

Agenda Item 9(a)

SMMC

4-24-2017

Dear Councilmember Krekorian:

Thank you for your unwavering leadership in the fight to preserve critical open space at Weddington Golf and Tennis in Studio City.

**Today, we are calling on you to redouble your efforts to purchase and forever protect this important piece of land – the last remaining 16 acres of unprotected open space along the L.A. River in the San Fernando Valley.**

Located at 4141 Whitsett Ave., this site provides much-needed recreational open space in one of the densest parts of our city. It is a community asset that for decades has served thousands of residents, golf and tennis enthusiasts and school children from across the region. Weddington Golf and Tennis is a part of the fabric of our city, and it must be protected as open space.

But developers have other plans.

In 2016, the owners of this property submitted a plan requesting a zoning change from A1-1XL-RIO Agricultural to R3-1-RIO Residential in order to build a 200-condominium complex. **We ask that you deny this zoning change and urge your fellow Councilmembers to do the same.**

The zone change and proposed development would result in the permanent loss of green space and wildlife habitat in one of the most densely developed areas of our city, and deal a blow to an already-dwindling inventory of recreational facilities open to the public.

In addition, this parcel is designated Opportunity Area #4 in the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan, and as such, is a key component of the City's vision for the river. We believe that paving over open space on this property, which sits at one of the lowest points in the San Fernando Valley, would diminish its potential for stormwater capture and purification, as well as limit the number of public access points to the river. A condominium development here would also rule out implementation of the L.A. River Natural Park plan – a regional park concept that has garnered wide support from residents, river groups, and elected officials throughout the city.

We must zealously protect what little open space we have left, because once it's gone, it's gone forever. For this reason, we are calling for the acquisition of this parcel for the public realm.

**We ask that you secure the necessary funding to purchase this vital piece of open space for the benefit of the public.** As Councilmember and Budget and Finance Committee Chair, and as someone who has shown profound commitment to this issue over the years, you are in a unique position to make this happen.

Now is the time to act. Let this become a proud piece of your legacy.

Thank you.

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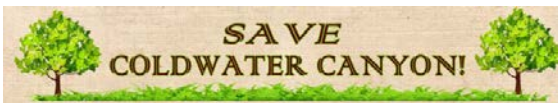


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