

Community Association Response

Hi Jay,

Thank you for taking my call on Friday. I understand that the land in question has been under a licence of occupation and primarily used as a driveway for several years. With the proposed land swap, this prime and usable (albeit small) piece of property will be removed from the public's inventory. Given its spectacular view of the city skyline, the land holds significant value for the City and its citizens and could be added to the adjacent park for public enjoyment.

In contrast, the land the City will receive in exchange is largely unusable for public purposes due to its steep and unstable hillside geography. It doesn't feel like a fair or equitable trade, especially when it only benefits a few people.

If the property swap proceeds, we believe it would be reasonable to request that the property owner provide some form of contribution (through a predetermined agreement) to benefit the public and local community for the loss. For instance, a donation to the Parks Foundation could help cover the cost of new benches, the planting of shrubs, bushes, or trees to enhance privacy between the new houses and the remaining parkland, or the installation of new fencing to accommodate the change.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Thanks,

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