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**GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**



Tuesday June 12, 2018 – 7:30 P.M.

Cypress Park Recreation Center

2630 Pepper Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dinner and Spanish translation provided.

Cena y traducción al español proporcionada.

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Items may be addressed out of the order listed. Times are for reference and subject to change.

1. **Call to Order (1 minute):** Welcome stakeholders present & board member roll call.
2. **Approval of Minutes (2 minutes):** Motion to approve minutes from prior meetings: November
3. **Comments from Public Officials (10 minutes):**
 - a. LA City Council District 1 Field Deputy
 - b. Assembly Members 51st District
 - c. LAPD
 - d. LAFD
 - e. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (D.O.N.E.)
 - f. Other government agencies (MRCA, etc)
4. **Public Comments (10 minutes):** Comments from the Board, stakeholders and the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. Speaker must complete and sign a speaker card before meeting. Limited to two (2) minutes per speaker.
5. **Chairman’s Report (2 minutes)**

6. Treasurer's Report (5 minutes):

- a. Treasurer is to update the board with final 2017-2018 FY expenditures. Seeking approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for May.

7. Committee Reports (15 minutes):

- a. Homeless Committee (3)
 - 1. Update on recent meetings
 - 2. SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM
- b. Planning, Land Use and Environmental Committee (5)
 - 1. June 16, 2pm @ Library: Veggie Growing Workshop with master gardener Emi Carvell
 - 2. Pop-Up Clean-Ups (tentative schedule) Aug 18, Oct 13, Dec 15, Feb 16, March 13, June 15 - 45min each.
 - 3. Bowtie Project / Nutsite Project upcoming meetings
 - 4. Anti-Graffiti Project Preview: Loreto Street Elementary School Bridge to Lincoln Heights (2018-2019 BIG project)
 - 5. Cypress Avenue Medians (to be discussed as Action Item)
- c. Outreach Committee (3)

8. Community Presentations:

- a. **Centinela Youth Services**, Wendy Castro, volunteer, to present on the organization's LA County Juvenile Justice Diversion Program. The organization is seeking volunteer mediators, translators, and surrogate victim advocates.
- b. **Deb's Park**: Bird Day LA and summer camp - preview of Neighborhood Purpose Grant request in July.

9. Action Items (45 minutes):

a. Discussion and Possible Action: Housing / Renters Committee

Presentation from Jane Demian, member LA Tenants Union, regarding the formation of a Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council Housing / Renters Committee. Possible Action: Formation and designation of a chair of a Housing/Renters Committee.

**b. Discussion and Possible Action: CIS - Parking Restrictions in Cypress Park
Council File: 18-0008-S29**

Resolution (Cedillo – Buscaino) relative to prohibiting the parking of vehicles that are in excess of 22 feet in length or over 7 feet in height, during the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., on the north side and median portion of North San Fernando Road between the SR- 2 Freeway and Eagle Rock Boulevard, the north side of North San Fernando Road between Division Street and Avenue 26, both sides of Cypress Avenue between Cazador Street and Pepper Avenue, the north side of Eagle Rock Boulevard between West Avenue 36 and Cypress Avenue, both sides of West Avenue 27 between Idell Street and Poplar Street, and both sides of Carlota Boulevard between Pasadena Avenue and East Avenue 43; and, related actions.

NOTE: This resolution is scheduled to be reviewed at the City Transportation Committee Meeting Wednesday, June 13 @ 1PM, Room 1010 City Hall, 200 N Spring Street, 90012

c. Discussion and Possible Action: Connect Day

Discuss GCPNC participation in the upcoming Connect Day, June 26 @ Cypress Park Rec Center.

d. Discussion and Possible Action: Cypress Avenue Medians

The Planning, Land Use, and Environment Committee recommends board advocacy for planted medians down the center of Cypress Avenue. See draft letter in agenda packet to Councilmember Cedillo. Consider motion to approve letter and PLUE Committee's 2018-2019 efforts to push for planted medians.

e. Discussion and Possible Action: School Safety

Board member Alexia to update the board on lessons learned from recent School Safety Event.

f. Discussion and Possible Action: Quarterly Review of Money Requests

Proposal from treasurer: instead of hearing requests of funding for Neighborhood Purpose Grants and co-sponsorship of events (those not initiated by GCPNC); **consider restricting these requests to once every 3 months: July, October, January, April.** If approved, treasurer will reach out to all organization who have requested funding in the last year and update them to our new process. *Pros:* More time in non-funding meeting to discuss community issues and community impact statements; ability look at multiple requests at once, gauge community value, and allocate funding more efficiently. *Cons:* Inability to react quickly to new requests

g. Discussion and Possible Action: 2018-2019 Budget Meeting

Motion to schedule the annual budget retreat for board members and community stakeholders to complete the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Administrative Packet.

h. Discussion and Possible Action: Approve Design for GCPNC Swag

10. Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Board Meeting: July 10, 7:30PM @ Cypress Park Rec Center
- Homeless Committee Meeting - 4th Thursday of every month - next meeting 6/28/18: for volunteering opportunities contact Bryan (bryan@drifterpictures.com)
- Planning, Land Use, and Environment Committee Meeting - 7/3/18 @ Rio de Los Angeles, 7:30 PM - contact Ash (ash.gcpnc@gmail.com)

11. Adjournment

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION: The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that Reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a proposed action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the

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Minutes
4/10/2018

Present – Marcos Juarez, Alfred Beltran, Bradford Holt, Elizabeth Origel-Gabriel, Alexia Teran, Ash Kramer, Ricardo Torres, Dave Travis, Theresa

1. **Call to Order: Marcos calls to order at 7:35PM**
2. **Approval of Minutes: Marcos motions to approve. Ricardo seconds. 8-0-0**
3. **Comments from Public**
 - a. LA City Council District 1 Field Deputy – No show
 - b. Assembly Members 51st District
 - Seeking support for AB2995
 - Paint companies have to repay homeowners for putting lead paint
 - Lead paint is considered damage as property
 - Holding paint companies accountable
 - Introduced 2 other bills – 2614/2615
 - Get low income kids to parks
 - c. LAPD
 - Officer Reyes
 - 2612 Idell – lots of progress
 - Tomorrow it will have 2 armed security guards
 - Installing cameras and will be able to monitor from his phone
 - Gang members are not happy because drug deals go down there
 - Keep an eye out in the community because gang members
 - Eviction in progress
 - Be alert – if you see signs that they're going some place else
 - Installing lights facing the building
 - August 7th – National Night Out
 - Bands, music, food
 - Asbury and Isabel (graffiti)
 - Pepper/Isabel – gang graffiti
 - 2 motorcycle officers on Cypress by fire station (in an hour get 40 tickets an hour)
 - Will be getting electric speed detector
 - Ricardo asks about drive-by shooting on Avenue 52

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- d. LAFD
 - Alfred asks about progress with RVs
 - Spoke with Cedillo about
- e. Bernackik
 - Open house from 10-4PM
 - Lots of encampments in Mt. Washington – keeping an eye on fire issues
 - 4th of July coming
 - Gonna try a very strong anti-fireworks campaign this year
- f. Julian
 - Homeless liaison alliance meeting was postponed to Tuesday May 29th
 - Tuesday May 1st – meeting determining funds between neighborhood council
 - Will adjust amount for very small and very big councils
 - Set up base funding for every neighborhood council
- g. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (D.O.N.E.)
- h. Other government agencies (MRCA, etc)
4. **Public Comments:**
 - a. Lummis Day Festival
 - Month out
 - Thanking for funding
 - Magazines and post cards are back
 - Friday June 1st at Occidental College
 - Saturday – At Avenue 50 and York and Sycamore Grove Park
 - b. Luis from Cypress Park Job Center
 - Report back that they have cameras and App on phone to check out
 - Found that there've been transients not members from labor jump fence and sleep there/throw trash
 - Cameras and motion detectors have been a deterrent
 - Used pressure washer helped it get
 - Would like a tank and maybe down the line get a gas powered one with a water tank (will look into it)
 - Celebrating 18 years at Home Depot (next month in June – would love if Neighborhood Council could be present)
 - A couple of hours, music, speakers – event.
 - c. Susan Koeha
 - Noise maker award goes to Divine Savior
 - 6-10 times a day
 - Sounds like bullhorn
 - Accused her of a crime
 - Found not guilty
 - Accuses church of lying
 - Calls church evil
 - Doesn't like that church members offer love
 - d. Stephen
 - 2 quick things
 - Mich Ofarrell is holding community work shop. Foliar will be there
 - Will be at James Irving Middle School 930 – 1PM this Saturday

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- Recommends attending
 - Ask questions and find out what's going on
 - Proposition A
 - Measure brought 90 million dollars a year to LA County
 - Needs assessment close to 20 billion needed
 - State bond – prop 68 – trying to get State to leverage funds for local funds to get more support
 - Doing phone banking/canvassing/promoting this
 - May 15th next week
 - Audobon center at Debs Park hosting community event to promote it
- e. Reyes for Memorial Day
- Saturday May 26th 11AM
 - Honoring Sam Torres (one of the original Cypress Park Parade guys)
 - Passed away a couple of years ago
- f. Bruce Choy
- Representative for Kenneth Mejia running for Congress
 - Election on June 5th
 - Universal Rent Control
 - Universal Healthcare
 - Tuition free public colleges
 - Board member on Koreatown neighborhood council
5. **Chairman's Report:**
- a. Movie night last month. Able to help up setting up a coloring table
- Cool seeing how kids coming out to enjoy movie and coloring time
 - Spoke to Sylvia Robledo
 - She is hoping we can do more movie nights in the park at Greater Oak Park
 - Alexia criticizes the size of popcorn. Need more.
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
- a. Treasurer is to update the board with current budget and actuals. Seeking approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for April
- Down to \$1300 set aside for music festival
 - **Motion: Alexia motions. Ricardo seconds. 8-0-0**
7. **Committee Reports:**
- a. Homeless Committee (3)
- Tomorrow night Silverlake Library meeting at 630PM
 - Conversation around access centers
 - Meeting with Jose Hutzar next Tuesday
 - Good meeting with Assembly Member Carrillo
 - Talked about Safe Parking LA
 - Met with Hope Team (have a location at Divine Savior)
 - Dialogue about clean ups
 - Better address people in camps
 - From Hope Teams perspective
 - Officer Reyes wasn't able to make it
 - Want another meeting to find middle ground of clean ups and the disenfranchised
 - Planning a homeless connect day

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- NELA homeless coalition happening this Saturday
 - Next Sunday a SELA
 - Letter from Chief Beck to reduce number of parking areas in our area
 - Also a letter from Recycled Resources having it not being instated
 - Appreciates problems happen
 - Long term solution of reduced parking spots
 - Should advocate access centers
- b. Planning, Land Use and Environmental Committee (3) - Pop-Up Clean-Up
- This past Sunday at Loreto Street Elementary
 - Thank Luis from the Community Job Center
8. **Community Presentations:**
- a.
9. **Action Items:**
- a. **Discussion and Possible Action: Letter requesting better signage at roundabout**
Community Member Susan Roche brings up the problem of the Roundabout - people driving in the wrong direction/spedding/not knowing how to use a roundabout. Letter to Councilmember Cedillo requested. Letter draft for consideration.
- **Motion:** Marcos motions to approve. Elizabeth seconds. 8-0-0.
- b. **Discussion and Possible Action: Cypress Park Music Festival**
Tentative Dates: June 9 or 10, location TBD. Up to \$1300 requested for rentals, water, and food. Bands to be booked by board member David Travis.
- June 10th.
 - **Motion: Brad motions. Elizabeth seconds. 8-0-0.**
- c. **Discussion and Possible Action: Any remaining funds**
Consider what to do with any remaining funds - potential options include funding the Congress of Neighborhood Councils or NC Budget Advocates. Also potential - Neighborhood Purpose Grant to Recycled Resources for up to \$1000.
- Council wants to keep it in the neighborhood
 - Spare change from festival goes to outreach
 - **Ash Motions: Any spare change leftover goes toward outreach tote bags if Music Fest goes through. If it doesn't go through, 650 goes to RR and remaining funds go to outreach tote-bags in form of tote bags. Marcos seconds. 9-0-0**
- d. **Discussion and Possible Action: RecyclA**
Letter to Councilmember Cedillo regarding the impact of this new program and a letter to councilmember regarding public's frustration.
- **Motion: Ash Motions to approve. Alfred seconds. 8-0-0**
- e. **Discussion and Possible Action: Outreach Committee**
Consider a vote to appoint board member Alfred Beltran acting chair of the Outreach committee. Location and time of monthly meeting to be announced.
- **Motion: Marcos amends motion to appoint Alfred OR Alexia as outreach chair. Ash seconds. 8-0-0**

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- 4-2 – Alfred is Appointed Chair of Committee
- f. Discussion and Possible Motion:** to support/oppose the letter from LAPD to CD 1 in regards to parking issues in Cypress Park along with the request to approve Parking Regulations against RV parking overnight in the locations specified in the letter attached. Also a consideration of the letter template provided by Rebecca Prine of Recycled Resources to reject efforts to restrict parking.
- **Bullet points**
 - **Understand safety concerns and LAPD**
 - **Reducing parking is going to create more pressure**
 - **Any attempt to reduce parking be met with creative solutions for people to park (like Safe Park LA)**
 - **For any parking space to take away you have to find another parking space**
 - **6-0-2 Dave abstains and Marcos abstains**
- g. Presentation** by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment on the Code of Conduct policy required to comply with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners policy 2014-2. Board Members will sign the Completion certificate for 2 years.
- h. Discussion and Possible Action:** CIS #17-1426 Regulation of Group Homes
 Consider submitting a CIS in relation to city regulation of group living homes. Sample letter provided by the South Carthay Neighborhood Association.
- **Tabled**
- 10. Upcoming Meetings and Events:**
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- Homeless Committee Meeting - 4th Thursday of every month - next meeting 5/24/18: for volunteering opportunities contact Bryan (bryan@driherpictures.com)
 - PLUE Committee Meeting - 6/5/18 @ Rio de Los Angeles, 7:30 PM - contact Ash (ash.gcpnc@gmail.com)
- 11. Adjournment – 9:15 PM**

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: May 2018

Budget Fiscal Year: 2017-2018

NC Name: Greater Cypress Park
Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$8021.95	\$1346.21	\$6675.74	\$5520.00	\$0.00	\$1155.74

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$18750.00	\$163.79	\$3668.92	\$1620.00	\$2048.92
Outreach		\$300.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$3000.00	\$102.42	\$2486.82	\$0.00	\$2486.82
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$20250.00	\$780.00	\$520.00	\$3900.00	\$-3380.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$33978.05	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	SQ SQ RESTAURANTE TI	05/08/2018	(Credit card transaction)	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$142.02
2	SUPER A FOODS #7	05/08/2018	(Credit card transaction)	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$21.77
3	CONTINENTAL INTERPRETI	05/09/2018	(Credit card transaction)	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$300.00
4	SMARTNFINAL51111205119	05/06/2018	(Credit card transaction)	Community Improvement Project		\$102.42
5	Recycled Resources for the Homeless	04/19/2018	Approval of Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Recycle...	Neighborhood Purpose Grants		\$780.00
Subtotal:						\$1346.21

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	Friends of Cypress Park	05/01/2018	MEMORIAL DAY EVENT. (See previous submissions...	Neighborhood Purpose Grants		\$2500.00

2	Children's Hospital Los Angeles	05/21/2018	DO NOT REJECT THIS FOR A LACK OF SIGNATURE BEFORE ...	Neighborhood Purpose Grants		\$750.00
3	Languages4You	06/01/2018	Approval of 2017-2018 budget included line items f...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$405.00
4	Recycled Resources for the Homeless	06/04/2018	Approval of Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Recycle...	Neighborhood Purpose Grants		\$650.00
5	Languages4You	06/04/2018	Approval of 2017-2018 budget included line items f...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1215.00
Subtotal: Outstanding						\$5520.00

TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 22507 authorizes cities to restrict the parking of vehicles, including but not limited to, vehicles that are six feet or more in height, on identified City streets during certain hours; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.69.4 allows the Council to authorize by resolution the streets upon which the parking of oversize vehicles shall be restricted between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the residences and businesses along several streets are experiencing public safety issues associated with large vehicles that are parking overnight and constrict travel lanes, thereby creating a dangerous situation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council pursuant to the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.69.4 hereby prohibits the parking of vehicles that are in excess of 22 feet in length or over 84 inches in height, during the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on the following street segments:

- The north side and median portion of North San Fernando Road between the SR-2 Freeway and Eagle Rock Boulevard
- The north side of North San Fernando Road between Division Street and Avenue 26
- Both sides of Cypress Avenue between Cazador Street and Pepper Avenue
- The north side of Eagle Rock Boulevard between West Avenue 36 and Cypress Avenue
- Both sides of West Avenue 27 between Idell Street and Poplar Street
- Both sides of Carlota Boulevard between Pasadena Avenue and East Avenue 43

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this Resolution, the Department of Transportation be directed to post signs within 30 days giving notice of a "tow away, no parking" restriction for oversized vehicles, with the specific hours detailed, at the above locations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation be authorized to make technical corrections or clarifications to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

PRESENTED BY



GILBERT A. CEDILLO
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY



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MAY 18 2018



**Authorization to submit
Community Impact Statements
Board Resolution**

We, _____(President Name) and _____(Officer Name), declare that we are the President and _____, respectively of the _____ Neighborhood Council (NC) and that on _____(date adopted), a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by this NC with a quorum of _____ (number) board members present and that by a vote of _____(number) yes, _____ (number) no, and _____(number) abstentions the _____ NC adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, a Community Impact Statement is an official statement adopted by a Neighborhood Council on issues pending before the City Council, its committees, or City commissions, Whereas, up to five board members can be authorized through a board resolution to write and submit Community Impact Statements through the City Clerk's online web system at <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/cis>.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the _____ Neighborhood Council authorizes the following board member(s) to SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which have been passed by a vote of the full board:

On the issue of CF# _____, we are

- For
- For if Amended
- Against
- Against if Amended
- No Position (CF was discussed and acted upon, but the NC could not muster enough votes either way)
- Neutral Position (CF was discussed and NC decided to take no action at all)

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Be it further resolved, in cases where an issue is moving quickly through the legislative process and a promptly issued statement is beneficial, the aforementioned board members are authorized to also WRITE and SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which express positions previously voted upon by the full board.

IN WITNESS of the above action, the undersigned has executed and delivered this certificate in the name and on behalf of the _____ (NC name) and as of the date set forth below.

Signature of President

Signature of Board Officer

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____



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Councilmember Cedillo
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May 22, 2018

Dear Councilmember Cedillo,

It has come to the attention of the Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council that your office is considering an increase in restricted parking areas in order to respond to neighbors affected by homelessness. We have reviewed Captain Arturo Sandoval's March 30th letter on this topic and we wish to respond: while we understand the safety concerns of LAPD, we do not believe that further restricting parking is a solution; we believe that the best solution is to find *more* parking.

Reducing overnight parking areas, especially for RVs, only makes the problem of homelessness worse. This proposed solution moves the problem; it does not solve it.

We affirm that any attempt to reduce parking in our neighborhood should, at the very least, be met with alternative parking spaces nearby, either publicly or privately owned. We respectfully but strongly request that your office lead the effort to work with programs—like Safe Parking LA—and find locations that allow for people to park overnight. Aiding the homeless by connecting them with services and safe parking is a better solution for both the homeless and the stakeholders affected by them.

Sincerely,

The Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council
gcpnc@empowerla.org

Dear Councilmember Cedillo,

The Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council Board is grateful for the work you've done championing CD1 and Los Angeles as a whole, and we'd like to present an opportunity to create lasting impact to help your constituents for generations to come. Recently, our council along with members of our community contacted your department regarding safety along Cypress Avenue. In addition, as our city's urban forest declines and temperatures continue to rise from climate change, planting trees now is more important than ever in the history of our city. We propose a 2-for-1 answer to both those issues.

Our community requests a median planted with the biggest shade trees possible down the center of Cypress Avenue from Arroyo Seco Ave to Division Street. Between those two cross streets – aside from when Cypress temporarily narrows to a one-way between Idell and Pepper – Cypress Avenue is a wide, open road with traffic routinely traveling well-over 10 miles-per-hour above the posted speed limit. We are not suggesting a "Road-Diet" – keep the 4 lanes of traffic as is – merely transform the under/unused center turning lane into a tree-filled median. This will accomplish the following:

- Increase pedestrian safety – Federal Highway Authority studies have demonstrated that the addition of a median reduces pedestrian crashes in marked crosswalks by 46% and unmarked crosswalks by 39%
- Produce an immediate "traffic-calming" effect reducing motorists' speeds
 - This will slow traffic prior to entering the Idell-Pepper corridor, helping reduce accidents there as well
- Increase the canopy of Cypress Park, aiding Mayor Garcetti's goal to reduce the average temperature of our city by 3 degrees over the next 20 years
- Add more greenery to help clean the air that will directly affect three public schools (Loreto Street Elementary, Florence Nightingale Middle School, and Aragon Elementary) and the Cypress Park public library along this stretch
- Keeping 4 lanes of traffic thereby maintaining our neighborhood's emergency response time

We urge you to take action and make Cypress Park, CD1, and the City of Los Angeles of tomorrow become healthier, greener, and safer.

Thank you for your consideration.