

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to register my strong objection to the planned implementation of Council File 25-0742, which will convert the Victory & Balboa Park-and-Ride into an RV dumping storage lot beginning December 1, 2025. Although the proposal has already been approved, I urge the Council to reconsider or halt this decision due to the significant environmental, health, and community impacts that have not been adequately addressed. Using this site as a 2 year long-term storage area for deteriorated and abandoned RVs poses serious risks. These vehicles commonly leak hazardous automotive fluids (oil, antifreeze, gasoline), refrigerant gases from aging appliances, mold and mildew from water-damaged interiors, off-gassing chemicals such as formaldehyde from building materials, and potentially flammable gas from older propane tanks. Introducing these contaminants into the heart of a heavily used public corridor is unsafe and environmentally irresponsible. The Victory & Balboa Park-and-Ride is one of the most important transportation assets in the area. It is located at the entrance to Lake Balboa Park — a recreational destination for families, residents, and visitors — and sits directly across from Birmingham High School, at one of the busiest and most recognizable intersections in the Lake Balboa community. Converting this specific site into an RV dumping storage facility undermines public safety, disrupts essential transit access, and degrades one of our community's most visible public spaces. This raises an essential question that has not been publicly justified: Why was Victory & Balboa selected over countless other potential locations throughout Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley? What specific criteria were used to choose this highly sensitive, heavily utilized site? The community deserves transparency, environmental safeguards, and meaningful engagement on a decision of this magnitude — none of which have been adequately provided. I respectfully urge the Council to revisit this decision, explore alternative sites that do not pose public-health risks and preserve community safety.