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Stan Kasten  
President and CEO  
Los Angeles Dodgers  
1000 Elysian Park Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Kasten,

In late March, the Los Angeles Dodgers organized a meeting with stakeholders in Echo Park to discuss the team's traffic management plan, which included opening the Scott Avenue gate for ingress and egress on game days at the stadium.

I made it clear that I opposed the Dodger's plan to open the Scott Avenue gate, which has been closed since 1996 to incoming traffic, because mitigation measures were not yet in place. The 2014 season is well underway, traffic is worse than its ever been, and my constituents feel let down by the Dodgers management.

I submitted a letter to your organization on March 28 with a list of suggestions to improve the flow of traffic around the stadium: opening the stadium up to three hours in advance of game time; provide family activity on stadium property to encourage people to arrive early; install an automated parking management system that requires payment *upon exiting* the stadium; and explore shuttle options at park and ride locations.

I am confident we can find real solutions, and a major improvement is getting vehicles into the stadium sooner so we can reduce traffic jams and exhaust from idling cars waiting to enter the property.

More than thirty days have passed, and I would like to schedule a meeting with you along with Police Chief Charlie Beck and Department of Transportation General Manager Jon Mukri to discuss how we can implement a better traffic management plan for all surrounding neighborhoods.

As a long-time Angeleno, I fully support the success of the Los Angeles Dodgers not only as a key sports



franchise but also as a major economic driver for the greater LA region. However, I believe we can work together to ensure that the impacts of the team's success can be just as positive to the residents I represent who also live adjacent to the stadium.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MITCH O'FARRELL". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "O".

**MITCH O'FARRELL**

*Councilmember, 13th District*

cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti  
Chief Charlie Beck, Los Angeles Police Department  
Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Department of Transportation