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From: Areta Crowell
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Subject: Use of the 710 Stub- Agenda item 17

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To: Mr. Mayor and City Councilors

I understand the need for a thorough process before reaching what will be long term results of the planning efforts. The need for restitution for the displacement of African American residents, and our need for affordable housing merit in-depth consideration.

BUT- in the meantime there is space to create a Tiny Village , which can be done in a short time. It need not be a permanent use of the land but it would meet a big need now without waiting 3 or more years for something good to happen. I urge you to make a positive contribution to sheltering our unhoused neighbors while the planning is going on. It is a perfect opportunity to authorize a Tiny Village!

Areta Crowell

District 7 home owner

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Subject: Re: Item #17 -- 710 Stub

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council members;

As people of faith, we at MHCH urge the City Council to look at the 710 “stub” from a moral and racial justice perspective. How can this land be used to benefit low-income residents and people of color who were displaced because of urban renewal and the 210 Freeway? We recommend that the Council authorize research into those who were displaced so that reparations can be made.

According to Dr. [Raymond Mohl](#) in “The Interstates and the Cities: Highways, Housing and Freeway Revolt”:

Freeway construction in Pasadena, California, displaced over 4,000 Black and Mexican-American residents, most of whom were forced back into inner-city Los Angeles ghettos. As one Black Pasadena resident put it: ‘They put the freeways where the resistance and the power was the weakest, and now we have the biggest intersection in the world where a lot of Black families used to live.’ [1]

As Denise Robb points out in her article in Colorado Boulevard, Santa Monica provided reparations for 100 residents displaced by construction of the 10 Freeway, but so far, those displaced by the 210 Freeway have not been adequately compensated:

This freeway tore through a vibrant African-American business district on North Lincoln Avenue that has never fully recovered. The mixed-income, racially diverse community in Northwest Pasadena was also torn apart. Individuals displaced by the freeway were offered \$75,000 for their homes. However, no homes in Pasadena cost less than \$85,000, worsening the displacement.

For this reason, the late Councilmember John Kennedy proposed that this land be used for reparations for people of color displaced by the 210 Freeway and urban renewal, according to an [article in Pasadena Now](#).

“The repatriation of the 710 Freeway Stub to the City of Pasadena is little different than the return of Bruce Beach in Manhattan Beach to the African American family who had the the land stolen from them almost 100 years ago,” said Kennedy. “Bruce Beach is valued at around \$20 million dollars, a conservative estimate.”

According to Kennedy, a rough estimate of the value of the land at the 710 Stub is possibly into the several billions of dollars.

“The critical piece to keep in mind is that African American and

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other minority groups had their land taken from them via the evils of eminent domain actions," he said.

Kennedy said the 52 acres can help solve the housing crisis in Pasadena, establish much-needed green space for children and families, create tremendous opportunities for small businesses and "simply unify our geographical plain."

These prophetic words by Council member Kennedy need to be taken to heart as we plan so that the use of this land reflects our city's values and commitment to racial and social justice.

[1] <https://www.coloradoboulevard.net/reparations-for-pasadena-families-displaced-by-the-210-freeway/>

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Respectfully,

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It appears the priorities for reprogramming the Measure R (2008) funds have changed starkly since 2018. The closure of the off and on ramps south of Del Mar was #2 in 2018. Now, it is dropped off the list. Instead, a \$60 million management building outside the 710 corridor is proposed. This violates the terms of Measure R and the LACMTA's guidelines.

Please postpone the approval of this list.

- - - Christopher Sutton
Attorney for Stakeholders Along St. John and Pasadeavenue

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