhood. If there could be some permanent legal assurance (deed restriction) that once the public land is annexed, the property will not be subdivided and developed up to the new property line, that would help reassure our neighborhood.

Sincerely,


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cc: Councilmember Mike Bonin, Los Angeles City Council members



