

August 13, 2024

To: The Honorable Councilpersons of the City of Los Angeles
% Vanessa Saldana and Councilperson Katy Yaroslavsky

Re: Proposed Walkway Closing - Brookhaven/Sepulveda/Bentley

Ms. Saldana,

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