

Petition to Preserve Knoll Hill, Green School Playgrounds

To Los Angeles City and Port officials and to the Los Angeles Unified School District

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We would like to see Knoll Hill preserved, as is. We do not want to see its topology altered in any way, including with grading, fill dirt, dirt removal, retaining walls or pilings. We do not want to see any of the mature, scenic trees cut down, the roadway widened, or any additional pavement installed. We believe that Knoll Hill has generated so much controversy for the past 30 years, that any development on the hill, including a public park, cries out for the benefit of a full California Environmental Quality Act review from Notice of Preparation to final Environmental Impact Report.

We would like to see Knoll Hill developed as a regional public open-space area. This could include the planting of additional trees and shrubs, provision of picnic grounds, restrooms, vista points, and ungraded, multiuse grassy areas. Vegetation could include a mix of drought tolerant and native plants. We would like to see the area around the base of the hill, between the railroad tracks to the south and west and the



roadways to the north and east be part of the Knoll Hill Open Space area (inside pink or white line). We would like to see a partner agency, such as California State Parks or the National Park Service provide assistance in planing Knoll Hill Park. These agencies can bring needed expertise. We believe the Dog Park should remain on Knoll Hill as an interim use at least until work begins for a permanent park on the hill—and that it is important for the community to help find new permanent locations for this service.

It is also very important for us to green our middle and elementary school playgrounds so they can help provide for needed sports recreation play and picnic grounds after school hours as part of multi-use facilities. With a growing population and shortage of land, we need to be sure our schools can double as recreation and community centers and assist in providing space for organized youth sports. Multi-agency cooperation will be a key to implementing these programs.

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