

April 26 , 2021

U.S. Representative Jimmy Gomez
California State Senator Maria Elena Durazo
California State Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo
Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis

ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)
REQUESTS SUPPORT FOR PRESERVATION AND PURCHASE OF PARCEL “S”

Dear Leaders,

This will advise that at a regularly held public meeting of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) on April 26, 2021, it was moved and passed by a vote of (...) that the ASNC requests your assistance to uphold the commitments made to the ASNC, in particular the stakeholders of Monterey Hills, to preserve Parcel “S” as open space by former Councilmember Huizar, former representative of District 14.

The ASNC has formally requested assistance on this matter from CD14 Councilmembers many times over the last 10+ years. During a meeting with the residents of Monterey Hills in October 2020, Councilmember Kevin de León expressed support for maintaining the open space zoning for Parcel “S”.

The ASNC recently requested renewed formal support from Councilmember de León to protect the property, located at 4500 Via Marisol in Los Angeles, as open space as designated in 1981. (See attachments) To date we have not received a response from the Councilmember.

Parcel “S” land was sold twice during former Councilmember Huizar’s tenure. The latest sale price was \$700,000. When it was offered for sale, several realtors advertised that the land would be a perfect location for a 100-unit complex. Parcel “S” has been considered unstable and unsuited for building since the Monterey Hills community was developed nearly 50 years ago.

The ASNC stakeholders of Monterey Hills ask your support to maintain the current open space zoning and to enforce the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant (Sep.18 1981) as written. We are calling on you to help us to preserve the open space by asking the City to purchase the land and change the zoning to park space.

The environmental impact of development on the region’s wildlife would be significant. In addition, the area has a history of subsidence and geologic instability that would impact any development and potentially threaten the existing street and the homes below it.

Monterey Hills is a bedroom community with no businesses, places of worship, or schools. The Parcel “S” property has always been enjoyed as a space for quiet walks and meditation with views enjoyed by all. Residents purchased their homes believing that the community would remain peaceful.

We are aware that you have lent support to purchase open space areas to protect as park land in Flat Top in Montecito Heights/Lincoln Heights as well as portions of Elephant Hill in El Sereno. The residents of Monterey Hills are confident that you can understand our concerns regarding the impact rezoning of Parcel “S” would have on the community as a whole as well as the neighbors below on Collis Avenue.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. (CC Councilmember de León)

Sincerely,

Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council

CC Councilmember Kevin de León