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The Honorable Katy Yaroslavsky
Los Angeles City Councilmember
Fifth City Council District
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Via Email: councilmember.yaroslavsky@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember Yaroslavsky:

As per our recent conversation, I am forwarding a rather comprehensive list of questions that reflects both our community's response to and our concerns related to your announcement to locate a homeless interim housing project at the Pico/Midvale DOT surface parking lots directly adjacent to single-family residences.

The broad range of questions are indicative of the community's response to the sudden announcement of your/the City's plans to "take" the parking lots from public use and convert their use for interim homeless housing without any prior discussion with the community. There are many questions related to everything from the logistics of the program to concerns about public safety and the inability of the City's demonstrated inability to provide adequate enforcement on public safety issues under current conditions.

We acknowledge the urgent need for interim and permanent housing solutions to meet the challenges of our current homeless crisis and want to be involved in identifying successful strategies to meet those challenges. It is our sincere hope that the conversation that will begin on Thursday night will lead to the identification of a location that can serve a larger number of homeless and be more compatible with its surrounding environment.

Our community has worked hard to support our local businesses and know that without access to parking they will not survive. Those community serving restaurants, retail shops and services that persevered during the Covid pandemic to remain standing today deserve not only the neighborhood's support, but also the support of the City. Not only do they contribute to the economy, but they are just the types of businesses that the City needs as it adds to our urban density with infill projects and seeks to transition to a transit-riding public.

We hope that you will address these questions at your upcoming informational meetings and that if additional time is needed to provide the community with the information requested to better understand what is being proposed, that that time will be scheduled soon. It is time for dialogue, for in the absence of transparency and conversation, opposition grows.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Barbara Broide'.

Barbara Broide, President