

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Stop the Gondola: Chinatown Is a Neighborhood, Not a Parking Lot I urge the public to oppose the proposed Dodger Stadium gondola through Chinatown and Los Angeles State Historic Park. This project is being marketed as “green transit,” but for Chinatown, Solano Canyon, Elysian Park, and nearby communities, it looks like a private development scheme using public land, public airspace, and a historic neighborhood to move baseball fans to Dodger Stadium. Chinatown has already endured decades of displacement and development pressure. Families, elders, small businesses, and working-class residents should not be asked to absorb more harm so that stadium traffic can be redirected through their neighborhood. LA State Historic Park is not empty land waiting to be used for private infrastructure. It is one of the few major open spaces serving communities that have already lost too much land to freeways, stadium development, and speculation. The gondola does not truly solve traffic if fans simply drive to Union Station or Chinatown to board it. It risks shifting parking, congestion, construction, and visual impacts onto communities that are already overburdened. There are better ways to reduce Dodger Stadium traffic: more frequent free shuttles, bus priority, safer walking and biking routes, and real community-serving transit. Chinatown is not a shortcut. Chinatown is not a parking lot. Chinatown is a living community — home to families, seniors, workers, small businesses, and cultural history. I urge decision-makers to reject the gondola and invest in transportation solutions that reduce traffic without displacing communities, privatizing public space, or sacrificing LA State Historic Park.