

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, I am writing today regard to the renegotiation of the lease of the Old Northeast Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Station located at 6045 York Boulevard. There was a recommendation made for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Huizar - O'Farrell): "INSTRUCT the Department of General Services (GSD) to renegotiate the lease of the Old Northeast LAPD Station by the Los Angeles Police Historical Society, Inc. for a new 30-term that includes increased use of facility for community purposes while ensuring that any space to be used by the public is safe and accessible." I've lived north of York Blvd since early 1970's and I knew of the first lease agreement negotiated over 20 years ago, where the community believed the public space would be made available for community use. Unfortunately, this was not the case. Furthermore, I am active community stakeholder, and I was not made aware that the City of Los Angeles were in negotiations with Los Angeles Police Historical Society, Inc. There was no public outreach on this! The Highland Park community has a right to know of this agreement was being renegotiated. Our community is impacted by the lack of community use. It is vitally important that the new 30-year lease spell out the following: 1. Provide meeting space to the public and community groups for meetings and other gatherings. 2. Hours of operation need to accessible for working families (ex: Change the hours of operation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. INSTEAD change to 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. 3. DO NOT leave any language in the new 30-year lease that would be detrimental to achieving bullet #1 and #2. 4. DO NOT use such language as "may be" ---these two insignificant words are problematic when trying to enforce a lease agreement. 5. If tenant fails to follow and/or perform any of the provisions or condition of this 30-year lease agreement, immediate termination of lease must be enforced by the LA City Officials. Your immediate attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Best, Gemma Marquez Highland Park Stakeholder 323-945-6225