

Communication from Public

Name: charles horwitz

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been a neighbor and stakeholder at 2630 Bentley Avenue since 1998. Per our previous discussions, many neighbors have requested that the walkway between Sepulveda Blvd and Bentley Ave be closed off between the streets approximately halfway down the walkway to allow our Sepulveda apartment owner neighbor to have access to having their trash can be accessible. We are continuing to have easy incursions into our neighborhood from homeless and transients from the Sepulveda Blvd encampments under the 405/10 freeway. It is a continual problem as many of these people have loitered into our neighborhood. Recently, on July 15, 2024 at approximately 9:00 PM, a drug induced man tried to break into our home, while my wife and son were at home. I was not at home. Thank god my neighbors heard a commotion and investigated and drove the man away. LAPD was called, arrived shortly after, but did not find the man. These circumstances are happening more and more in and around our neighborhood and continuing to give people simple entry who have no stake into our neighborhood and is untenable. Closing off the walkway will curtail easy access to the homes and stakeholders closest to this access point. Please approve the walkway as proposed by our council person. Sincerely, Charles Horwitz 2630 Bentley Avenue, 90064

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Name: Carmel O'Mara-Horwitz

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Comments for Public Posting: I live at 2630 Bentley. We have had many homeless problems with the people who set up camp on Sepulveda, under the freeway. We have had a homeless woman passed out on drugs laid out on our driveway, one who recently tried to break in our home while I was here without my husband present, and many homeless who have walked in our backyards up and down the street. It is now a problem that the city must address by making access from the encampment harder to do. I'm sure the city did not intend for this to be a problem when it was built in the 60's, but we are not living in the 60's anymore. I feel uncomfortable walking down the walkway and won't use it nor do the women neighbors the street I speak to going to use it while there are homeless making us feel unsafe in this area. Please close off the walkway and only give neighbors keys for access. Thank you.

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Name: Julian Horwitz

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Julian Horwitz. I have lived on Bentley Avenue my whole life. I am going off to college soon and I am worried about my parent's safety. Recently, when my dad was not home, my mother and I experienced a homeless man trying to break in to our home. He kept saying, "This is my home! This is MY Home!" Luckily our front door was locked and our large dogs were barking. Our neighbors came out to see what the noise was. The homeless man then tried to come into our backyard. Again, luckily, our gate was locked. My mom called the police and our neighbors threatened the homeless man. He left and was not caught. This is not the only time we have had problems with homeless people either breaking into empty homes, stealing packages off of the front doors of our neighbors or breaking into our cars. We have neighbors who are pregnant with their first child. They say they won't walk the neighborhood in fear of being accosted by the homeless. This did not happen when I was a child. I always felt safe in my neighborhood. Giving the Sepulveda homeless an easy way to get into our neighborhoods is now not good. I hope that you can somehow give access to our neighbors at the apartments on Sepulveda some access so they are not inconvenienced, but the current state is not okay and needs to be addressed by the LAPD and the city.