

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Item 15 (CF 26-1226) — written comment; please note our support on the record We are CD 11 residents who cannot attend tomorrow's City Council meeting in person. We write in strong support of Item 15 (CF 26-1226), your motion to assert jurisdiction, veto, and remand Case No. PS-1464-1A (Bird Island / 5000 S. Beethoven Street). Please: Place this letter in Council File 26-1226 and treat it as our official public comment on Item 15. When you present the motion, please note that Concerned Del Rey Residents support the veto and remand and support State acquisition of this land next to the Ballona Wetlands. Please tell us whether phone public comment will be available tomorrow and the current call-in number and meeting ID. (However, it is unlikely we can be available.) We are asking that our position be in the file and acknowledged as constituent support for your motion.

TO: Los Angeles City Councilmembers and staff

FROM: Concerned Del Rey Residents, CD 11

DATE: September 7, 2026

RE: Item 15 (CF 26-1226) — Support veto and remand of Case No. PS-1464-1A, Bird Island / 5000 S. Beethoven Street

Background

Bird Island is the land where Ballona Creek and Centinela Creek meet, right next to the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve. It is an important bird habitat. It is not leftover industrial land. It sits beside one of the last large wetland areas on the westside of Los Angeles.

Requested action

We request a Vote **“YES” on Item 15** (Park–Hutt): take jurisdiction under Charter Section 245; veto and send back to the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission's August 5, 2026, denial of the Defend Ballona Wetlands appeal in Case No. PS-1464-1A (letter of determination dated August 26, 2026) for 5000, 5927, 5298, and 5300 S. Beethoven Street.

It is requested that more facts are required about whether the future use of the private street is still the industrial or manufacturing building assumed in the City's older cases (CPC-97-407-ZC-GPA and CPC-97-416-HD).

Your support of the State of California buying this land so it can be protected, consistent with the State's goal of conserving more land by 2030 – referred to in California's 30 x 30 commitment - is requested.

Why the Council should send this back

Ecology, birds and wetlands. This property sits next to the Ballona Wetlands. What happens here affects water, flooding, and habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Old findings may not match today's plan. The private-street decision rests on a late-1990s assumption that the site would be industrial or manufacturing. If the real plan is different or more intense – a data center has been mentioned as a possibility – the findings on traffic, power, water, costs, noise, and neighborhood fit are out of date and no longer reliable.

State protection. Land next to the Ballona Wetlands existing ecological reserve is exactly the kind of urban acreage the State can buy to help meet the official state 30x30 goal to permanently conserve 30 percent of California's land and coastal waters by the year 2030. It will also protect the public.

Flooding, heat, and neighborhood health. Open land next to the creeks can slow stormwater and stay cooler than a large building and parking. Heavy development at this spot adds load where two channels already meet.

Transparency and accountability. The City should not approve a private street that locks in development while the public still does not know what will be built. Neighbors have a right to a clear, public description of the project before access is approved. Neighbors have seen work and new access on this site. The public still has no clear statement of what will be built. A data center has been mentioned. That is why the case should go back for answers.

Closing

Councilwoman Park used Charter Section 245 the way it was meant to be used: so a major land decision does not become final before the facts are on the table. We ask the full Council to take the case, veto it, and send Case No. PS-1464-1A back for more review and more facts, and to support the State buying this land.

Respectfully,
Concerned Del Rey Residents (Sheila Turney and Kathy Call)