

## Bicycle pedestrian advisory committee

David Bergman [REDACTED]

Tue 2/14/2023 6:32 AM

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Hello Mr. Nachbar

Given BPAC's track record of regularly violating the Brown Act and operating outside the boundaries of a public commission, I hope that you will arrange for representatives of the City Clerk's office and the City Attorney's office to be present at its next meeting.

Beyond BPAC's ongoing procedural issues, I am concerned that they have begun a process of making recommendations for interventions on my street with out any public outreach whatsoever.

This kind of irregular action that takes place with out any public involvement creates a tremendous amount of distrust between residents and municipal government here in Culver City. All I am asking for as a process that is legal , transparent and involves consultations with neighbors before any changes are made on Elenda St

Thank you for your consideration

David Bergman  
4398 Elenda  
Culver City

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

**Subject: BPAC 02/16/23 A-2**

Hello there — I hope all is well.

On the BPAC A-2 agenda item for this week, I see a presentation regarding stop signs on Elenda. There has been no outreach to the community about this proposal. What procedural steps are necessary before bringing this item to the agenda?

Given the long history of BPAC acting out of step with both the community and the law, particularly with regard to Elenda Street, any proposals need to be treated with the utmost care.

Also, the staff report on this item states that the stop signs are in alignment with SRTS, Vision Zero, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan. Could you please provide citations demonstrating this? I would like to see the documentation in advance of the meeting.

Thank you,  
Bryan Sanders  
4378 Elenda

**Bryan Sanders, Ed.D.** [REDACTED]

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Tue 2/14/2023 9:29 AM

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**From:** Tania Fleischer [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 8:16 AM

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**Subject:** BPAC Agenda Item A-2 on Feb 16th

Good morning,

I am writing to you to ask you to table Agenda Item A-2 on this Thursday's BPAC Meeting.

I am concerned about the lack of outreach to the neighbors who live on Elenda and will be most impacted by the changes proposed. In fact, the proposed workplan also being presented on Thursday has four items that include outreach to the community. Why was no outreach done to the community for this proposal?

The SRTS initiative in fact emphasizes the 6 E's, one of which is ENGAGEMENT. In the 24 years I've lived on Elenda Street, the city has never reached out to my neighborhood to receive input and feedback on any proposed changes to our street, most, if not all, related to SRTS.

I am open to listening to your ideas and especially hearing the data and analysis that supports your proposal.

I urge you to table Agenda Item A-2 until you have done the proper outreach to the Elenda Street neighborhood, presented your data-supported proposal to us, and listened to our feedback before making any presentation to BPAC.

Thank you.

Tania Fleischer  
4379 Elenda Street

**DR. TANIA FLEISCHER**

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Pianist | Conductor | Arts Advocate

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**BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE on 2023-02-16 6:00 PM - Special Meeting**  
02-16-23 18:00

Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
A-2. 23-645 BPAC - ACTION ITEM - Presentation and Discussion of Proposed Stop Control at the Intersections of Elenda Street at Garfield Avenue and Elenda Street at Franklin Avenue.	1	0	1	0

**Bryan Sanders**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:59am 02-16-23

I had an extremely frustrating conversation on the phone with Mr. Andrew Maximous regarding the proposal to install two stop signs on Elenda Street. He was unable to produce any documentation, data, evidence, or analysis that pointed to any logical, data-supported reason why two stop signs should be newly installed. The closest that he got to a reason was to say "a number of folks have asked for a stop sign" — that's it. Nothing else.

I'm not an expert in urban planning, but I'm pretty certain that is not good enough to make permanent infrastructural changes to the streets.

At some point in the conversation, Mr. Maximous said that he even if he did run any data, it would NOT support the installation of the stop signs. This told me that the department has NOT prepared for the BPAC meeting this week. Really? You have not gathered the data? It also told me that this proposal is unsupported by evidence —

so, there is no data to gather, then. Further, when asked about the origin of this proposal, Mr. Maximous told me that it was City-initiated. However, he also told me that maybe six years ago it was studied and denied. I pressed him for more details and he was completely unable to reference any dates, documents, or details about that study and denial. How is it possible that he knew about that and yet knows nothing about it? And how is it possible that this constitutes sufficient preparation for the public presentation in two days? I'm very puzzled. Was this agenda item thrown together at the last minute? Why is there such a lack of information?

And about installing a stop sign willy nilly — is it the intent of the City to be exposed to liability by installing stop signs without warrants? Surely, we must have better ideas than that. A stop sign that is installed without the warrants would mean that a cyclist or a car that passes through the stop sign, without properly stopping, and strikes someone would leave the City liable. Again, there is no data or evidence to support that the stop sign would help decrease the number of accidents and injuries — because there aren't enough to have registered as significant. And as much as we want to prevent accidents, injuries, and deaths, are we quite certain that these stop signs would do that — especially since they aren't any statistically significant accidents to speak of? Again, this approach to public works improvement is scattershot and lacks integrity.


It is way too soon for this item to be on a public meeting agenda.

Furthermore, the school district needs to be engaged. The truth is that they have been a bad neighbor for decades with regards to school safety and vehicular traffic near the schools. They have a lot of land that should be used twice a day for dropoff and pickup. Forcing these issues out onto the street for the residents to deal with for the overwhelming majority of time is not an acceptable solution or approach. There are 180 school days and only 2 hours of each of those days (and not even that much) do we experience any influx of people and vehicles.

Mr. Maximous called these two stop signs “low hanging fruit” — Elenda Street is not in the High Injury Network. There are plenty of spots in Culver City that ARE in the High Injury Network that might need these “low hanging fruit” solutions. A better solution here on Elenda would be to engage the community, school district, and City in a series of workshops to discuss issues, come to consensus, prioritize solutions, and begin a process of change. But to do the exact opposite and then invent a solution in search of a problem is unacceptable and the residents are not okay with this.

If you really want a “low hanging fruit” solution, then hire a crossing guard!

I respectfully ask that you remove item A-2 from the BPAC agenda on 02/16/23. This process is completely out of order.

**From:** Clerk, City <city.clerk@culvercity.org>   
**Subject:** FW: Elenda Street and BPAC  
**Date:** February 14, 2023 at 1:00 PM  
**To:** Ide, Alicia <Alicia.Ide@culvercity.org>

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**From:** Lorri Horn <lorrihorn@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 12:35 PM  
**To:** Nachbar, John <john.nachbar@culvercity.org>; Demitri, Yanni <Yanni.Demitri@culvercity.org>; Garcia, Gabe <Gabriel.Garcia@culvercity.org>; Attorney, City <city.attorney@culvercity.org>; Vidra, Lisa <lisa.vidra@culvercity.org>; Clerk, City <city.clerk@culvercity.org>  
**Subject:** Elenda Street and BPAC

Dear Everyone,

I am a twenty plus year resident of Culver City and a home owner on Elenda Street.

It's disappointing to discover that the BPAC has on their agenda an item which involves Elenda Street residents without them reaching out to us again first for shared input.

It's just good faith and a thoughtful approach toward attempts at perceived progress to do so. Either BPAC can't seem to learn from one time to the next about the benefits of communication and shared input with stakeholders, in which case that's, as I said, disappointing or, they're being strategic and hoping to just move forward without input from us which seems unreasonable.

Hoping that we can get some support to look at what their plans seem to be which, on the surface look like they may cause some traffic flow issues. It's hard to judge though when they don't provide any analysis to justify or support the proposed changes. Is it needed? Why? And if so, why is this the best solution?

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lorri

Lorri Horn  
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## FW: 2/16 BPAC Meeting Comments

From: Melissa Sanders [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 3:12 PM

Subject: 2/16 BPAC Meeting Comments

As I have multiple conflicting meetings this evening, I want to make my comments get into the Formal Record.

Since BPAC has been operating in violation of the Brown Act and basic Rules of Order at apparently almost every meeting, ***I think it's once again imperative that our City Attorney be present this evening.***

Here are some initial questions about Agenda Item A-2:

- ~ WHAT is the hoped outcome for this project?
- ~ WHY was this option chosen?
- ~ WHY or WHAT is the reason for even needing a new Elenda Project?
- ~ Has the District been contacted?
- ~ Has the District been included in discussions & options?
- ~ WHY make a permanent change to Elenda when (I assume this is your idea of a "solution" for the morning drop-off problems) that is only needed 4% of the time?

Here are some additional thoughts:

- 1) As Demitri has confirmed in previous meetings, it takes a lot just to get approval for a Stop Sign. So far, as admitted by a City Employee, no analysis has been done to justify or support the proposed changes. Any interventions that are undertaken on the street must be supported by empirical data that shows that the intervention will result in both desired and positive outcomes. \*\*And we want the ORIGINAL Data. As we have also learned from Public Records, past projects have been pushed through with City employees falsifying data and giving misinformation on applications.
- 2) Any improvements that are recommended should meet Caltrans warrants for traffic signals and devices.
- 3) Stakeholder Input must be done. There has been no outreach. No emails, no letters, no knocks on our door. No signs even posted along Elenda. Nothing. I believe that is also a required step. Take it.

I am again horrified at BPAC and any City Employee that allows this to happen. Actually, not just Item A-2, but allows BPAC to continue to act in violation of multiple rules and laws.

Melissa Sanders  
*Stay Safe & Healthy!*  
4304 Elenda Street