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Position Paper For November 2023

Subject: CF–17-1115-S1 - Tour Bus Operations in Beachwood Canyon

We have observed that conventional tour bus operators have consistently disregarded weight limits, traffic regulations, and parking rules while navigating our narrow and substandard streets within the canyon, thus impacting the local community negatively.

Within the region encompassed by Barham, the Santa Monica Mountains Ridgeline, Western Canyon Rd, Franklin Ave, and the US 101 Freeway, we agree that the establishment of a shuttle system for tourists is required. This system would transport visitors to various vantage points to view the Hollywood Sign, subsequently returning them to designated off-site loading and unloading areas, such as Hollywood Blvd (or an alternative location).

Subject: CF 23-0701 - Mulholland Hwy Fencing

Concerning the proposed fencing along Mulholland, we have conducted a thorough examination of the necessity for such barriers. We concur that certain segments of Mulholland would benefit from visual barriers to prevent vehicles from obstructing traffic while attempting to photograph the Hollywood Sign. It is essential, however, that pedestrian safety is upheld, and we strongly advocate for the restoration of the pedestrian pathway in conjunction with the installation of limited visual screening or fencing. At present, pedestrians are forced into the street due to the temporary fencing, posing a safety hazard.

Subject: CF 23-0705 - Roundabout at Mulholland Hwy/Canyon Lake Dr.

We concur with other related organizations in acknowledging the danger and traffic issues within the area in question. The proposed roundabout presents a viable solution to the current traffic problems at this location, making it more navigable and secure.

Subject: CF 23-0706 - Lake Hollywood Park Paid Parking Study

BCNA recognizes the parking challenges and welcomes a study to evaluate the feasibility of parking meters for the local community. We urge the Department of Transportation to consider the public's need for free parking, particularly for families enjoying Lake Hollywood Park, children in the enclosed Tot Lot, and residents from southern Beachwood Canyon looking to exercise their dogs. These activities foster a sense of community, and the study should explore options for free parking for at least one hour, if not longer.

Subject: CF 23-0721 - Vehicle/Ped Counters in Lake Hollywood Park & Innsdale Trail

We endorse the installation of sensors and other technology for counting pedestrian and vehicle traffic near Lake Hollywood Park, as well as at the east and west entrances of the Innsdale Trail. We also recommend implementing similar technology from the opening of Deronda Drive (Five Points) up to the top, beyond Rockcliff. The data gathered will be invaluable in informing the city's future actions related to understanding the substantial vehicular and pedestrian traffic around the Hollywood Sign.

Subject: CF 23-0653 - Alternative Wonder View Trailhead

Several members of our board have participated in a tour with former City Councilmember Tom Labonge and current field deputies of CD4. They concur that the proposed alternative trail construction would benefit local residents near the trailhead and have minimal impact on wildlife and local flora.

Subject: Beachwood Gate - Transit and Pedestrian Access Improvements

BCNA remains opposed to the closure of pedestrian access to Griffith Park through the existing gate at the top of Beachwood Dr. We support the studies and plans developed by the Friends of Griffith Park, which propose pedestrian access via a gate on the right side of the existing vehicle entrance and the creation of a walking path leading to the Hollyridge trailhead or a switchback up to the Hollyridge Trail.

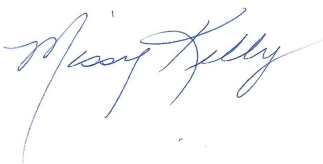
There is a need to explore the possibility of a Dash/Shuttle from the Red Line in Hollywood up to and/or through the gate to alleviate traffic.

After access is regained, impacts can be studied. These potential solutions demand action as every day of restricted access hinders the fulfillment of The Griffith Park Vision Plan.

Subject: Funding Stream for Tourism Management

BCNA aligns with Councilperson Nithya Raman's stance on the necessity of establishing a revenue stream for tourism management at prominent locations within upper Beachwood Canyon and sister neighborhoods like Lake Hollywood and Bronson/Canyon neighborhoods.

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