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Brief Summary: The HCNC adopted the following resolution:

We OPPOSE the vacation of Solano Avenue from Amador Place to its southeasterly terminus (VAC-E1401188)

CSee attached COmmunity Impact statement)

Additional Information:

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October 14, 2014

Re: Council File 12-0634

We, Brian Kito, President and Mark Rothenberg, Vice President, declare that we are the President and 3rd Vice President, respectively of the Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council (HCNC) and that on October 14, 2014, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by this NC with a quorum of 25 board members present and that by a vote of 25 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

The HCNC adopted the following resolution:

We OPPOSE the vacation of Solano Avenue from Amador Place to its southeasterly terminus (VAC-E1401188)

In the Community of Solano Canyon, and to all stakeholders of Elysian Park, it is GIVEN and KNOWN, that:

1. The community of Solano Canyon is transverse, and separated by the 110 Freeway.
2. A pedestrian tunnel under the 110 Freeway connects the lower side of the Solano Canyon community, to its neighbors on the upper side of Solano Canyon.
3. Upon exiting from the tunnel on the upper side of Solano Canyon, there is a flat sidewalk that the leads all residents directly to their homes.
4. As such, Solano Canyon's elderly ethnic Asian and Latino population, and the many children of middle school and high school age, as well as those residents of our community without motor vehicles, rely upon the sidewalk in front of the Solano Elementary School, as a direct right of way, to traverse from one side of Solano Canyon, to the other side of Solano Canyon, on a daily basis.
5. However, the pedestrian tunnel, under the 110 Freeway, which connects the community of Solano Canyon, attracts drug-users, sexual predators, the unpredictably mentally-ill, and those looking to engage in unsavory acts of lewd conduct.
6. In recent years, when underage girls and adult women, have been sexually and bodily assaulted in that tunnel, the available sidewalk in front of the Solano Elementary School, has served these victims with a direct route of escape from their violent attackers.
7. The proposed vacation of the sidewalk, will act to close off this essential escape route to the victims of violent sexual assault.

8. The proposed vacation of this sidewalk, will invariably disallow a sexual assault victim of the opportunity to escape her attacker. The victim will now be fully doomed, to strive to merely survive the attack.

9. Additionally, this proposed diversion of all pedestrians, via this long work-around "gauntlet" type walkway, on an uphill grade no less, will cause undue hardship, stress, and labor to our elderly population, and acts to further expose them to crimes of opportunity.

On behalf of the public, and duly mindful of its welfare, we bring these serious public safety concerns forward to the City of Los Angeles, the LAUSD, and to all of our duly elected public officials.

Given the seriousness of the experiences of our victim residents, we are reluctantly willing to accept the vacating of our established street and right of way, so long as the existing sidewalk remains in place and open for full passage at all times, in perpetuity.

Whereas, a Community Impact Statement is an official statement adopted by a Neighborhood Council on issues pending before the City Council, its committees, or City commissions,

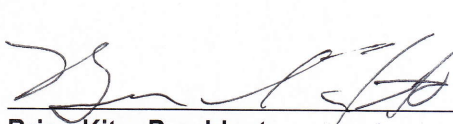
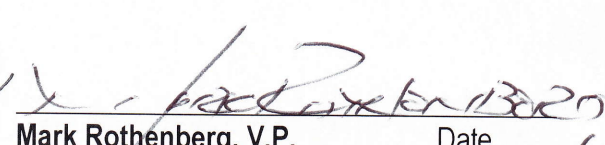
Whereas, up to five board members can be authorized through a board resolution to write and submit Community Impact Statements through the City Clerk's online web system at <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/cis>.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council authorizes the following board member(s) to SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which have been passed by a vote of the full board:

Brian Kito, Alan Kumamoto, Mark Rothenberg, Lydia Moreno, Xiayi Shirley Zhang

Be it further resolved, in cases where an issue is moving quickly through the legislative process and a promptly issued statement is beneficial, the aforementioned board members are authorized to also WRITE and SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which express positions previously voted upon by the full board.

IN WITNESS of the above action, the undersigned has executed and delivered this certificate in the name and on behalf of the Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council and as of the date set forth below.

 10/14/14
Brian Kito, President Date
 10/14/14
Mark Rothenberg, V.P. Date