



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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| | | | The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item: | |
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| 1-P. | | Favor | Benjamin Oswald | I've been lucky enough to live near the Elephant Hills Trail for 20 years and the glacier's pace of accessibility is unacceptable in such a park-poor community. There is thriving wildlife and solitude in this area that needs to be made properly available to the public. The community is starving for it, there has been a dramatic uptick in people using this area already, please allow it to be enjoyed properly and safely. The native plants, the wildlife, and the community thank you. |
| | | | Caleb Schimke | I have loved seeing the Elephant Hill Project flourish and hope to see it become more accessible and cherished as a park for us and our neighbors |
| | | | Elva Yanez | Fully support. |
| | | | Eri Yamagata | I support the proposed modifications to the original agreement allowing for trail construction on the land MRCA has already acquired that will provide benefit to the existing neighbors and the community. |
| | | | Jennifer Toy | please approve this trail! |
| | | | Joseph A Gonzalez | I am writing in support of motion 1-P to amend the grant from RPOSD to MRCA regarding the Elephant Hill Open Space. I live in El Sereno, in a community, university hills, that does not have a formal park. Therefore, open space areas like Elephant Hill and Ascot Hills are the park space in my community that I use, but, they are not well maintained. During my regular walks/hikes at Elephant Hill with my dog, I am often disappointed by the quality of the trails since they offer no amenities, such as drinking fountains, trash cans, shade, much native vegetation, or places of respite. The trails themselves are more informal and user generated. Many areas have trash, are overgrown with weeds, and get excessively dusty when off-road vehicles drive through. There's also no formal trailheads or helpful signage about the open spaces and trails. Additionally, you can see encroachment from residence into open space areas as well. Essentially, El Sereno's Elephant Hill is an unregulated and unmaintained open space area. I'm hopeful that this grant amendment from RPOSD can support MRCA, the City of LA, and my community make Elephant Hill a better amenity for the community. |



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| 1-P. | | Favor | Kito Smith | <p>I live near Elephant Hill. I also graduated from a nearby high school. It would be a great addition to the community to have trails, more signs, patrol, and other support to Elephant Hill. Unfortunately, we see and hear quite a few vehicles driving around in Elephant Hill at danger speeds and in dangerous conditions. I've heard and seen vehicles topple over onto their side/hood. We see and hear people igniting fireworks. I've called LAPD to assist on at least one occasion when drivers were driving at night when it was very dark and unsafe conditions. We also see quite a bit of trash. It's terrible living in fear of vehicles driving around or people igniting fireworks up there might cause a fire.</p> <p>The trails might also help us humans not encroach on the animals who live in Elephant Hill.</p> <p>Thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate.</p> |
| | | | Matt Lee | <p>I am writing in support of the proposal to amend the conditions of the 2018 grant from the County Regional Parks & Open Space District to the Mountain Recreation and Conservation Authority regarding the Elephant Hill Open Space in El Sereno. As we understand it, that grant required MRCA to acquire all the land for the envisioned preserve prior to trail construction. However, acquiring the necessary parcels has been slow and arduous. Consequently, MRCA has been unable to develop and protect the park. We live in South Pasadena directly adjacent to the Elephant Hill Open Space. Since its acquisition by the City of Los Angeles, we have watched the wild land being degraded by large numbers of off-road vehicles coming from all over the Southland to cut new roads through the open space (and post the videos thereof online). The drivers of those vehicles do donuts at our back gate in the early hours of the morning (in one case coming through our fence); start fires (deliberate and otherwise) that represent a direct threat to many homes; leave food waste, broken glass, car parts, and less agreeable detritus; shine bright lights into our windows; and broadcast loud music when most people are trying to sleep. Much of the Southern California walnut woodland that MRCA seeks to protect is being trampled into dust. Moreover, the paths traversed by these vehicles become treacherous to foot traffic. We expect that building dedicated footpaths and traffic barriers will greatly increase the enjoyment of Elephant Hill by the people who live here. It will accelerate (perhaps by many years) the restoration of the native vegetation, and it will increase the safety of all who live adjacent to the Open Space. Consequently, we urge that the grant conditions be amended to permit trail construction on land that is currently controlled by MRCA. Thank you for your consideration.</p> |
| | | | Roman Jaster | <p>I live an El Sereno and urge you to approve this motion.</p> |
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