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Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell
200 N. Spring Street, Room 480
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

The developers of the project located at 3845 N. Fletcher Drive presented their project to the community on September 15, 2020. Included in the presentation was a plan on how to use the Quimby funds to benefit the Glassell Park community. As we understand it, the developers are baseball fans and therefore looked to improve something of interest to them. The nearest park that has baseball facilities is the Glassell Park Recreation Center. Their plans, in partnership with RAP, include improvements to the baseball fields and sporting infrastructure. An improvement that our park and recreation center desperately needs.

While we understand that the small lot development project is located in Council District 13 and our recreation and sports park is located in Council District 1, we did not foresee any political implications. The Glassell Park Recreation Center serves everyone in Glassell Park and Northeast Los Angeles, not just those who live in CD1. For that reason, we ask that any Quimby funds generated in Glassell Park benefit Glassell Park, no matter the Council District. As we are all aware, Glassell Park is divided among three CDs. The potential reallocation of Quimby funds outside of our community somewhere else in CD13 shows how this division can work against our children and stakeholders.

If it's not possible to use the Quimby project funds at the Glassell Park Recreation Center, for whatever reason, we ask again that the Quimby funds be allocated to projects within Glassell Park that are also in Council District 13. Such projects/locations might be: Juntos Park, a dog park, preservation of open space/passive recreation, or a new pocket park (like York Park in CD14).

Sincerely,



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