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Honorable Paul Koretz  
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Dear Councilmember Koretz:

I am very disappointed in and concerned about your decision to support the proposed street vacation of Scenario Lane, from Basil Lane to approximately 85 feet westerly thereof. I have several reasons for my concern.

First, in your letter of support to Councilmember Buscaino dated April 9, 2012, you state: "It appears, moreover, that the requested vacation will cause no disruption to the community or create any long term impacts." That is not true. For over forty years I have cleared the eleven acres adjacent to 2171, 2175, 2179, 2181, and, my own property, 2185 Basil Lane. I removed the majority of the cleared material down Scenario Lane. Through the years the cleared material has included the removal of large Sumac bushes and vast amounts of other dried vegetation. The property owners of 2179 and 2185 have sent letters expressing their lack of support for the proposed street vacation as it would impede the clearance process and cause them much concern. As you know, the house at 2171 was destroyed by a fire. The fire did not spread due to the quick response of the Los Angeles Fire Department and the lack of vegetation adjacent to the property. The previous owner of 2171 Basil was a long time friend and I made a special effort to clear the land around her home as well as the eleven acres.

Second, you chose to ignore the Bureau of Engineering report dated September 30, 2011 denying the identical vacation request (VAC-E1401150; Council File No. 11-1179). The denial stated "Vacation of any public street in this area would eliminate right-of-way that could potentially be needed for future access." Of note in the request is "the vacation is requested in order to legalize and existing physical encroachment of a single family home onto an unbuildable portion of a public street easement." No one has asked the owner of 2165 to tear down her home. I accept that this would be unreasonable. But to give her public land at no cost to solve this problem does not make sense in these economic times.

Third, the hearing notification for the previous request to vacate the above stated area was sent to fifteen entities by the Office of the City Engineer. For this hearing, one letter of notification was sent. It was sent by Michael Espinosa, a Legislative Assistant 1 for the Public Works Committee to me and addressed "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN". I do not believe that any of the other property owners in the neighborhood were given notice of the June 27<sup>th</sup> hearing.

I am at a loss to understand what has gone here, but I am reasonably certain that the proposed street vacation of Scenario Lane from Basil Lane to approximately 85 feet westerly thereof is **not** in the best interest of the majority of Basil Lane landowners on the 2000 block.

Sincerely,

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