

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee, My husband and I live and own the house at 5822 Lexington Ave and would like to put into the record the condition of the properties at 5806 & 5817 Lexington. We have been pleading with the owner of these homes to find a way to keep them secure. He has done very little other than putting up a chainlink fence that is not fortified. Our entire neighborhood is uncomfortable, scared, and unhappy with the lack of care and attention demonstrated thus far by this developer. The neighbors have multiple texts from the owner saying he would fix the fence and secure the property. He only comes out after we contact the city and the LAPD. The ONLY reason we don't stick our heads over the fence and yell at these trespassers is in fear of them getting mad and somehow retaliating and causing damage to our homes. I've attached several photos from April 2021 showing the current condition of the homes. Also, Google street view images showing these were good homes in a nice neighborhood. The current owner is intentionally letting these homes go to ruin and putting us in harm's way. My workload does not allow me to be present at the meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. I hope you will read and consider my comments below. The list below (and there are more!) shows you the owner does not care about the neighborhood and keeping it safe. It feels as if he is purposely ignoring the properties and putting us in harm's way. This is a bullying tactic.

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- Almost daily, we neighbors report these trespassers to the LAPD.
- It is the neighbor living next door at 5802 Lexington who has been purchasing locks and chains in an attempt to keep people out. The chains last maybe a day or so until someone cuts them off.
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helicopter. One has multiple felony warrants for assault. • April 2021 — The owner brought in a large dumpster to “clean up” the property. What actually happened is the dumpster was filled in one day and was left there for over six weeks. To the point where people were living inside the dumpster! We had to contact Mitch O’Farrell’s office to help force the developer to have it removed finally. • The day of the arrests, approximately 8 LAPD cars were on our street with the police in full protective gear and rifles drawn. • Feb 2021—A transient set fire to the neighbor’s trashcan overnight • January 18, 2021 — The resident living at 1173 Van Ness thwarted an attempted robbery from someone that jumped into their yard over the 8’ fence separating their property from 5806 Lexington. They were attempting to steal a bicycle and some tools. The neighbor chased them off with a baseball bat and made a report with the police. Needless to say, they are furious. • On January 8, 2021—a person was on the roof of 5817, screaming and acting strongly, and the LAFD was called to get him down. January 29, 2021 — squatters were able to jerry-rig electricity from the sidewalk pole. Open wires stretched across the sidewalk during a rainstorm! The Bureau of Street Lighting come by and cap the opening the next day. • November 27, 2020—5817 caught on fire! The fire was entirely inside the walls of the home and exploded through the roof. The LAFD was able to contain the blaze, but only after putting the firemen at risk. We cannot enforce the laws, and we should not have to live with this type of danger next door to us. We are hard-working citizens who care deeply about our neighborhood. Thank you, Frankie Holt; 5822 Lexington Ave

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DIR-2019-7067-TOC-1A
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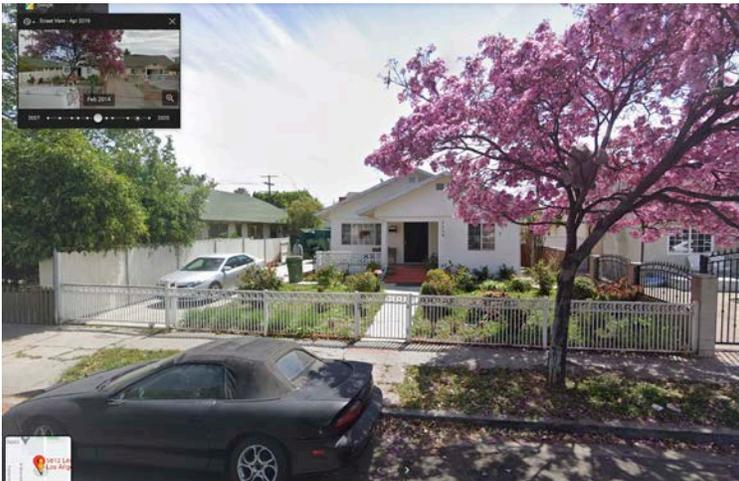
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Frontyard: 5812 Lexington Ave., April 2021



Frontyard: 5806 & 5812 Lexington Ave., Google street view of how it used to look.



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Backyard: 5806 Lexington Ave

