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Subject: NO to the electric Trolley transport system in our serene community!

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Dear City Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Sandra O'Brien and I am writing this letter out of concern. I have been in constant contact with Kimberly Dandini, who resides at 5803 Greenleaf Ave, and lives across the street from me. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the last meeting on August 30, 2023 to discuss pressing issues concerning our neighborhood.

I have been a resident of Whittier for over 25 years. I own my home at 12927 Orange Drive and I live DIRECTLY across from Hellman Park. I also pay an exorbitant amount in property taxes yearly, so our voices must be heard! I am also an educator with the Garvey School District in Rosemead for 38 years and I am well informed of my rights.

I am upset and very worried about this electric trolley which will transport people to and from the trail head? This sounds like a great idea on some other planet but not here! How wonderful that you wish to conveniently bring people/strangers into our peaceful neighborhood. Well I would like to say that I strongly disagree! Didn't we just deal with the transient serial killer in our area!!! How preposterous to think that this would be a wonderful and blissful idea to bus strangers into our quaint and serene sector of Whittier.

As Kimberly Dandini has mentioned, we have dealt with the homeless in the canyon, and with people who have tried to break into homes. This includes several homes that were broken into very recently on Friends and Rose Drive. In addition, we have had people scoping out the area and looking at our homes to break in! Therefore, now more then ever, we need to rally together as a team and family unit to fight any type of trolley system that the city deems necessary to bring strangers for the sole purpose of bringing monetary gains into the Uptown area! I ask you all, aren't there other ways to do this? Let's bring a trolley into your neighborhoods!

People parking in the neighborhood are accounting for tons of foot traffic in our peaceful community! This trolley is not a solution! People will continue to park up the neighborhood. So, in reality, the trolley is only going to bring up even more people than ever before, since they will no longer have to find parking in the neighborhood. Have you all even considered all the people who will be waiting for the trolley to come and get them as they sit there in groups talking, being loud and disruptive? No, I do not think you have all thought this through carefully! We, the taxpayers, in this area are the ones who have to deal with this idea and the repercussions that come with it! No thank you!

Furthermore, we are concerned, because as you can see in my attached photo, such antics are things that we deal with daily!......Grafitti on my wall, mud and dirt from people kicking that off their shoes, hitting my gate with their cars as they try to make a U-turn into my driveway, having my solar lights only front yard stolen or broken in the streets, and having to pick up litter/ and animal feces constantly from my yard! I am a single parent with a young child and need to protect her and myself from such vandalistic issues. Another area of concern is the devaluation of our homes because of this ludicrous idea. You do not live in this area and do not know firsthand what we speak of! In addition, I would like to add that, early in the morning, when people are waiting for the Hellman park gate to open, I am able hear every single word and conversation that people are having. Every voice echoes and can be heard clearly. I hear telephone conversations that people have while in their cars as well as arguments, exercise drills, etc. My daughter and I are CONSTANTLY awakened by such alarming sounds very early in the morning.

I can also hear people jumping over the fence nightly and very early in the morning. I can hear arguments at night when people park across the street on Greenleaf where there is a no red zone. This is parallel to my house. So the idea of having a trolley running up and down Greenleaf, back-and-forth (and I don't care if it's electric) is a bad

one!!! I will fight this, and do whatever it takes to stop this from happening. You do not live here but Esther Karnoff at 5804 Greenleaf Ave, Kimberly Dandini and I are the corner homes and suffer from these problems!

Let's think of a win-win solution because this trolley concept is a lose lose idea! Thank you for your time and please empathize with our situation and what we deal with daily. I look forward to hearing and working with you. Thank you.

Respectfully, Sandra O'Brien Sent from my iPhone

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