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Re: Opposition to Council File 25-0919, Sun Valley Metrolink Station Adjacent City-owned Lot / Pedestrian Bridge and Underpass Improvements / Access Improvements / Public Safety and Wellness Resources

On behalf of The Climate Corps Initiative, the first environmental nonprofit dedicated to serving the disadvantaged community of Sun Valley, we write in strong opposition to Council File 25-0919. We also urge that this motion be treated as a stand-alone item, not tethered to unrelated measures.

For years, Sun Valley residents have been calling for long-overdue improvements to the Sun Valley Metrolink Station. Our community has consistently requested modest and reasonable upgrades - beautification, regular cleaning, updated signage, and public safety measures. These are basic needs that ensure public transit spaces are safe, dignified, and reflective of a neighborhood that deserves the same level of respect and investment as any other part of Los Angeles.

Despite these repeated appeals, our concerns were ignored until Council File 25-0936 was advanced under the city's emergency housing crisis ordinance. While we strongly support improvements to the Metrolink station, those upgrades should stand on their own merits. They must not be delayed, undermined, or overshadowed by being tied to a deeply controversial measure - CF 25-0919 - which our community has repeatedly and publicly opposed.

Bundling these unrelated motions raises serious concerns about transparency and public participation. Linking a well-supported, quality-of-life improvement with a contentious project risks disenfranchising Sun Valley residents, who for years have advocated in good faith for better city services. Residents were denied any real opportunity for dialogue on CF 25-0919. Instead, families, workers, and small business owners have seen their voices dismissed. Sun Valley should not be forced to accept an unpopular and potentially harmful project in exchange for basic services at a public transit hub. That is not equity - it is coercion.

We urge the Council to correct this misstep. CF 25-0919 should be addressed independently, while long-promised improvements to the Metrolink station move forward without delay. Sun Valley deserves clean, safe, and welcoming public spaces without being held hostage to unrelated and unpopular proposals.

On behalf of the residents of Sun Valley, we respectfully request that Council File 25-0919 be considered on its own, and that our rightful requests for Metrolink station improvements finally be honored.

Respectfully,

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