

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Council File: 19-0666 Title 3363-3550 Dixie Canyon Avenue / Public Nuisance / Temporary Closure Council District: 4 Pending in Committee Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee Mover DAVID E. RYU Second BOB BLUMENFIELD Action I urge you to approve a temporary closure of Dixie Canyon Avenue between 3550 Dixie Canyon Avenue to 3369 Beverly Ranch Road. From: Steven Ziel, President – Dixie Canyon Association Background: On January 6, 1995 the City Council voted to remove the dirt section of Dixie Canyon Ave from public use, due to “Criminal Activity and dumping”, section 21101.4. (File number 93-1878-S1) The city installed large gates with locks at each end of the dirt road. The West gate is at 3369 Beverly Ranch Road, Beverly Hills, 90210 and the East gate is at 3550 Dixie Canyon Ave Sherman Oaks, 91423. This stopped the problems. This section of Dixie Canyon Avenue is dirt, with no paving, and is commonly known in the area by the residents as “Dirt Dixie.” It is used by area residents as a hiking trail, a place to enjoy nature and the tranquility of Los Angeles in the hills. Since the temporary closure expired, the locks on the gates have been cut with criminal intent. With the gates unlocked, illegal dumping is happening, people are setting off fireworks, some are riding motor bikes, and other illegal activities have started up again. I have reported a break-in at our home and a neighbor’s home to the police. After completing a police report, the police thought the persons who broke-in to our homes were on ‘Dirt-Dixie’ and saw that our homes were not occupied at the time. Neighbors with homes adjacent to the west gate have hired a private security firm, ADT, to patrol every 8 hours to try to deter this criminal activity from the west end of the road. Rains have washed out several sections of ‘Dirt Dixie’, so a motor vehicle cannot be safely traverse the road, but many vehicles try anyway. I have reported the washed-out road sections, the illegal dumping and the illegal fireworks to the Fire Department and the Department of Water and Power. They say they can do nothing. Thank you for your consideration and support. Steven Ziel President Dixie Canyon Association

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