Angelfest is a threat to Woodley Park and the Sepulveda Wildlife Reserve

- The festival intrudes into the protected Wildlife Reserve.
    - There are significant incursions into the Wildlife Area at Woodley Avenue, Haskell Creek and all along the north edge of the Reserve according to Festival Site Plan in EA.
    - Woodley III (landscaped portion of the Wildlife Area east of Haskell Creek) should not be a part of this, or any other, large event.

- The festival harms resident and migrating birds, as well as other wildlife through:
    - noise
    - massive human activity
    - heavy equipment
    - pyrotechnics
    - 24 hour lighting

- The impact of 65,000 people plus heavy trucks on the park turf cannot be mitigated or restored.
    - The habitat of soil-dwelling organisms, part of the essential food chain for insectivores and raptors, will be destroyed. There is not enough park to provide organisms for repopulation.
    - Turf replacement costs $6-10,000 per acre, never mind additional water costs. MGG's $50,00 bond for all repairs is grossly inadequate.

- Angelfest will be a three-year event (at least) that turns Woodley Park into a fairgrounds.
    - Permit issued by LA Rec & Parks is for three years.
    - The EA states: "The Proposed Festival could occur in subsequent years, potentially being a recurring annual festival, and would be a factor in determining other special event proposals."

Angelfest is is a breach of public trust and
violates the policies and intent of Woodley Park and the Wildlife Reserve.

- The festival strains the Army Corps' "Environmental Operating Principles" to the breaking point.

- The festival conflicts with multiple policies established by the Army Corps in Sepulveda Basin Master Plan.

- LA RAP own web site asserts: "...the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve is haven of rest for wildlife and humans alike, a welcome oasis within an urban setting." "The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve today is one of the finest refuges of its kind within a major urban area in the country. It serves not only as a restored natural habitat for wildlife but as a living laboratory for all to enjoy."

- Public access to many park facilities will be lost for a minimum of 27 days. If serious remediation of damage to the park is part of "putting things back the way they were," entire areas of the park will be "offline," potentially for months.

- Angelfest planning, initiated in 2013, was hidden from the public until late 2015.

Environmental and Community Groups Opposing Angelfest

- California Native Plant Society, Los Angeles-Santa Monica Chapter
- San Fernando Valley Audubon Society
- Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society
- Pasadena Audubon Society
- Homeowners of Encino
- Studio City Residents Association
- Valley Flyers
- Woodley Park Archers
- Add your group to this list, contact stopangelfest@svfaudubon.org

More info, links to our petition opposing Angelfest and other action items at sfvaudubon.org

What You'll Hear from MGG	The Facts
Angelfest avoids the Wildlife Area	• Make Good Group's own site plan/map contradicts this. • Noise, pyrotechnics and lights late into the night cannot be fenced off.
There is no threat to wildlife.	• Woodley Park is a delicate ecosystem that has developed over decades, supporting and nourishing one of the only Wildlife Reserves in SoCal.
We're going to put everything back the way it was.	• This may not be possible even with massive expenditure. • The bond put up by promoters is a miniscule $50,000. • Remediation measures could make large parts of the park inaccessible to the public for longer than setup and take-down period.
We're following the rules.	• No. They're changing the rules. • Several Army Corps of Engineers policies regarding size of crowds, amount of noise, hours of operation and the making of profits in the park will be waived if approval is given.
We've been open and aboveboard with the public.	• Angelfest planning started in 2013. • Public not informed until Nov. 2015. No media coverage until Mar. 2016.
Angelfest won't turn Woodley Park into a festival grounds.	• MGG /LA RAP statements specify 3 year or indefinitely recurring event. • In other words, a precedent will be set for a festival grounds.
We're green.	• "Green" music festivals are common. They're all "green." • A giant festival in an Environmentally Sensitive Habitat is not green. • Heavy trucks & huge generators burning bio-diesel still tear up the turf.
Angelfest is contributing $250K to parks, upfront.	• Claims surrounding this payment are confusing and contradictory. • $250 K is much smaller than a typical venue rental fee for an event this size. • LA RAP made a terrible deal. Lollapalooza pays 10 times more to Chicago.
Angelfest will contribute money to the Parks Foundation.	• No contract between MGG and the Parks Foundation has been made public which means no visible guarantees of any large donation. • MGG claims 3% to LA parks. Lollapalooza paid 13.5% to Chicago parks. • A large event like this is fraught with financial pitfalls.
Other large events have been held in Woodley Park.	• The EA overstates attendance at prior events. • Angelfest is orders of magnitude larger than any previous event. • No previous event was ever in or even close to the Wildlife Reserve.
Angelfest will be safe.	• Entry and egress to the park is not designed for crowds of this magnitude. • Coachella 2016: 142 arrests. Two security guards stabbed.
We'll manage traffic.	• Much smaller events gridlock traffic. We know how bad traffic is already.
Angelfest will bring employment to the Valley.	• A few days working for food and drink vendors isn't exactly "employment." • The SFV United Chambers of Commerce is not pro-Angelfest.
Los Angeles conservation groups support Angelfest.	• .A number of conservation & community groups *oppose* Angelfest • Over 5,300 people have signed the petition opposing Angelfest. • The few entities that have stated their support have little to do with the SFV and almost nothing to do with the Basin
Angelfest is a win-win for everyone.	• Peaceful, verdant Woodley Park could become a fairgrounds. • There is no guarantee of a large donation to the parks. • Traffic gridlock could cause local businesses to lose money. • The community will be disrupted. • MGG hopes to make 10's of millions over the years.

EA = Environmental Assessment   MGG = Make Good Group, the marketing company behind Angelfest   RAP = Recreation & Parks