

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Justin Lau

**Date Submitted:** 08/13/2024 10:34 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0946

**Comments for Public Posting:** Justin Lau and Winnie Lee, homeowners at 2647 S Bentley Ave, request that the council approve the closure of the walkway between Sepulveda Blvd. and Bentley Ave. The walkway has been an area of concern for my family, as well as neighbors in the area. In the past couple of months, there has been an increase of people sleeping in the walkway and leaving trash in the surrounding area. The proximity to an active encampment beneath the freeway on Sepulveda Blvd. contributes to loitering in the walkway even at night. Thank you for considering our comments in your decision.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Mandelberg

**Date Submitted:** 08/13/2024 04:04 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0946

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in favor of closing off the walkway between Sepulveda Blvd and Bentley Ave. I've been a neighbor and stakeholder at 2633 Bentley Ave since 2022. The reason I feel that the closure needs to happen is for safety and sanitation. More and more transients and homeless are using the easement to loiter in the community. Break ins are happening more commonly with the most recent occurring on July 15th. I've witnessed an intoxicated or drug induced man passed out on my front lawn. I've experienced individuals stare threatening as they slowly meander through my family orientated community. Being so close to the walkway I and my wife do not feel safe walking our dog at all hours of the day and night. We need to limit access from the encampment under the 10 freeway and Sepulveda. Please help make Rancho Park safer. Thank you, Michael Mandelberg 2633 S Bentley Ave

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mark

**Date Submitted:** 08/13/2024 07:11 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the installation of a gate in the walkway between Bentley/Brookhaven and Sepulveda Blvd. Although I sometimes use the walkway myself ( bicycle ) I don't ever recall any of my neighbors using the walkway, and we have had some petty theft as well as unstable individuals wandering through the neighborhood.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stefanie

**Date Submitted:** 08/13/2024 08:00 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I have lived the past 2+ years at 2633 S Bentley Ave. I would like to request a gate to close the pathway between Sepulveda and Bentley Ave. On multiple occasions I have felt unsafe as people living from the encampment under the freeway on sepulveda wander through the neighborhood (often drug induced and shouting scary messages towards me). As a petite, pregnant woman I have had multiple scary incidents in which I questioned my safety while walking my dog or outside my home. As these situations continue to happen and I hear of additional dangerous situations from my neighbors I strongly request this walkway be closed. Thank you. Stefanie Weintraub Mandelberg 2633 S Bentley Ave

## Communication from Public

**Name:** West of Westwood HOA

**Date Submitted:** 08/13/2024 08:01 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** West of Westwood HOA had worked with CD5 for several years to address the increase in problems this walkway has caused the community. LAPD reported an increase in crimes on Bentley, Brookhaven and Tilden with people using this walkway, The residential community does not use the walkway. It also creates a safety concern for illegal activity that occurs on Sepulveda and in the walkway. The gates can be installed on at the front and back property line of the house located at Bentley/Brookhaven-the entrance to the walkway. This will allow the Apt Building on Sepulveda to have full access to their property while preventing access to the walkway

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Westside Neighborhood Council

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The Westside Neighborhood Council supports the closure of the pedestrian Brookhaven/Sepulveda Walkway adjacent to the 405 and 10 underpass that connects Sepulveda Boulevard to Brookhaven and Bentley. This walkway provides direct access from the Sepulveda Boulevard underpass to Brookhaven Ave and the 2600 blocks of Bentley, Tilden and Military avenues. The lack of resources to maintain the walkway as a clean, safe environment, the walkway has become a safety issue. Residents no longer use the walkway to access Sepulveda Blvd. This walkway enables criminal activities, including but not limited to burglary, attempted burglary, assaults/attempted assault, and automobile theft/break-ins. Closure of this walkway will limit access to this neighborhood from Sepulveda Blvd. We encourage you to join the WNC, WOWHOA and Councilwoman Yaroslavsky in supporting the closure of the Brookhaven/Sepulveda Walkway.