

Communication from Public

Name: Leimert Park Business Alliance

Date Submitted: 03/12/2022 10:24 PM

Council File No: 22-0262

Comments for Public Posting: The Leimert Park Village Merchants Association does not represent the Business negatively impacted by this parking lot closure on weekends. this letter should be deemed null

Dear City Council Members,

As the cultural heart of South Los Angeles, it's been an honor to own and operate a small business in Leimert Park Village since 2009 and to serve as the President of the Leimert Park Merchants' Association, for more than 2021 years. What has made owning and operating a business in Leimert Park Village a unique and fulfilling experience has been the collaboration between the community and businesses alike. From the well-known Leimert Park drum circle on Sunday, to the Village wide Juneteenth celebration, merchants and vendors have shared the public space in a spirit that truly embodies Sankofa.

With the much needed, and long deferred, improvements to the streets and sidewalks in front of our businesses, I appreciate the Council Office's efforts to provide an opportunity for our businesses to continue to thrive amid the ongoing construction. From the presentations and community engagements that have been held on this matter, I'm not only excited about the practical upgrades that are now underway, but the care and attention that is being given to the cultural and artistic details within the design to ensure it authentically represents the culture of Leimert Park Village.

The Council Office and the Department of Transportation's plan to temporarily move the farmer's marketplace from the street to the parking lot behind our business will help balance the needs of both the local businesses and the vendors. While there have been concerns that moving the farmer's marketplace to the parking lot will impact parking in the village, the plan to only use a portion of the lot is responsive to this concern. Additionally, with vendors off the streets, and in one location, we can expect that parking on Degnan Blvd will now be available for parking and allow patrons to directly access our businesses. This plan has been developed over months of engagement with stakeholders and seeks to balance the needs of all parties.

As such, the Leimert Park Merchant's Association supports the plan to temporarily use part of parking lot 625 to host a community farmer's marketplace on the weekends while the streets are under construction and urge the City to move forward with the approvals to ensure this can occur in a timely manner.

Respectfully, Aminah Muhammad

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aminah Muhammad', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2022 10:07 PM

Council File No: 22-0262

Comments for Public Posting: The Business writing this letter is in Leimert Blvd and not directly impacted by the Partial closure of Parking lot 625 and this letter should be null.

Dear Council District 10,

As the cultural heartbeat of South Los Angeles, it's been an honor to own and operate a small business in Leimert Park Village. What has made owning and operating a business in Leimert Park Village a unique and fulfilling experience has been the collaboration between the community and businesses alike. With the much needed, and long deferred, improvements to the streets and sidewalks in front of our businesses, I appreciate the Council Office's efforts to provide an opportunity for our businesses to continue to thrive amid the ongoing construction.

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Respectfully,



**Banch Abegaze on behalf of
Amlak Music LLC (located at 4309 Leimert Blvd, LA, 90008)**