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**Subject:** FW: Stop Frank McCourts vanity gondola project!

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From: myrawelsh@everyactioncustom.com <myrawelsh@everyactioncustom.com>  
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 1:43 PM  
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>  
Subject: Stop Frank McCourts vanity gondola project!

Dear Metro Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the final Environmental Impact Report to the Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Project ("The Gondola") at Dodger Stadium. Metro should have never entered an agreement with a private billionaire, Frank McCourt, especially without any real public, community input.

**The Gondola Does Not Relieve Traffic**

A study by the UCLA Mobility Lab shows that it will only do so by <1%, and that the gondola by design diverts traffic from the stadium area to the Chinatown area. Gondolas are designed for moving a large amount of people over a long amount of time, not for a large amount of people in a 2 hour crunch before a major event.

**The Gondola Ruins the LA State Historic Park** This project wants to put a boarding station on the State Park and remove 81 trees, including mature trees whose ecological value cannot be replicated by simply planting new ones. The cabins would fly just 26 ft over peoples' heads, cutting through airspace over the entire park.

**The Gondola Exacerbates Housing Crisis in Chinatown** Chinatown is a service-poor region that does not have a full-service grocery store, a hospital, or even a laundromat. It is majority renter, majority Asian and Latinx, and the unhoused population around El Pueblo is at risk of being swept without services should this project see construction, exacerbating homelessness in Los Angeles. This neighborhood is rapidly gentrifying with a multitude of market-rate and luxury developments coming down the pipeline, the gondola being a major one of them.

**No Tax Dollars for the \$500 Million Gondola** There is still no funding plan for the project available to the public. There is no assurance that the gondola will not use taxpayer money to build this private project while the cost of it is now 4x the original estimate.

**Real Public Transit Now!**

LA Metro should focus on providing real solutions to our community, such as expanding the already existing Dodgers Express shuttle system (which could actually solve the traffic problem), adding more electric buses, better managing the bus lanes, and improving in-language accessibility to the bus system for monolingual Chinese, Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Spanish-speaking residents.

Set the precedent that you will not allow private interest to play around in our neighborhoods, and when the time comes, vote against the LA ART gondola. Listen to the real needs of the community. We have been silenced for too long.

Sincerely,  
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