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Griffith Park's Crystal Springs Area - File No. 14-0588

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To the Hon. Mitch O'Farrell and Members of the
Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee
Re: File No. 14-0588

Dear Council Members,

I have been going to Griffith Park since childhood. My family loved to picnic in Crystal Springs before we would go on the merry-go-round. It has a special place in my heart.

It is heart-wrenching to me to realize that a few special interest groups now want to usurp Crystal Springs away from the majority of the public, especially the families who need the area as a retreat from the stresses of life.

The area is used for more than just picnics. There are birthday celebrations and family reunions. Children have a safe place to run around and play. I personally know a family who rented space there last year because there was not enough room in their home to accommodate everyone for a party.

When the plan for the ball fields first surfaced, it was made clear it was to be for "Little League" games, which is a private enterprise. Now the name has been changed to "Youth Ball Fields" in an attempt to make it appear that it will be available to all youngsters. In your hearts, you know that once the area is taken away, it will truly be for little league.

And now for the elephant in the room: this is a vanity project. There are other areas that can be used for the same purpose without displacing families, green space, and the old, beautiful trees that make this area a haven.

The importance of saving Crystal Springs is made apparent by the fact that the Griffith Family Trust has joined in the appeal filed by Friends of Griffith Park and the Sierra Club. Each of these entities is important but if the Griffith

Family is involved, very special consideration should be given to them.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

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