

GIANT MUSIC FESTIVAL PROPOSED FOR OCTOBER 2017 IN THE SEPULVEDA DAM BASIN (WOODLEY PARK) Deadline to comment is prior to May 27, 2016

A giant three-day music festival called Angelfest is being planned for October 2017 adjacent to the Sepulveda Wildlife Reserve in the Sepulveda Dam Basin (Woodley Park). The proposed event will run from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. each day.

The Board of the Studio City Residents Association strongly opposes this event at this location for the following reasons:

- Music with high-volume acoustics (loud speakers) will be played on five stages, which will impact area residents and the wildlife preserve on this site;
- Pyrotechnics and intense lighting will be used with the potential for damage to the park, wildlife and surrounding neighborhoods;
- 65,000 people are expected to attend with the potential for massive congestion in the area; and
- The proposed 26 days for load-in and tear-down will dramatically hinder access and enjoyment of the park by the community.

The proposed festival occurs during the fall bird migration. It will impact access to the park for visitors. It has the potential for major destruction of a designated wildlife reserve. There will be impact to access to the park by local residents and visitors and is a total disregard of the needs and interests of those who live and work in the surrounding neighborhoods.

While the Angelfest event at this location would not occur until October 2017, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which manages the site, must make a crucial decision now about how to proceed. The Environmental Assessment Statement to the Corps states that this event will have NO significant impact on the Sepulveda Basin Reserve. This conclusion is being challenged.

The public comment deadline to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers is on or before May 27, 2016. If you would like to have your voice heard, please send your comments to Angelfest.2016@USACE.Army.mil The contact is Deborah Lamb.

You can sign and share the on-line petition at <https://works.audubon.org/petition/stop-giant-music-festival-harming-sepulveda-wildlife-reserve>

Additional information is posted at StudioCityResidents.org

Following are suggested points to include. Please feel free to add your own comments:

- The promoters want the Army Corps to suspend many sensible and long-standing rules regarding large crowds in the park.
- The crowds, noise, lights and pyrotechnics are damaging to the park, its wildlife and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Access and enjoyment of the park will be impeded during the event's 26-day load-in and take-down period.
- Approval by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would set a precedent that risks turning a peaceful verdant park into a fairground.
- Angelfest is grossly over-sized for Woodley Park and the adjacent wildlife reserve.