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Fwd: Budget and Finance Committee: Fund Preservation Positions in Dept of City Planning

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Tue, Apr 26, 2016 at 10:26 AM

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Date: Tue, Apr 26, 2016 at 10:23 AM

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Traci Considine
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Funding for Eagle Rock Dog Park

David Greene ERNC <david.greene@eaglerockcouncil.org>

Tue, Apr 26, 2016 at 2:12 PM

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Dear Mayor Garcetti and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

Thank you all for your efforts to make Los Angeles a healthier place to live, for both its citizens and their pets. I'd like to request that the funding for the Eagle Rock Dog Park, which the Mayor and I discussed at his community meeting in Eagle Rock on April 9, be included in the Mayor's Proposed Budget for 2016-17, as a Recreation and Parks line item. If you recall, this was \$785,000 for construction of the park, and another approximately \$150,000 for maintenance.

An official Resolution from the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council, on behalf of our neighborhood's 40,000 stakeholders, will be placed on the ERNC agenda for a vote on May 3. I will forward the Resolution to you after it is made official with a public vote.

Thank you for your attention, and for your service.

Best,

David Greene, President
Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council
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City Budget and HPOZ planner positions

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Tue, Apr 26, 2016 at 3:33 PM

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Attention members of the City's Budget and Finance Committee:

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Mitch Englander, councilmember.englander@lacity.org;

Paul Koretz, paul.koretz@lacity.org;

Bob Blumenfield, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org; and

Mike Bonin, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org.

On behalf of the Los Angeles Conservancy and our 6,500 members, we respectfully ask the members of the Budget and Finance Committee to **restore neighborhood conservation funding** requested by the Department of City Planning for two existing staff members: to shepherd the creation and maintenance of six new proposed HPOZs and neighborhoods seeking relief from teardowns and mansionization, including:

- Carthay Square
- El Sereno Berkshire Craftsman District
- Holmby-Westwood
- Miracle Mile
- Oxford Square
- Sunset Square

All of the proposed HPOZs were expected to go before the City Planning Commission this fall and then to City Council in the beginning of 2017. The new districts are intended to go into effect prior to the March 2017 expiration City's Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) for these neighborhoods. **Without the restoration of funding for these key positions, the work and progress made to date will be halted as of July 1st and the City will not meet its obligation under the ICO.**

Now is the time to make neighborhood conservation a long-term priority. At a net annual cost of only \$171,296 – or .0019558% of the Mayor’s proposed total budget of over \$8 billion – older and historic neighborhoods can have the necessary staff to help residents maintain their neighborhood’s distinct community character.

Please post this publicly for Council File No. [16-0600](#).

Best and thank you.

Adrian Scott Fine

Director of Advocacy

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LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY ACTION ALERT

Neighborhoods at Risk: Please Write to the City Council Today

Please Urge L.A. City Council to Fund Preservation Positions

The Los Angeles Department of City Planning is asking for \$171,296 in next year's budget to fund two existing staff positions devoted to conserving older and historic neighborhoods.

This amount is relatively miniscule – **only .0019558%** of the city's overall proposed budget of over \$8 billion. Yet because these staff members will work to protect entire neighborhoods, this small investment can have a tremendous impact for many years to come.

The staff positions focus on historic districts (known in the City of Los Angeles as Historic Preservation Overlay Zones, or HPOZs), and are currently helping six historic neighborhoods in which the City Council adopted an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) last year.



Without funding for two existing staff positions in L.A.'s Department of City Planning, the teardown trend could continue to sweep L.A.'s older and historic neighborhoods. Photo by Adrian Scott Fine/L.A. Conservancy.

Without this minimal amount of funding and these positions restored, the work on these neighborhoods will be halted in July and the City will not meet its obligation under the ICO.

This funding does not appear in the mayor's currently proposed budget. **If these staff positions are eliminated, Angelenos will continue to see their neighborhoods' character chip away, one teardown at a time.** And your neighborhood could be next!

Eventually we may reach a tipping point. As neighborhoods continue to experience inappropriate alterations and overdevelopment pressures, some may lose their character and jeopardize their eligibility for HPOZ status.

At this time we need to keep pressure on City leaders to pay attention to this issue amid the many other competing priorities in the proposed budget. **We need your help in sending the message to the City Council and its Budget and Finance Committee that protecting our older and historic neighborhoods is of vital importance to Angelenos.**

How You Can Help

Email the City Council Budget and Finance Committee

If you live in the City of Los Angeles, please write to your own City Councilmember and all members of the Council's Budget and Finance Committee by **Thursday, April 28**. Let them know how important your neighborhood's character is to your quality of life, and that:

- The amount requested is a paltry .0019558% of the overall proposed city budget, yet will bring a significant return on a relatively minor investment.
- With funding restored, older and historic neighborhoods can have the necessary staff to help residents maintain their neighborhood's distinct community character.
- The benefits of preserving neighborhood character are undeniable (see the [Issue Background tab](#) on this issue's web page for details).



Photo by Adrian Scott Fine/L.A. Conservancy.

City Council Budget and Finance Committee:

Paul Krekorian, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org - Council District 2 (Committee Chair)
Mitch Englander, councilmember.englender@lacity.org - Council District 12
Paul Koretz, paul.koretz@lacity.org - Council District 5
Bob Blumenfield, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org - Council District 3
Mike Bonin, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org - Council District 11

If you don't know which councilmember represents your district, you can find out on the [City Council page of the City website](#).

When emailing councilmembers about this issue, please BCC afine@laconservancy.org so we can track support.

Attend the April 28 Hearing

Attend the April 28 hearing of the City Council Budget and Finance Committee (City Hall, [200 N. Spring Street](#), 3rd Floor).

The Committee will review the Department of City Planning's budget and take public comments; we believe starting at 1:00 p.m. Please speak out in support of HPOZ funding and make your voice and neighborhood heard!

Thank you for your help!

 **Learn more about the City's budget and how this might affect your neighborhood »**



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Please support a dog park for Eagle Rock

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Dear Mayor Garcetti,

I am very disappointed that the Eagle Rock Dog Park is not in the budget for the coming fiscal year. At your meeting with Eagle Rock neighborhood leaders on April 9, when asked whether the dog park would be included in the upcoming fiscal year budget, you were quoted as saying you thought the community would be very pleased.

Now that the budget has been released with no allocation of funding for the dog park, I and many others are puzzled and saddened by this omission. Can you please help to rectify the situation? It seems that we have been misled. With only nine off-leash dog parks currently in the city, more recreational spaces for people and their dogs are sorely needed.

Respectfully,
John Goldfarb
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Los Angeles, CA 90041



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(CF 16-0600) Budget & Finance Committee: Fund Preservation Positions in Dept of City Planning

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Debbie Gaughan
Picfair Village
CD 10



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Dear Council Members,

I'm writing to urge you to include funding for an off-leash dog park in Eagle Rock in your proposed budget. As you know, there has been significant community support for such a park, and our local council office has worked with the ERNC and Dogs of the Rock to identify a suitable location that will not adversely affect neighboring residences. There have also been monetary pledges from individuals and organizations that demonstrate the community's financial commitment to the park. It's my understanding that the park was omitted from the budget due to an oversight. I'm hoping this error can be easily rectified. If, for some reason, it was not an oversight, please let us know why. There is tremendous disappointment that the park was not included in the budget.

If the city's position has changed, or if there are additional requirements to be met, the community deserves to know so that we can determine how to proceed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Regards,

Pat Niessen
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Los Angeles, CA 90041



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Prue Knight
PicFair Village



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Thank you,

Dana Brook
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Lisa Bloomfield <lbloomxx@yahoo.com>

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EAGLE ROCK DOG PARK

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Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers:

I am writing to express my disappointment that the Eagle Rock Dog Park is not in the LA City budget. Eagle Rock community leaders were previously informed that the Dog Park would be in the City budget. Now that the budget has been released, the dog park has not been included in the budget.

I am very disappointed by this oversight. Is there some way that the dog park can be included in this year's budget? Currently there are only nine-off leash dog parks in the city, so more recreational spaces for people and their dogs are sorely needed. I urge you to reconsider and provide funding in the budget for a community dog park in Eagle Rock. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jane Demian

Eagle Rock



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Susan Sanford <sanfordsk@att.net>

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Re: Council File No. [16-0600](#) (2016-17 Proposed Budget)

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Eagle Rock Dog Park

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Dear City Council Budget and Finance Committee:

I want to let you know that I am very disappointed that the Eagle Rock Dog Park is not in the budget. I understand that it was to be included in the Mayor's proposed budget, but due to an oversight, was not included. The mayor himself had intimated to our ERNC president at a meeting on April 9 that the dog park would be included in his budget.

Now that the budget has been released, I am incredibly saddened by this oversight. Please rectify this administrative error at the budget and finance committee meetings that begin tomorrow, April 27. With currently only nine off leash dog parks in the city, more recreational spaces for people and their dogs are sorely needed.

Respectfully,

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Eagle Rock Dog Park

Family Naness <nanessfamily@yahoo.com>

Tue, Apr 26, 2016 at 10:18 PM

Reply-To: Family Naness <nanessfamily@yahoo.com>

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Wednesday's special council meeting on the budget - Chalkie and Ruby bark "please!!"

On Tuesday, April 26, 2016 8:39 PM, integritron <randy@dogsoftherock.com> wrote:

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— On Sun, 24 Apr 2016 22:41:05 -0700 Family Naness <nanessfamily@yahoo.com>wrote —

Dear Mayor Garcetti:

I want to let you know that I am very disappointed that the Eagle Rock Dog Park is not in the new budget. Per your meeting on April 9, when asked about the dog park being included in the upcoming fiscal year budget, you said that you thought the community would be very pleased. [I was not at that meeting , but I do regularly attend the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council meetings and the Dogs of the Rock reported that things looked favorable.]

Now that the budget has been released, I am disappointed to hear that our local dog park has been cut out or delayed. We all would appreciate your consideration to rectify this situation. If you could hear my dogs, they would give you an earful. With currently only nine off leash dog parks in the city, more recreational spaces for people and their dogs are sorely needed.

Respectfully,

Howard Naness

cc: Matt Harrington, Dogs of the Rock
Randy Levine, Dogs of the Rock



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(CF 16-0600) Budget & Finance Committee: Fund Preservation Positions in Dept of City Planning

ron <ronsokoloff@ca.rr.com>

Tue, Apr 26, 2016 at 10:23 PM

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Re: Council File No. [16-0600](#) (2016-17 Proposed Budget)

Dear Budget & Finance Committee members, Councilmember Koretz, and Council President Wesson,

City Planning is asking for \$171,296 in next year's budget to fund two existing staff positions devoted to conserving older and historic neighborhoods. This funding does not appear in the mayor's current proposed budget. **We ask you to commit the funding and restore these positions.**

While this amount represents a miniscule portion (.0019558%) of the city's overall budget of more than \$8 billion, this small staffing investment can have a tremendous impact in protecting entire neighborhoods for decades to come.

If these staff positions are eliminated, Angelenos will continue to see their neighborhoods' character chip away, one teardown at a time. The benefits of preserving neighborhood character are undeniable, and you are no doubt well aware that these issues – and these positions – are of critical importance to your constituents.

Please, restore the funding for these critical neighborhood preservation positions in City Planning

Ronald Sokoloff

Secretary South Carthay Neighborhood Association

Council District 5



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"SUBJECT LINE: (CF 16-0600) Budget & Finance Committee: Fund Preservation Positions in Dept of City Planning"

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Tue, Apr 26, 2016 at 10:58 PM

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Leonie (Lee) Kemp
Faircrest Heights
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CF 16-0600 - Comment on the Bureau of Sanitation budget

Liz Amsden <LizAmsden@hotmail.com>
To: **Richard Williams** <richard.williams@lacity.org>

Tue, Apr 26, 2016 at 11:14 PM

To the members of the Budget and Finance Committee -

The information in the budget I read is not detailed enough to address what projects have been funded nor does it mention any performance-based metrics as called for by the Mayor (which may be a function of the preparation of the budget released to the public and not the Bureau of Sanitation's fault).

I was with a group that met with the Bureau last fall and the importance of long-term planning was emphasized on both sides. While what has been released is a budget for the coming fiscal year, there is no way to determine which, if any, of these plans are included pro-rata.

Furthermore, given the budget for the Bureau of Sanitation appears to have been cut from last year, my assumption is that the long-term proposals the Bureau had as well as the following suggestions have not been addressed.

1. Moving the costs of cleaning up street encampments and other homelessness-related undertakings which have been cutting into the Bureau's budget into the homelessness account, thereby releasing funds for sanitation specific projects.
2. Prioritizing funding for expanding storm water and reclamation programs: Rainfall over the 454 square miles of the City at the 15 inches per annum rate historically received, if captured, would supply over 100 billion gallons, or about half the City's needs. Adding that to the growing grey-water use and various other sources of reclaimed water would significantly increase the City's resilience in the event of a disaster and reduce stakeholder costs in the long term.
3. Increase the City's resilience in regards to feeding the populace in the event of a disaster by establishing vertical farming and aquaponics enterprises in connection with the Bureau's wastewater plants to:
 - o provide stakeholders with an ongoing source of fresh produce and seafood
 - o increase access to healthy foods for limited-means families
 - o reduce water and pesticide/herbicide use
 - o provide local sustainable jobs, and
 - o eliminate the carbon costs of importing produce
4. Establishing a system to work with Neighborhood Councils to educate and address issues at a local level including timely response to stakeholder complaints to

increase efficiencies and reduce complaints.

Sincerely,

Liz Amsden
Highland Park



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(CF 16-0600) Budget & Finance Committee: Fund Preservation Positions in Dept of City Planning

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Tue, Apr 26, 2016 at 11:26 PM

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Thirty-two year resident of South Carthay

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