

Communication from Public

Name: Kathy Pham

Date Submitted: 11/17/2024 10:52 AM

Council File No: 24-0011-S4

Comments for Public Posting: Please stop the gondola. It is not beneficial for our LA residents. I am in support of public transit but not private ones that only stand to benefit a select few. The gondola would only stand to destroy the nature of the LA Historic park and further commercialize a public space that is meant to be enjoyed by all people. This is one of the few places where my friends and loved ones can gather for a picnics, walk our dogs, enjoy the trees and go for a pleasant stroll. It is a highlight of Chinatown and gives us reason to enjoy the neighborhood. Please don't ruin it with this unnecessary gondola. I repeat the following points: The State of California sets aside lands for State Parks for their natural, historical, cultural, and recreational values in perpetuity for the people of the state of CA, not for the pet projects of billionaires. LA State Historic Park does not belong to the governor, state parks, or any other agency. It belongs to the people. State Parks's job is to protect parks like LASHP, not sell or trade them off for private projects. The gondola would remove 81 trees at the park (304 trees total along the entire route), fly cabins less than 26 ft over people's heads, and ruin the character and vista of the beloved park. It is illegal to construct a private transportation project in a state park, let alone a historic park. LASHP is already well-served by public transit. LASHP does not require this project to meet its transportation needs. This project is not a Metro project, it originates from a private entity. Please reconsider this project. Please consider the impact it has to our wildlife too.

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Name: Kate Stewart

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a working artist with a studio in Chinatown. Me and my neighbors do not want to see, hear, or feel a gondola in our airspace. We are a community of real people, not a backdrop! I am concerned about the city resources that will be drained by this silly project with little to no positive impact on our strained infrastructure. The gondola isn't a magic box that will whisk people to a game once in a while, it's a line of intrusive tower structures that will take up land and road space 365 days a year. This construction project will negatively impact our ability to live and work happily and peacefully. Please find a better way to solve the traffic congestion than this destructive gimmick!

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Name: Edward J Costello

Date Submitted: 11/17/2024 12:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I write to oppose the GONDOLA project. First, it's only purpose is to enrich Frank McCourt (not the author), who used to own the Dodgers and still owns land used as Dodger parking. Second, there already exists a family-friendly and environment-friendly way to get from Union Station to Dodger Stadium (the Dodger Express bus) Third, what neighborhood anywhere wants something built over their heads, that will be noisy, intrusive, and sky-blocking. Think about having a gondola going across the sky around YOUR home. Fourth, please consider the impact this Gondola fantasy would have on L.A. State Historical Park. All bad. Please do not approve this get-richer-quicker scheme. Thank you for your PUBLIC service. Ed Costello Thank you for your PUBLIC

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Name: Victoria Miller

Date Submitted: 11/17/2024 07:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE Stop Frank McCourt's vanity gondola project! Dear LA Metro Board Members and LA City Council, I am a third generation lifetime Angeles and I am writing to urge you to reject the development of the Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Project ("The Gondola") at Dodger Stadium! This development was proposed by private billionaire Frank McCourt and if built would uproot Olvera Street, Chinatown, Solano Canyon, and Elysian Park. These established neighborhoods deserve so much better than this, and honestly I am so disappointed that this project has even gone this far considering the history in this area of Los Angeles (Chavez Ravine anyone!). 1) The Gondola Does Not Relieve Traffic A study by the UCLA Mobility Lab shows that it will only do so by <1%, and that the gondola by design diverts traffic from the stadium area to the Chinatown area. Gondolas are designed for moving a large amount of people over a long amount of time, not for a large amount of people in a 2 hour crunch before a major event. 2) The Gondola Ruins the LA State Historic Park This project wants to put a boarding station on the State Park and remove 81 trees, including mature trees whose ecological value cannot be replicated by simply planting new ones. The cabins would fly just 26 ft over peoples' heads, cutting through airspace over the entire park. 3) The Gondola Exacerbates Housing Crisis in Chinatown Chinatown is a service-poor region that does not have a full-service grocery store, a hospital, or even a laundromat. It is majority renter, majority Asian and Latinx, and the unhoused population around El Pueblo is at risk of being swept without services should this project see construction, exacerbating homelessness in Los Angeles. This neighborhood is rapidly gentrifying with a multitude of market-rate and luxury developments coming down the pipeline, the gondola being a major one of them. 4) No Tax Dollars for the \$500 Million Gondola There is still no funding plan for the project available to the public. There is no assurance that the gondola will not use taxpayer money to build this private project while the cost of it is now 4x the original estimate. 5) Real Public Transit Now! LA Metro should focus on providing real solutions to our community, such as expanding the already existing Dodgers Express shuttle system (which could actually solve the traffic problem), adding more electric buses, better managing the bus lanes, and improving

in-language accessibility to the bus system for monolingual Chinese, Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Spanish-speaking residents. Please help set the precedent that you will not allow private interest to play around in our neighborhoods, and when the time comes, vote against the LA ART gondola. Listen to the real needs of the community. We have been silenced for too long. Thank you for your time and consideration.