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Deputy Executive Officer Cory Zelmer,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Project ("The Gondola" at Dodger Stadium). As a frequent user of the LA State Historic Park (the "Park"), current resident and home owner in Echo Park, I will be impacted by this prospective project. I am also a Dodger fan and am a season ticket holder and would not use the Gondola to go to Dodger Stadium. I don't drive to Dodger Stadium; I mostly walk to the Stadium and if I don't, I either take the existing Union Station shuttle or ride my bike. I personally do not want or need the Gondola. The stated benefits and upside of the Gondola are heavily outweighed by the costs and downsides. I am deeply concerned about this project for various other reasons:

This project will lead to future commercial development in Chavez Ravine, without community input and without disclosure to the community. Chavez Ravine already has a negative history related to displacement caused by the construction of Dodger Stadium and the Gondola potentially will repeat the same mistakes. This includes displacement and increase rent in the area. I am Chinese American, immigrated from Hong Kong many years ago and first lived in Chinatown near where the Gondola is planned. The community in Chinatown will be negatively impacted by the Gondola and this community must be heard and considered. The community has been neglected and our voices have not been heard. No one asked us our vision for our community.

The Gondola Project's enormous towers will cause aesthetic impacts in my community. Even though it is only on the south side of the Park, the Gondola will still negatively affect the views from the Park and generally affect the experience of visitors to the Park. This project will increase the impacts of air pollution from vehicle emissions in an area already overburdened by air emissions and in an area that has an established and very popular and treasured park that serves as a respite for community members to seek peace, nature and cleaner air and natural environments. The Gondola would negatively impact this and is not worth any perceived benefit of this form of transportation.

Metro went forward with this project without an open public process and without competitive bidding. I don't understand the ownership or operation of the project because the details have been hidden from the community. Who is paying for this project? Will taxpayers be left holding the bag? I do know that Frank McCourt has proven from his ownership of the Dodgers that his ethics, business practices and motivations are questionable. I just don't think he should be unjustly enriched by allowing the Gondola to move forward. I just don't trust that he is motivated by addressing transportation and congestion issues and this project is almost all motivated by his commercial interests. The public should not pay for this either in direct funding (tax dollars) or the other costs my comments and others have identified.

I oppose this project and we do not need it.

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