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Mr. Edmond Yew, P.E.  
Land Development Group, Senior Civil Engineer  
Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering  
201 N. Figueroa Street, Room 200  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Gate installation in "EaCa" (East of Cahuenga) Alley in Hollywood

Dear Mr. Yew,

I am writing today with concerns for public safety in the Hollywood area of my district, in particular the "EaCa" (East of Cahuenga) pedestrian alley in Hollywood.

EaCa Alley was established in 2010 by then-Councilmember Eric Garcetti and the former Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA), with the goal of establishing a thriving pedestrian mall in the urban core of Hollywood. While adjacent property owners and local stakeholders are eager to utilize EaCa Alley to its full potential, there have been concerns about public safety and a lack of security in the alley, particularly at night, which has stymied the alley from becoming the active, bustling pedestrian experience it was designed to be.

I received a request, signed by adjacent property owners, seeking support for the installation of a gate in EaCa Alley. The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and Hollywood Property Owners Alliance have also submitted letters in support of the proposed gate. The gate would be paid for, designed and installed by one of the neighboring property owners, and constructed with regards to City standards for safety, public access and emergency access. It is proposed that all adjacent property owners, as well as LAPD and LAFD, would have keys to the gate, which would only be closed overnight, beginning at 2:00 AM.

Additionally, LAPD Hollywood Division has expressed support for the gate and will be submitting a letter from Captain Cory Palka with crime statistics for the area.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Hollywood field deputy, Daniel Halden, at (213) 207-3015 or [daniel.halden@lacity.org](mailto:daniel.halden@lacity.org). Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

**MITCH O'FARRELL**  
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