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Council File # 18-0057 re Dixon Study Recommendations

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To: Clerk.ArtsCommittee@lacity.org

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Dear Councilman Ryu,

I said what I could in a minute at Monday's hearing, and I'm still not in favor of the Dixon Study recommendations which essentially attempt to further commercialize residential Hollywoodland. Thanks at that meeting for looking up and hearing our concerns! However, I'm not sure how interested you yet are in helping us keep or enhance peace in our neighborhood. The Sign has become an attractive nuisance. The potential unintended consequences of the Dixon Study recommendations would only seem to aggravate a worsening situation. Your huge spending on enforcement might be helping some, but it's not near enough.

Yesterday, about 10 p.m. the lingering diesel noise outside our front door wasn't a fire truck which seemed plausible because of the 4 acre + fire near the Observatory. Instead, a SWIFT, 18 wheel cab driver trying to get a closer look of The HOLLYWOOD Sign had hesitated outside our front door. His cab bore an Indiana plate, and he said he hadn't noticed the "Vehicles over 6000 pounds prohibited" signs along the way. He seemed honest and well intentioned, but we spent about 15 minutes helping him while directing other traffic (several of which were other visitor vehicles with in and out-of-state plates) around him as he made his "Y" turnaround assisted by our off-street parking pad.

The more that you build (bill) it, the more that will come.

I remember when anyone could drive up to the gate (of the very sensitive communications facility) at the very top of Mt. Lee, but the the nightly screeching of tires past our home, the litter along the way, the late-night drunk drivers, (of which a fireman and I witnessed two charred bodies after a car went through a barrier, down a ravine, and burst into flames) was reason to close to the general public and gate Mulholland Highway and Mt. Lee Drive at Deronda. Consequently, the neighborhood became less troubled for many years.

Now, there are just too many strings of cars, electric bicycles, walking tour groups, unmarked tourist Vans, Uber, and Lyft vehicles that make even sweeping the street of debris in front of our front door constantly interrupted.

Perhaps a gating of Hollywoodland and adjacent Lake Hollywood Estates to non-resident and their guest automobiles would better promote safety. We've lost several deer recently due to speeding cars in our neighborhood. Human lives are also at risk. Help us by toning down this attraction, not highlighting it.

Thank you!

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