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Mr. Bert Moklebust
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201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 290
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Re: Closure of alleyway and posting of no parking signage due to repeated fires related to homeless encampments

Dear Mr. Moklebust:

This letter is regarding the Western Truck Exchange, located at 159 East Manchester. The Los Angeles Police Department has received 99 calls for service over the past two years from this location and the immediate surrounding area. The alley which extends to Main and the rear of the El Pollo Loco establishment provides a place for the homeless to congregate, set up encampments and the disposal of waste, including human waste, resulting in countless clean ups by the Department of Sanitation. The illegal dumping has generated an increase in the rodent population which presents a health issue for the community. The transients at this location consistently occupy the curb space outside of the east wall of the Western Truck Exchange where they reside in vans and RV's, dumping trash, blocking the pedestrian walkway, and setting fires as evidenced by the 5 fires over the past 2 years. This has repeatedly happened placing the community in harms way. In addition to the loitering and fires, there have been numerous crimes consisting of robberies, narcotic use, drinking in public, aggravated assaults and thefts from motor vehicles.

In response to this myriad of issues I recommend installation of posted signage on Wall Street outside of the company prohibiting overnight parking and/or designating the east curb as a red zone. This will provide law enforcement options by providing a legal deterrent to the overnight parking issues and would help to prevent the incidents of future fires. In addition, I'm requesting the alley be cleared and fenced off on both sides, closing this alley.

Respectfully,

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