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Dear Mayor Garcetti, Councilmember Ryu and your City of Los Angeles colleagues,

I am a 30-year resident of North Beachwood Drive and wish to express my views, some positive, some negative, on certain facets of the Dixon Report starting with the City's choice of the study's author.

San Diego resident Julie Dixon's CV on LinkedIn reveals that she holds a B.A. in sociology and focuses on parking solutions. Are there no experienced urban planners in Los Angeles with post-graduate degrees who might've been considered? Although it is not my intention to attack Ms. Dixon personally, I was struck by the sheer number of times she referenced "the all-important selfie" in her appearance before the GP Advisory Board, as though all the problems of managing Los Angeles tourism could be boiled down to a single phrase.

One of her least popular recommendations, at least among those I know, is that the City install a sidewalk bulb-out on N. Beachwood (**Strategy 1.1**). Our City Council finds that this is feasible and recommends that the BOE convene a meeting with residents in the vicinity of the bulb-out as though *all* of us, north and south on Beachwood and adjoining streets, wouldn't be equally impacted. This meeting must be open to all Beachwood Canyon residents.

Equally worrying is the recommendation (**Strategy 2.1**) of an electric shuttle connecting visitors to the Hollyridge Trailhead. And since the City finds, in **Strategy 2.2**, that it is not feasible to implement the proposed alternate access trail plan at N. Beachwood Drive (thank God for that, giving the Council credit where it's due), where is the logic behind what appear to be contradictory responses to these two Dixon recommendations?

Now for the good: Regarding **Strategy 3.3**, Supplement the GP Circulation Plan with an Aerial Transit System, yes, please. There was a time when this would have been unthinkable. But I suspect the City will find more support for this idea than might have been the case just a few years ago. But, *please* leave it to the pros. I have no doubt that Warner Bros. will handle this far more efficiently and with a better end result than the City possibly could. The thing about movie studios is they know how to get things done and generally hire very skilled project managers and crew as those of us who work in the industry know.

Strategy 7.2: Develop a Hollywood Sign Visitor Center. Well, duh, as even those without a BA in sociology might agree is long overdue.

A few of my neighbors are blind copied here; perhaps some have other opinions they wish to express.

Sincerely,

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This is great—I can't think of anything that would improve it.

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