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Council Member Mitch O'Farrell
Los Angeles City Hall
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Re: Council File 12-1549-S10, Suitability Study of 1140-1152 N. Glendale Boulevard as Permanent Supportive Housing Sites

Council Member O'Farrell:

The Echo Park Improvement Association (EPIA) supports the Suitability Study for the above referenced sites.

The EPIA believes that it is the imperative of every neighborhood to take on a proportionate share of the homeless burden. We also would like to suggest that the city establish a policy that rewards neighborhoods that accept this burden with a reduced tolerance for homeless encampments, encouraging all neighborhoods to step up and take on their responsibilities.

The EPIA believes that these sites are very appropriate for permanent supportive housing as they are on and adjacent to major transportation corridors, near downtown Echo Park amenities and resources, close to Echo Park Lake, and yet not directly on top of our residential areas.

We would like to note that the sites are currently occupied by El Centro del Pueblo as handball courts that when originally built, were promised to be publicly accessible - this never occurred. Furthermore, these courts go largely unused today. Also it should be noted that El Centro del Pueblo floated a proposal several years ago that it would develop adjacent city parking lots for affordable housing.

Clearly using these sites for permanent supportive housing is a much greater good for the public than their current status.

Thank you for your consideration:

Andrew Garsten
EPIA President
Cc: Los Angeles City Clerk