


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: October 30, 2012

To: The Honorable City Council, City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk, Room 395
Attention: Honorable Bill Rosendahl, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Jaime de la Vega, General Manager 
Department of Transportation

Subject: **ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT NO. 546 IN
THE DEL REY AREA OF CD 11**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) has conducted a study at the request of the 11th Council District and the Pacific Area Police Station's Commanding Officer and is recommending the establishment of an Overnight Parking District (OPD) in the Del Rey Area of CD 11.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FIND that the Police Department should have the primary responsibility for the enforcement of the authorized overnight parking restrictions in OPD No. 546, with support from LADOT Parking Enforcement, since the reported problems involve criminal activity.
2. ADOPT the attached Resolution establishing OPD No. 546 in the area bounded in a clockwise fashion by: Slauson Avenue between Culver Boulevard and Barman Street, Barman Street between Slauson Avenue and Berryman Avenue, Slauson Avenue between Barman Street and Braddock Drive, Braddock Drive between Slauson Avenue and Inglewood Boulevard, Inglewood Boulevard between Braddock Drive and Culver Boulevard and Culver Boulevard between Inglewood Boulevard and Slauson Avenue.
3. AUTHORIZE the Department of Transportation to immediately post signs upon adoption of the Resolution which state: "No Parking, 2 AM to 6 AM, District No. 546 Permits Exempt" parking restriction on Barman Street between Berryman Avenue and Slauson Avenue.
4. AUTHORIZE permit sales to all residents of OPD No. 546.
5. AUTHORIZE the "No Parking, 2 AM to 6 AM" parking restriction for any street segment within OPD No. 546 where there is no residential or park frontage on either side of the street.

6. AUTHORIZE the posting of "No Parking, 2 AM to 6 AM; District No. 546 Permits Exempt" parking restriction on all unposted residential street segments within OPD 546, upon receipt by LADOT of written request from the councilmember for the OPD.
7. INSTRUCT the LADOT to initiate the necessary procedures to prepare, issue, and collect payments for Overnight Parking Permits from the residents of OPD No. 546 in accordance with Section 80.54 of the LAMC, where the following permit conditions will apply:
 - a. Maximum of 3 Resident Permits per dwelling unit at \$15 each per year
 - b. Maximum of 2 Visitor Permits per dwelling unit at \$10 each per four months
 - c. Maximum of 25 Guest Permits per dwelling unit per day at \$1 each per day
 - d. Sales of Guest Permits in excess of 25 per dwelling unit per day require written approval of Council Office.
8. DIRECT the LADOT to remove the authorized OPD No. 546 parking restrictions for any of the street segments within OPD No. 546 upon receiving written instructions from the Council Office representing the specific street segment requesting the removal of such signs, except where parking is currently prohibited at all times in the interest of traffic flow or safety.

DISCUSSION

The area described in Recommendation No. 2 is developed with single- and multi-family dwellings some of which have no off-street parking. The residents depend on being able to park in the street near their homes but are frequently unable to find parking on the block because of overnight parking by non-residents.

The residents of Barman Street between Berryman Avenue and Slauson Avenue submitted petitions to the Council Office and LADOT indicating substantial support for the posting of their block with signs restricting parking between 2:00 am and 6:00 am. Therefore, that street segment will be posted upon adoption of the Resolution. However, no additional street segments shall be posted with restrictive signs to prohibit parking between 2:00 am to 6:00 am unless and until the LADOT receives a written request for posting from the councilmember for the street segment.

Both daytime and early morning studies of the area were conducted to determine the adequacy of off-street parking. During the daylight study, it was apparent that many of the residences did not have any off-street parking available and were wholly reliant on street parking. Between 2:00 am and 3:00 am on September 1, 2012, LADOT staff conducted studies in the area of the proposed OPD and determined that street parking was completely utilized and some vehicles were parked extending from the apron.

There were no vehicles that appeared to be associated with criminal activity set forth in the letter from the LAPD, at the time of the study and which might be forced to relocate once OPD restrictions are posted. However, any vehicles displaced would have other adequate parking opportunities. Therefore, on-street parking with permits for residents was determined to be essential in this district, which would also facilitate crime prevention efforts by the LAPD.

Based on the LAPD request and the apparent need for the residents to be able to park on the street, LADOT recommends that the City Council authorize the sale of permits as set forth in Recommendation No. 7.

Requiring unarmed LADOT traffic officers to enforce a parking restriction between 2:00 am and 6:00 am in order to deter a criminal activity the parking restriction is designed to address (i.e., using a parked vehicle on city streets for living quarters in violation of LAMC, Section 85.02) would likely subject the traffic officers to confrontations and assaults. Therefore, LADOT recommends that the LAPD have the primary responsibility for enforcement of the authorized overnight parking restrictions in the proposed OPO, with support from LADOT Parking Enforcement, because the reported problem is primarily criminal activity and not simply illegal parking.

The City Council has the authority under LAMC, Section 80.54(b) to "establish by resolution, Overnight Parking Districts with appropriate boundaries and authorize parking restrictions to be in effect on the streets thereof between 2:00 am and 6:00 am. The resolution ...shall state the maximum number and type of Overnight Parking Permits that may be issued to anyone dwelling. The resolution shall also establish the fee charged for each type of Overnight Parking Permit." The City Council also has the authority by the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.54(c), "to authorize, by resolution, the LADOT to issue permits for an Overnight Parking District if such proposed district is a residential area lacking adequate off-street parking facilities."

BACKGROUND

On December 9, 2009, the Department of Transportation received a letter from Councilmember Rosendahl on behalf of the residents of Barman Street between Slauson Avenue and Berryman Avenue supporting the establishment of an OPD as requested by the Del Rey Neighborhood Council, which had submitted petitions in support of establishment of this district and posting of the signs. In his written request to LADOT, the Councilmember specified that the "No Parking, 2 AM to 6 AM" restriction, which exempt the residents of the OPD from enforcement, shall be posted immediately upon adoption of this OPD by the City Council without the need for any petitions from the residents for all street segments listed under Recommendation 3 above.

On April 1, 2010, the Department of Transportation received an additional letter (copy attached) from the Councilmember, on behalf of another group of residents of the Del Rey community bounded by Slauson Avenue between Culver Boulevard and Braddock Drive, Braddock Drive between Slauson Avenue and Inglewood Boulevard, Inglewood

Boulevard between Braddock Drive and Culver Boulevard, and Culver Boulevard between Inglewood Boulevard and Slauson Avenue in the Del Rey area of West Los Angeles. Both letters affirmed his support for LADOT to proceed with the approval process and implementation of an OPD for these areas and further indicated the request had the support of the Del Rey Neighborhood Council. Electronic correspondence from the Council Staff confirmed that these two requests could be joined into a single district on April 1, 2011.

After approval of the Resolution, posting or removal of signs from street segment within the district shall only require a letter from the Councilmember.

On March 31, 2010, Captain Jon Peters, the Commanding Officer of the Pacific Area Station of the Los Angeles Police Department wrote to LADOT requesting the department's assistance in addressing quality of life crime issues for Barman Street between Slauson Avenue and Berryman Avenue. The letter stated that the criminal activities were associated with parked vehicles, and vehicles being stored on the street, and very large vehicles which impair visibility. The Police Department requested the installation of "No Parking, 2 AM to 6 AM" parking restrictions, with an exemption for vehicles with permits.

On April 9, 2010, Captain Peters sent another letter requesting the establishment of another OPD for the streets bounded by Slauson Avenue between Culver Boulevard and Braddock Drive, Braddock Drive between Slauson Avenue and Inglewood Boulevard, Inglewood Boulevard between Braddock Drive and Culver Boulevard, and Culver Boulevard between Inglewood Boulevard and Slauson Avenue.

The September 1, 2012 parking study established that there was inadequate parking supply for residents between 2 AM and 6 AM and that residents would benefit from permits allowing them to park on the streets where OPD signs are posted

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

LADOT staff from the Parking Permit Division has conducted an analysis and investigation of the proposed permit parking district and has concluded that, under the State CEQA guidelines, the changes are subject to a Class I Categorical Exemption under § 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines because changes in parking restrictions for this district are operational and will not expand the existing use of the streets or change parking demand. Furthermore, displacement of other vehicles is expected to be minimal.

The LADOT staff also determined that the exceptions to the categorical exemption for cumulative impact, significant effect, scenic highway, hazardous waste site or historical resource do not apply to this district. (See 2002 City CEQA Guidelines, Article III, 1.a.3.)

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

OPDs with permits for residents and their guests are considered a special service, and the city is entitled to fully recover the costs of administering, posting, maintaining and enforcing these OPDs through the fees charged for permits. In addition to recovering the full cost of the Overnight Parking Program from permit fees, the city will gain additional General Fund revenue from the issuance of parking citations to violators of the OPD's parking restrictions.

COORDINATION

Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, Council District 11, and the Los Angeles Police Department sent letters requesting the establishment of this OPD in the Del Rey Area of Council District 11. The Councilmember and LAPD believe that an OPD is the best possible solution to remedy the overnight parking problem on these street segments and will assist the Police in their enforcement efforts. The LADOT has prepared this report and draft Resolution establishing OPD No. 546 for the Del Rey Area of Council District 11 and posting of Barman Street between Slauson and Berryman Avenues based on the petitioning of the block residents.

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Attachments

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT NO. 546 IN THE DEL REY AREA OF COUNCIL DISTRICT 11

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has received written requests from Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, 11th Council District, and the Los Angeles Police Department requesting that the Department of Transportation establish an Overnight Parking District (OPD) for Del Rey Area of Council District 11 bounded in a clockwise manner by: Slauson Avenue between Culver Boulevard and Barman Street, Barman Street between Slauson Avenue and Berryman Avenue, Slauson Avenue between Barman Street and Braddock Drive, Braddock Drive between Slauson Avenue and Inglewood Boulevard, Inglewood Boulevard between Braddock Drive and Culver Boulevard, and Culver Boulevard between Inglewood Boulevard and Slauson Avenue, to address public nuisance problems such as people sleeping in vehicles, narcotics activity, and engagement in lewd activities; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council, by Ordinance No. 176,861, effective September 14, 2005, provided for the establishment of Overnight Parking Districts by Resolution of the Council in each case, under Section 80.54 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, requiring the unarmed LADOT Traffic Officers to enforce a parking restriction between 2:00 am and 6:00 am in order to deter the criminal activities the parking restriction is designed to address would likely subject the Traffic Officers to criminal assaults, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.54(c), the City Council may authorize LADOT to issue Overnight Parking Permits in residential areas with inadequate off-street parking, which exempt residents and their guests from the overnight parking restrictions, with the maximum numbers of permits and their fees specified in the Resolution establishing the OPD.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.54 hereby establishes OPD No. 546 for the area bounded in a clockwise fashion by : Slauson Avenue between Culver Boulevard and Barman Street, Barman Street between Slauson Avenue and Berryman Avenue, Slauson Avenue between Barman Street and Braddock Drive, Braddock Drive between Slauson Avenue and Inglewood Boulevard, Inglewood Boulevard between Braddock Drive and Culver Boulevard, and Culver Boulevard between Inglewood Boulevard and Slauson Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of OPD No. 546 through the adoption of this Resolution, the Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to post the "NO PARKING 2 AM to 6 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 546 PERMITS EXEMPT" on Barman Street between Slauson Avenue and Berryman Avenue, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of written instructions from the Council District office representing the specific street segment within OPD 546, the LADOT is hereby authorized and directed to install or remove, "NO PARKING 2 AM to 6

AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 546 PERMITS EXEMPT" parking restriction signs throughout OPD No. 546, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited at all times in the interest of traffic flow or safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon written receipt of instructions from the Council District office representing the specific street segment within OPD 546, the LADOT is hereby authorized and directed to install or remove "NO PARKING, 2 AM TO 6 AM " parking restrictions where there is no residential or park frontage on either side of the street, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles Police Department shall have the primary responsibility for enforcement of the authorized nightly parking restrictions in OPD No. 546 once the restrictions have been posted by LADOT; and

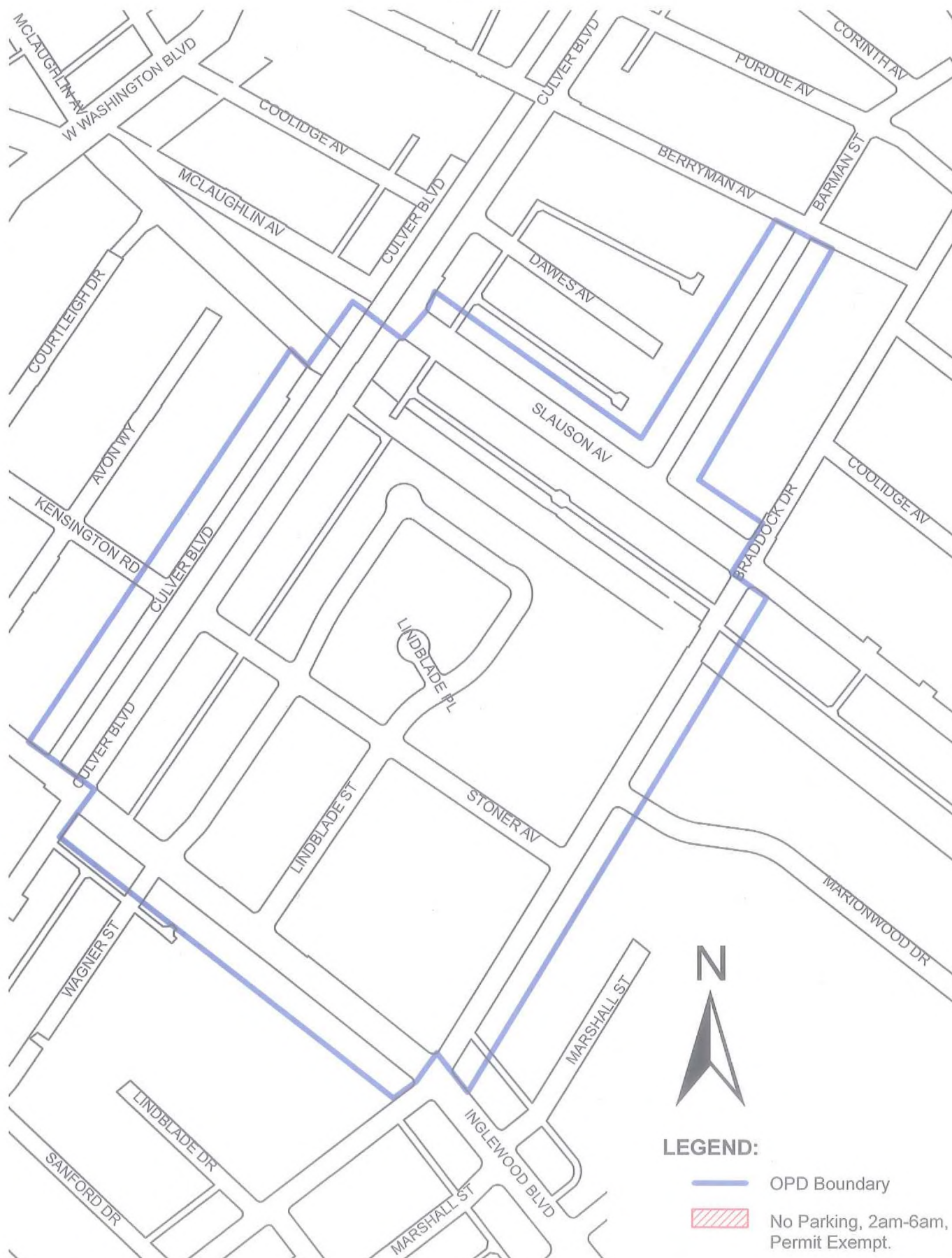
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation shall issue a maximum of three Resident Permits to each Dwelling Unit in OPD No. 546 for a fee of \$15.00 each per year; a maximum of two Visitor Permits per dwelling unit at any one time valid for a maximum of four months at a fee of \$10.00 per permit; and a maximum of 25 one-day Guest Permits for the same day for a fee of \$1.00 per permit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the issuance of more than 25 one-day Guest Permits for the same day to a single dwelling unit shall require submittal to LADOT of prior written approval of the Council Office representing OPD No. 546; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation be directed to take the appropriate steps to prepare, issue and require payments for permits from the residents of this OPD in accordance with Section 80.54 of the LAMC and this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation shall collect payments derived from the sale of parking permits to residents of OPD No. 546, and remit these funds to the Treasury of the City of Los Angeles for deposit into the "Permit Parking Program Revenue Fund" in accordance with Division 5, Chapter 6, Article 3, Section 5.119.5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 11
PROPOSED**





BILL ROSENDAHL

City of Los Angeles
Councilmember, Eleventh District

December 9, 2009

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Rita Robinson
General Manager
Department of Transportation
100 S. Main Street, 10th Floor
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Mail Stop 725

Dear Rita,

I write to support the establishment of an overnight parking district (OPD) on Barman Avenue, between Slauson Avenue and Berryman Avenue in Del Rey. The establishment of an OPD is necessary to provide immediate relief to neighborhood residents from a public safety nuisance. The Los Angeles Police Department and the Del Rey Neighborhood Council support the proposed OPD. The request for an OPD was heard in the Planning and Land Use Committee of the Del Rey Neighborhood Council and later by the full board of the Del Rey Neighborhood Council on June 11, 2009. The motion was properly moved, seconded, and passed by a wide margin. Furthermore, the appropriate petitions were submitted to your office for consideration.

Please contact my Field Deputy, Nancy Franco, at 310-568-8772 or nancy.franco@lacity.org if you require further information or have any questions. I appreciate your assistance.

Regards,

BILL ROSENDAHL
Councilmember, 11th District

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cc: ✓ Yadi Hashemi

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ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
Mayor

March 31, 2010

Department of Transportation
Mohammad Blorfroshan, Transportation Engineer
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Dear Mohammad Blorfroshan:

The Los Angeles Police Department would like to recommend "No Parking from 2am to 6am; Permits Exempt" parking restrictions be implemented on Barman Avenue, between Slauson Avenue and Berryman Avenue. For street segments adjacent to residential frontage, permits may be issued by the Department of Transportation allowing residents to have exemptions from these restrictions so that they can park near their homes.

It has been reported that residents along Slauson Avenue are using Barman Avenue to store their extra vehicles. Some are construction and gardening vehicles that do not belong to the residents on Barman Avenue. This drastically limits available parking spaces on Barman Avenue. Furthermore, many of the trucks are large, making it almost impossible to see approaching traffic. Our Department would like to take a proactive stance and try to solve this problem. This in turn will keep quality of life at a high standard, keep traffic flowing safely, minimize the possibility of injury to human life, and keep the community safe.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Pacific Area Senior Lead Officer Drake Madison at (310) 622-3972.

Very truly yours,

CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

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JON F. PETERS, Captain
Area Commanding Officer
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April 1, 2010

Rita Robinson, General Manager
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Dear Ms. Robinson:

RE: REQUEST FOR AN OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT IN DEL REY

I write in support of the establishment of an Overnight Parking District (OPD) for the 11900 and 11800 blocks of Wagner Street and Lindblade Street in Del Rey. The establishment of an OPD is necessary to provide immediate relief to neighborhood residents from the lack of parking. This public nuisance is caused by people from outside the neighborhood parking on these residential streets for days at a time. In addition, the owners of these vehicles frequently litter the street, participate in public arguments, and have caused vehicular accidents.

The proposed OPD would prohibit overnight parking on these blocks from 2AM to 6AM, except for those vehicles with the appropriate permits. The boundaries of the OPD should be as follows:

- * Slauson Avenue between Culver Boulevard and Braddock Drive
- * Braddock Drive between Slauson Avenue and Inglewood Boulevard
- * Inglewood Boulevard between Braddock Drive and Culver Boulevard
- * Culver Boulevard between Inglewood Boulevard and Slauson Avenue

Once the City Council has adopted a resolution establishing this OPD, the Department of Transportation should proceed with the immediate installation of "No Parking 2 AM to 6 AM Nightly, Vehicles with District No. 547 Permits Exempted" parking restriction on the aforementioned streets. I request the Department of Transportation proceed with the approval process and implementation of an OPD. In addition to my support, the Del Rey Neighborhood Council supports the proposed OPD.

Please contact my Field Deputy, Nancy Franco, at 310-568-8772 or nancy.franco@lacity.org if you require further information or have any questions. I appreciate your assistance.

Regards,

BILL ROSENDAHL
Councilmember, 11th District

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April 9, 2010

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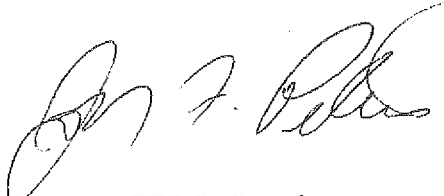
We request the Department of Transportation proceed with the approval process and implementation of an OPD. In addition to our support, the Del Rey Neighborhood Council and Councilman Bill Rosendahl's Office supports the proposed OPD.

Mr. Yadi Hashemi
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If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Sergeant Jeffrey Merlo, Officer-in-Charge of Pacific Area Senior Lead and Community Relations office, at (310) 202-4524 or Senior Lead Officer Drake Madison at (310) 622-3972.

Very truly yours,

CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

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JON F. PETERS, Captain
Area Commanding Officer
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