

## Communication from Public

**Name:** edna monroy

**Date Submitted:** 01/30/2023 01:06 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0026

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**Name:** Wendy Miranda

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Rodriguez

**Date Submitted:** 01/30/2023 08:58 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Jennifer and I'm with SELA Youth, a member of UNIDAD and a resident of south central Los Angeles. I'm calling in to comment on Item 6. I urge you to vote no on item #6 , which would veto a decision from the South LA Planning Commission to reject a conditional use permit on publicly owned land. This land was formerly the site of the Bethune Library. A decade ago, the city promised that whatever would get developed on this site would "provide ongoing community benefits." A hotel being built on that land would not fulfill those requirements. The City Zoning Administrator said no to the hotel. The South LA Planning Commission said no to the hotel. Most importantly, for ten years, the people have been saying no including the Neighborhood Council that represents this community. When the In the midst of a citywide housing crisis, we should not be using valuable public land for corporate development projects like luxury hotels, which gentrify and displace communities to accommodate tourists. Thank you.

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**Name:** Erica

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sandra McNeill

**Date Submitted:** 01/31/2023 07:15 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Subject: Oppose Council File 23-0026 - Dear City Council Members: I live approximately 8 blocks from the Bethune Library site, and have been advocating for community-serving use of that site since 2003. I strongly urge you to vote NO on 23-0026 which would veto a decision from the South LA Planning Commission to reject the conditional use permit. The community has spoken over and over and over on this matter, and we do not want a hotel on this site. We want this public asset to be used to address the affordable housing crisis. A decade ago, the city promised that whatever would get developed on this site would “provide ongoing community benefits.” Now they are breaking that promise. The City Zoning Administrator said no to the hotel. The South LA Planning Commission said no to the hotel. Most importantly, for ten years, the people have been saying no. In the midst of a citywide housing crisis, we should not be using valuable public land for corporate development projects like luxury hotels, which gentrify and displace communities to accommodate tourists. We call on you, our elected officials who are supposed to act in the best interest of our communities and our City, to honor the legacy of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and of the community members who named the original library in her honor, to deny the hotel and to support community-serving uses on the site.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Norma

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joseph Sundeen  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katie Aymar

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**Name:** Leandro Tyberg  
**Date Submitted:** 01/31/2023 10:40 AM  
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