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
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date:           February 23, 2022

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

From:           Seleta J. Reynolds, General Manager
                Department of Transportation

Subject:        **EXPANSION OF OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT NO. 550 IN THE SAINT ANDREWS
                SQUARE AREA OF COUNCIL DISTRICT 4**

**SUMMARY**

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) recommends the expansion of Overnight
Parking District (OPD) No. 550 in the Saint Andrews Square area of Council District (CD) 4.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.      FIND that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) should have the primary responsibility for
        the enforcement of the authorized overnight parking restriction in OPD No. 550, with support
        from LADOT Parking Enforcement, since the reported problems involve criminal activity.

2.      FIND that the expansion of this OPD is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act
        (CEQA) as a Class I Categorical Exemption, under Article III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City
        CEQA Guidelines.

3.      ADOPT the attached Resolution expanding OPD No. 550, pursuant to Section 80.54 of the Los
        Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), which currently includes the area bounded by the following
        blocks:

        - Beverly Boulevard between Ridgewood Place and Western Avenue
        - Western Avenue between Beverly Boulevard and $3^{rd}$ Street
        - $3^{rd}$ Street between Western Avenue and Wilton Place
        - Wilton Place between $3^{rd}$ Street and $2^{nd}$ Street
        - $2^{nd}$ Street between Wilton Place and Van Ness Avenue
        - Wilton Place between $2^{nd}$ Street and $1^{st}$ Street
        - $1^{st}$ Street between Ridgewood Place and Van Ness Avenue
        - Ridgewood Place between $1^{st}$ Street and Beverly Boulevard

        Expansion to include all blocks within the following street segments:

        - $3^{rd}$ Street between Wilton Place and Lorraine Boulevard
        - Lorraine Boulevard between $3^{rd}$ Street and $2^{nd}$ Street

- 2nd Street between Lorraine Boulevard and Irving Boulevard
- Irving Boulevard between 2nd Street and Beverly Boulevard
- Beverly Boulevard between Irving Boulevard and Ridgewood Place

4.      AUTHORIZE posting or removal of the "NO PARKING 2 AM TO 6 AM; DISTRICT NO. 550 PERMITS EXEMPT" parking restriction on all residential street segments within OPD No. 550, except for areas where parking is prohibited at all times in the interest of traffic flow or public safety.

5.      INSTRUCT LADOT to initiate the necessary procedures to prepare, issue, and collect payments for overnight parking permits from the residents of OPD No. 550 in accordance with Section 80.54 of the LAMC.

6.      DIRECT LADOT, upon City Council adoption of the Resolution expanding the District, to post or remove the authorized parking restriction upon written instructions from the Council Office.

**BACKGROUND**

On June 6, 2014, the Los Angeles City Council adopted OPD No. 550 (CF 14-0577) to provide relief to residents from the public nuisances caused by non-residents who park their vehicles overnight in the neighborhood.

The expansion of OPD No. 550, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.54, is exempt from the CEQA Guidelines as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, under Article III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines. The City Council has the authority, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.54, to establish by resolution, Parking Districts with the appropriate boundaries and authorize parking restrictions to be in effect on the streets thereof from 2 AM to 6 AM. The resolution establishing an OPD shall state the maximum number and type of Overnight Parking Permits that may be issued to any one dwelling. The resolution shall also establish the fee charged for each type of OPD permit.

**DISCUSSION**

Council District (CD) 4 staff submitted a letter of support from Councilmember David E. Ryu, dated December 2, 2019, requesting the expansion of OPD No. 550, to include the blocks enumerated in Recommendation No. 3 above. In addition, CD 4 staff submitted a letter from LAPD Area Captain Patricia A. Sandoval dated November 29, 2019, in support of the expansion of OPD No. 550. The letters from both Councilmember Ryu and LAPD Area Captain Sandoval, indicate the OPD is needed to deter property crimes and other criminal activity caused by overnight parking by non-residents. On October 5, 2021, staff for the new Councilmember of CD 4, Nithya Raman, submitted an email to LADOT, confirming that Councilmember Raman would like to continue forward with the proposal for the expansion of OPD No. 550.

**COORDINATION**

Councilmember David E. Ryu and the LAPD, in consultation with LADOT, concluded that an OPD, which restricts parking without a permit from 2 AM to 6 AM, is the best solution available at this time to provide relief for the residents.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Revenue from the sale of permits will cover the cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing OPD No. 550.  Additionally, violations of the posted parking restrictions may result in citation fines deposited into the General Fund.

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Attachments

# RESOLUTION

**EXPANSION OF OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT NO. 550 IN THE SAINT ANDREWS SQUARE AREA OF COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 (CF 14-0577)**

WHEREAS, the establishment of an Overnight Parking District (OPD) is an effective tool to address a variety of public safety and public welfare issues associated with non-resident vehicles that are parked overnight in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the residents located on the blocks indicated below are faced with the problem of property crime, public nuisance, and other criminal activity, which stem from the overnight parking of vehicles by non-residents who park their vehicles overnight in their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) received a written request from Councilmember David E. Ryu of Council District (CD) 4, requesting the expansion of OPD No. 550 for the area described below and identified public nuisance problems; and

WHEREAS, LADOT received a letter from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), requesting the expansion OPD No. 550 to address public safety and quality of life nuisance problems associated with the vehicles of non-residents on the street segments, and indicated permits could be issued; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.54 provides for the expansion of OPD No. 550, which currently consists of the residential portions of the blocks enumerated below:

- Beverly Boulevard between Ridgewood Place and Western Avenue
- Western Avenue between Beverly Boulevard and 3rd Street
- 3rd Street between Western Avenue and Wilton Place
- Wilton Place between 3rd Street and 2nd Street
- 2nd Street between Wilton Place and Van Ness Avenue
- Wilton Place between 2nd Street and 1st Street
- 1st Street between Ridgewood Place and Van Ness Avenue
- Ridgewood Place between 1st Street and Beverly Boulevard

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.54, hereby expands OPD No. 550 to add the residential portions of all blocks within the following street segments enumerated below:

- 3rd Street between Wilton Place and Lorraine Boulevard
- Lorraine Boulevard between 3rd Street and 2nd Street
- 2nd Street between Lorraine Boulevard and Irving Boulevard
- Irving Boulevard between 2nd Street and Beverly Boulevard
- Beverly Boulevard between Irving Boulevard and Ridgewood Place

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LADOT be authorized to post or remove the "NO PARKING 2 AM TO 6 AM; DISTRICT NO. 550 PERMITS EXEMPT" parking restriction on all street segments within OPD No. 550, where parking is not already prohibited for traffic or safety reasons, without further action by the City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LADOT be directed to take appropriate steps to prepare, issue, and require payments for permits from residents of OPD No. 550 in accordance with the LAMC and Rules and Procedures adopted by the City Council for OPDs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LAPD shall have primary responsibility for enforcement of the authorized "NO PARKING 2 AM TO 6 AM; DISTRICT NO. 550 PERMITS EXEMPT" parking restriction in OPD No. 550, with support from LADOT Parking Enforcement.

December 2, 2019

Ms. Seleta Reynolds, General Manager
Department of Transportation
100 S. Main Street, 10th floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Department of Transportation created Overnight Parking District No. 550 in order to help residents in the Saint Andrews Square neighborhood address the nuisance and crime issues stemming from non-residents who parked their vans overnight on blocks within the neighborhood. This activity was connected with criminal activity such as prostitution and property crimes including car break-ins.

My office is now working with LAPD and residents of blocks just outside of OPD No. 550 boundaries to address overnight parking by non-residents that has resulted in crime related issues similar to those that led to the establishment of OPD No. 550.

Therefore, I am requesting that an expansion be made to Overnight Parking District No. 550 to include the following streets:

- Van Ness Avenue between Beverly and 3rd Street
- Norton Avenue between Beverly and 3rd Street
- Irving Blvd between Beverly and 3rd Street
- 1st Street between Irving Blvd and Van Ness Avenue
- 2nd Street between Lorraine Blvd and Van Ness Avenue
- Lorraine Blvd between 2nd and 3rd

I also request that the following parking restrictions be used on both sides of these blocks, pending the submission of valid petition forms in accordance with the City of Los Angeles rules and procedures:

"No Parking, 2AM to 6AM, Vehicles with District No. 550 Permit Exempt"

I understand that these restrictions will not be posted on any of the streets until the residents of each have submitted valid petition forms for their respective block. I request that the Department of Transportation proceed with the process of establishing this expansion to OPD #550. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Fisher on my staff at (323) 957-6415.

Sincerely,

David E. Ryu
Councilmember, District Four

# LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

**MICHEL R. MOORE**
Chief of Police

**ERIC GARCETTI**
Mayor

November 20, 2019

Ms. Seleta J. Reynolds, General Manager
Department of Transportation
100 S. Main Street, 10<sup>th</sup> floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Dear Ms. Reynolds:

In an effort to maintain safe streets and a clean community, the Los Angeles Police Department Olympic Community Police Station, is respectfully requesting that the Department of Transportation assist in these efforts, by implementing an Overnight Parking District (OPD 550). The streets covered would include:

- Van Ness Avenue between Beverly and 3rd Street
- Norton Avenue between Beverly and 3rd Street
- Irving Blvd between Beverly and 3rd Street
- Lorraine Blvd between 2nd and 3rd
- 1st Street between Irving Blvd and Van Ness Avenue
- 2nd Street between Lorraine Blvd and Van Ness Avenue

This implementation would deter criminal activities, that are caused by non-residents parking during overnight hours. The crime in the area includes property crimes, loitering, and drinking in public and has become a public nuisance for the residents of Wilshire Park in the Fourth Council District. The Department of Transportation's assistance regarding this matter would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any question regarding this matter, please contact Senior Lead Officer Joe Pelayo at 213 793-0709 or 31762@LAPD.ONLINE.
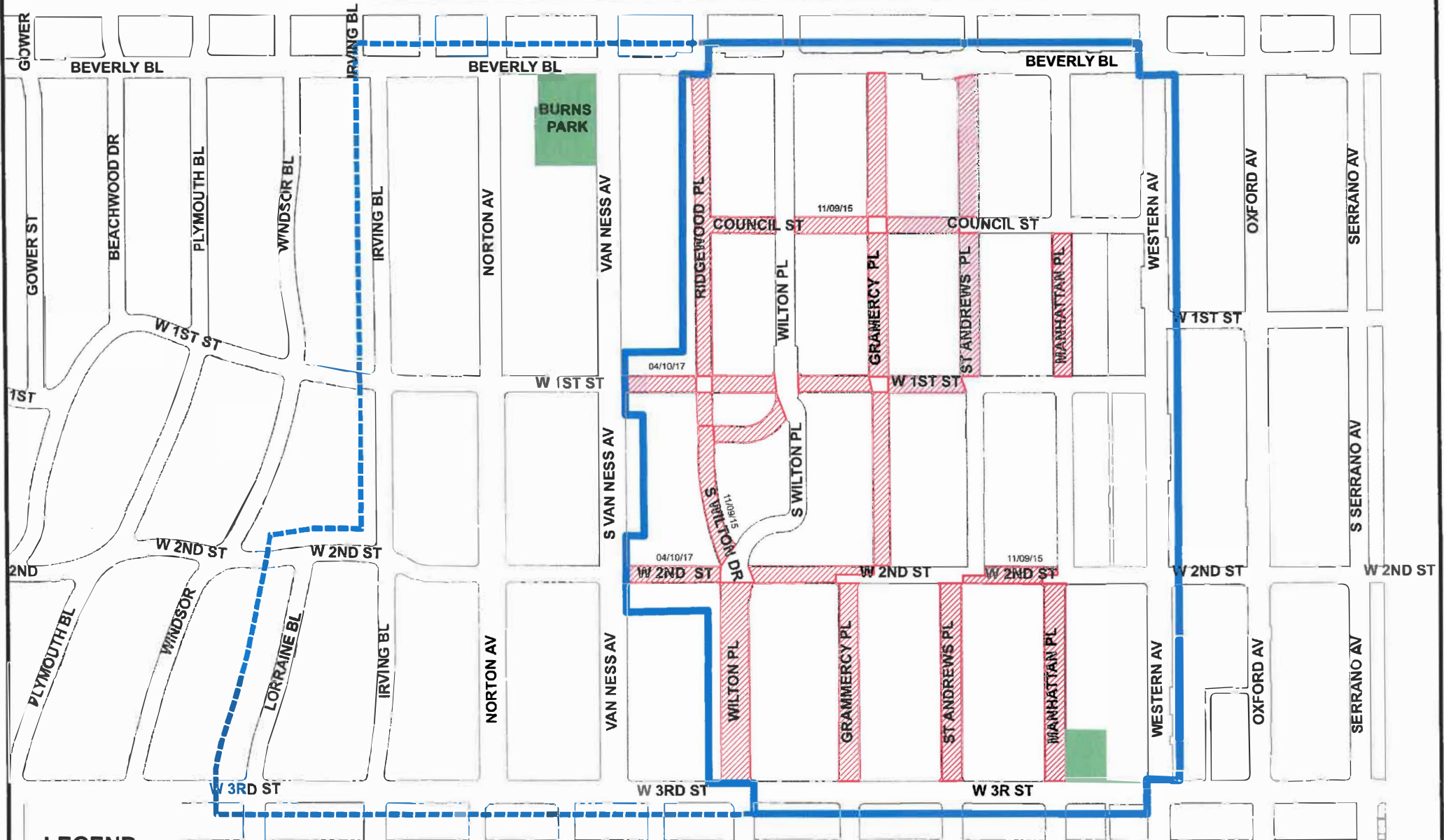
Very truly yours,

MICHEL R. MOORE
Chief of Police

PATRICIA A. SANDOVAL, Captain
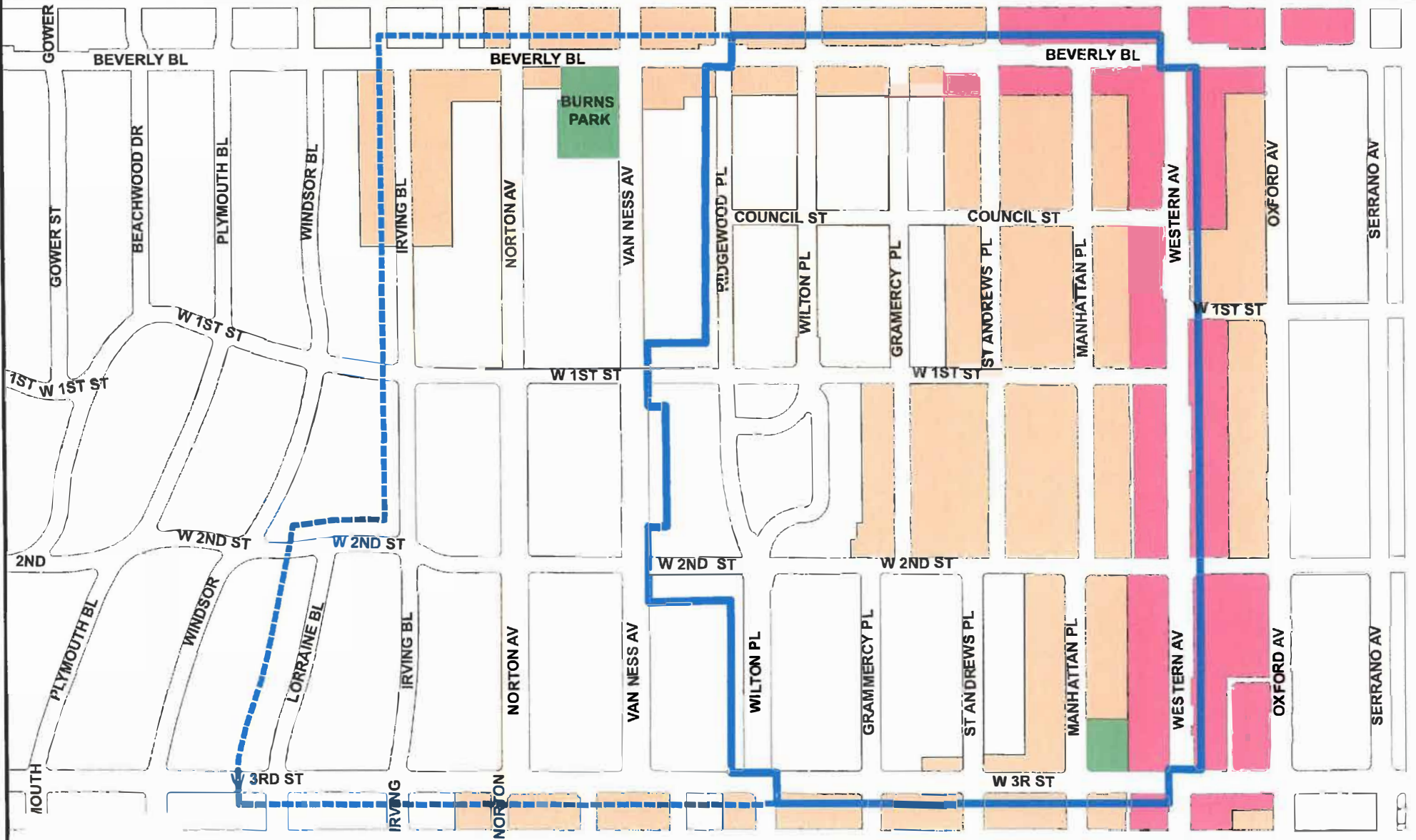Olympic Area, Commanding Officer

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**LEGEND:**

—— OPD Boundary

- - - OPD Boundary Expansion

▨ No Parking 2am-6am; Vehicles with District No. 550 Permits Exempt.

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E.H. UPDATE11/9/2021: OPD #550-PROPOSED

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GOWER

BEVERLY BL

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BURNS PARK

BEVERLY BL

BEACHWOOD DR

PLYMOUTH BL

WINDSOR BL

IRVING BL

NORTON AV

VAN NESS AV

RIDGEWOOD PL

COUNCIL ST

WILTON PL

GRAMERCY PL

COUNCIL ST

ST ANDREWS PL

MANHATTAN PL

WESTERN AV

OXFORD AV

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## LEGEND:

— OPD Boundary

- - - OPD Boundary Expansion

☐ Residential Areas

☐ Multiple Family

☐ Commercial Areas

☐ Open Areas

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E.H. UPDATE12/14/2020: OPD #550-PROPOSE