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**STATEMENT of J.H. McQUISTON on
FUNDING HOLLYWOOD PARK**

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The Garcetti-LaBonge Motion is ill-advised at this time, for several reasons:

1. Funds for City purposes are short and needed elsewhere, for example to restore critical Fire Ambulance service.
2. **Building a park which is not level is a horrible plan. Look west from City Hall. See a green area on which no one may play even croquet, because some (sedentary) planner did not level the Plan.**

The proposed Hollywood "central park" is hemmed-in and not "central". It is not capable of being leveled.

Moreover, **it will prohibit a reasonable car-pool lane to be constructed through Hollywood. A car-pool lane is sorely necessary now.**

Finally, schools are **not to be built next to Freeways because of noxious pollution. Why would any reasonable person put a park there?** That is where the "central park" is proposed now, presumably by persons who do not exercise and have not gasped for breath in such a location.

3. **The Hollywood Final EIR shows Hollywood needs 112 parks of 5 acres each, just to get to the amount which the City requires of the Hollywood population.**

The proposed "central park" **does not qualify for the City's 5-acre specifications, but takes-away critical funds which could be used to develop "proper" recreation areas for residents and workers.**

A better plan would purchase 5-acre strategic locations, collect rent thereon, and in sufficient time build such space as invites reasonably-planned housing and work spaces around them.

Conclusion

The Committee should hold the funds for something much more reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. McQuiston

c: Interested parties