

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This park has been one of my favorite spots in LA since I moved here a few years ago. I've spent countless hours here, both attending community events like the kite festival and enjoying the serene green space. The park offers a much-needed refuge, providing a relaxing and quiet escape in a city that deeply benefits from such places of respite. I am concerned that the proposed gondola project poses a significant threat to my ability—and the community's ability—to use and enjoy this space, particularly for the community events that bring people together. The State of California has designated this park as a space for public enjoyment, ensuring access to open, peaceful areas. However, the gondola project, which lacks thorough study to substantiate its promised benefits, risks undermining this access and disrupting the park's purpose. This project would dishonor the efforts of advocates who fought tirelessly for nearly 30 years to bring this park to life. I have several questions about the project and the upcoming process: How has State Parks been collaborating with LA ART on this project? Who is funding the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the traffic impact analysis? How are these studies being vetted for accuracy? Has the impact of game days on the surrounding area—such as parking, safety, and other concerns—been adequately addressed? This park deserves to be preserved as the sanctuary it was intended to be. I urge those involved to consider the long-term impact of this project on the community and the space itself.