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David Dapper & M'Liss Dario

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Thank you,

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Mark Turner

RE: Council File: 05-0173, I support "Exhibit 1" for the Glendale-Hyperion Viaduct restoration project

Dear Councilmember,

As stakeholders in the Atwater Village and Silver Lake area my wife and I support "Exhibit 1" (Council File: 05-0173); which is the most equitable choice for all modes of transportation. It will preserve 4 narrowed traffic lanes and install traffic calming measures, 2 wide bicycle lanes, a wider ADA compliant sidewalk and many other improvements.

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Alan Boltuch
E.K. Waller

I was raised in the hills near Angus and Micheltoarena Ave. I now live near Marshall High School (Rowena at Griffith Park Bl.) and, as a stake holder and regular user, I oppose any plan to reduce the number of car traffic lanes on the Hyperion Bridge. Exhibit 1 has my support. I urge you to vote for it... 13 years is long enough to wait.

- F. Jensen
(an enthusiastic voter in ALL elections since the 80s.)

Dear Councilmember,

As a stakeholder in the Atwater Village and Silver Lake area, I support "Exhibit 1." It is the most equitable choice for all modes of transportation, preserving 4 narrowed traffic lanes and gaining traffic calming measures, 2 wide bicycle lanes, a wider ADA compliant sidewalk and many other improvements.

I live directly at the base of the bridge complex on Greensward Rd. I implore you to consider the voice of those who will be impacted the greatest by this project; the adjacent communities, its residents and its businesses. Please show this understanding as you are barraged by special interest groups who may never have seen and will never use the bridge.

Thank you for your time,

Lisa Waldner

Resident and board member of the Atwater Village Residents Assn.

Dear Councilmember, I am asking that you support "Exhibit" in your vote today on the subject of vehicular/bike lanes on the Hyperion Bridge. Vehicular traffic on the bridge is heavy in both directions most of the day. To take away any lanes(s) from use by automobiles can result in less smooth flow of traffic resulting in cars sitting there spewing pollutants in the air while MAYBE one or two cyclists use (or not use) any bike lanes established for them by you. As a survey taken within the past two years, it was shown that an average of 1 or 2 cyclists used the Hyperion Bridge in the space of two hours. To reduce the number of lanes for automobiles for such a minimal use by cyclists is a waste of lanes. As a stakeholder in the Atwater Village and Silver Lake area I support "Exhibit 1"; which is the most equitable choice for all modes of transportation and have a minimal impact on the flow of traffic and pollution as well as providing bicycle lanes for those very few cyclists who occasionally use the bridge to get to Silverlake.. This restoration project has been in the works for 13 long years with no clear mandate to establish bike lanes on the bridge. Enough is enough, I urge you to vote in support of "Exhibit 1". Thank you,

Marie J Conte

Dear Councilmember,

As a resident, business owner, residential and commercial property owner located directly adjacent to the Glendale-Hyperion Viaduct bridge complex I can assure you that the only proposal that is FAIR TO ALL interested parties is EXHIBIT 1, and that is why I support it and request you do the same.

Please do not be fooled by the claims of special interest/solo agenda groups that don't live or work in the area that claim to have canvassed the area and find only support for less lanes and a new sidewalk (south side) where no sidewalk ever existed. None of my neighboring residents, business owners or staff that i speak to regularly have ever been contacted by them and this project is in our front yard.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the whole community,

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Agenda Item #7, Council File: 05-0173

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