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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(16) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/27/2021

Type of NC Board Action: Against unless Amended

#### Impact Information

Date: 04/30/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 21-0366

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Echo Park Neighborhood Council is strongly opposed to this motion from Councilmember O'Farrell as written. For the sake of transparency and to ensure that our unhoused neighbors are able to successfully reconnect with their belongings, we ask that the entire preamble of the motion be struck and that only the moving clause be left in this motion.



# ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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## LETTER OF OPPOSITION UNLESS AMENDED FOR COUNCIL FILE 21-0366

APRIL 30, 2021

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council is strongly opposed to this motion from Councilmember O'Farrell as written.

While more misinformation has been put out by Councilmember O'Farrell and his office in the last few weeks than this Neighborhood Council could ever hope to address in a single CIS, we will simply respond to the following opening sentence of this motion which reads:

"The initiative to house 209 unsheltered individuals at Echo Park Lake was the single largest housing event in the history of the City."

Not only has the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority explicitly stated that they are unable to corroborate these numbers which Councilmember O'Farrell continues to repeat, they have actively condemned the manner in which this "housing event" took place.

Moreover, if this motion seeks to assess the repairs needed at Echo Park Lake, it's curious that such a motion would come long after the residents were violently evicted and the park already closed off to the neighborhood. It also calls into question the repeated estimates thrown out by Councilmember O'Farrell about the cost and reason for closure, which still does not have an end date in sight.

Similarly, asking for the full accounting of and process for storing possessions after they have already been taken from unhoused individuals makes clear the fact that service provision from this Council office has continued to remain an afterthought, not a priority.

We therefore oppose this motion as written unless amended in the following manner:

For the sake of transparency and to ensure that our unhoused neighbors are able to successfully reconnect with their belongings, we ask that the entire preamble of the motion be struck and that only the moving clause be left in this motion.

**RESOLUTION**

On April 27, 2021, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act noticed-meeting, at 7pm through zoom. With a quorum of 17 board members present and vote count of 16 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention, the Board resolved to write a letter of opposition for the application as set forth above.

Respectfully,  
Echo Park Neighborhood Council

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Nick Marcone  
Secretary, Echo Park Neighborhood Council

