

Communication from Public

Name: Angela Adley

Date Submitted: 03/13/2022 04:00 PM

Council File No: 22-0262

Comments for Public Posting: CD10 COMPLETELY IGNORED OUR PETITION WITH ABOUT 1000 SIGNATURES AND A LETTER OF OPPOSITION SIGNED BY 10 BUSINESS OWNERS WHO WILL BE DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THIS PARKING LOT CLOSURE. PLEASE HELP LEIMERT PARK BUSINESS OWNERS BY GOING TO <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment/?cfnumber=22-0262>

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The Council District AB1290 Fund provides funding for redevelopment and community services in various Council Districts.

Leimert Park Village is undergoing street and sidewalk reconstruction to address long-standing infrastructure needs. Small businesses and outdoor marketplaces contribute to the Village's reputation as the center of culture and commerce in South Los Angeles. To support both local artisan vendors and small businesses' ability to flourish during construction, accommodations have been made to transition the weekend farmers markets, which are currently located on Degnan Blvd and 43rd Place, to take place on a portion of City Parking Lot 625 until the end of Fiscal Year 2021-2022. This will allow for vendors and artisans to safely operate in the Village, while still maintaining sufficient public parking spaces in the lot and the surrounding streets.

The Office of Council District 10 has identified a need to support both the above referenced farmers markets and two community organizations which assist both the farmers markets and promote security in the vicinity.

Sufficient funds are available in the CD-10 portion of the Council District AB 1290 Fund for this purpose.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$100,000 in the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281210 (CD 10 Redevelopment Projects - Services) be allocated to the below named organizations, in the amounts specified and for the stated purposes:

\$25,000 to the Black Owned & Operated Community Land Trust to support the marketing and operations of the Leimert Park Village Saturday Farmers Market; and

\$75,000 to Project 43 to support the marketing and operations of the Leimert Park Village Sunday Farmers Market, as well as a daily Community Ambassador Program to promote safety in and around City Parking Lot 625 in Leimert Park Village.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed / authorized to prepare and process the necessary document(s) with, and/or payment(s) to the above named organizations, or any other agency, organization, or entity, as appropriate, in the above amounts, for the above purposes, subject to the approval of the City Attorney, if needed; and that the Office of Council District 10 be authorized to execute any such documents on behalf of the City.

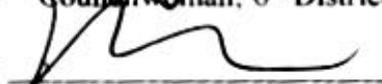
I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be instructed / authorized to permit the use of City Parking Lot 625 for the above Weekend Farmers Markets on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00AM to 5:00PM through the end of Fiscal Year 2021-2022, with the understanding that all associated parking meter revenue loss and administrative fees shall be reimbursed by Council District 10 from its portion of the GCP Special Event Subsidy account.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above funding instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY:


NURY MARTINEZ
Councilwoman, 6th District

SECONDED BY:



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Name: The World Stage Board of Directors & Eso Won Books Leimert Park

Date Submitted: 03/13/2022 02:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: THE WORLD STAGE PERFORMANCE GALLERY & ESO WON BOOKS STAKEHOLDER STATEMENT RE: CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 10'S REMOVAL OF BUSINESS PARKING Without consulting with impacted community businesses, City Council District 10 has unilaterally banned our patrons, clients and customers from parking in the lot adjacent to The World Stage Performance Gallery and Eso Won Books Saturdays and Sundays 7 AM to 7 PM as indicated by newly plastered No Parking signs. After struggling to financially survive during the 2-year Covid-19 Closures, The World Stage is opening our doors again for live weekend workshops and performances during the day and evening in April. However, our customers will now have to literally park five blocks away because of the pre-existing lack of parking, which is being exacerbated by Council District 10's business-killing unilateral parking decision. Many jazz patrons are over 70-years-old, so banning venue-adjacent parking bans our ethnically-diverse customers from hearing culturally-rich and inspiring Black music that has the power to heal in these challenging times. Historic Leimert Park bookstore Eso Won will also be adversely impacted since Saturday is their most lucrative business day. The bookstore has already had to close its doors on Sundays because the current impacted parking situation has made it impossible for their customers to park anywhere near their store on Sundays. City Council District 10 is closing the lot in question for the creation of a Farmer's Market in the lot where our customers and Eso Won's customers used to park. In theory, we are in favor of new Farmer's Markets, but new markets should not be allowed to cause the financial ruin of long-time Leimert Park businesses. After consulting with Eso Won, we have determined that The World Stage Performance Gallery and Eso Won will be forced to leave Leimert Park—or close our businesses—if City Council District 10 moves ahead in its efforts to ban patrons from parking so that a new Farmer's Market can operate in the lot where our customers used to park. This is an insulting and unacceptable state of affairs. We are calling on community members to raise their voices as a way to honor, love and respect the contributions that Eso Won and The World Stage Performance Gallery make to our

community. Only the people can stop City Council District 10 from destroying these two pillars of Leimert Park's Black Community. Sincerely, The World Stage Board of Directors & Eso Won Books

Communication from Public

Name: JOYCE RUCKER

Date Submitted: 03/13/2022 12:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please keep the parking lot open and available for the Leimert Park Small Businesses that are located in the Historic Leimert Park Village neighborhood of South Los Angeles. These Businesses deserve adequate parking for their customers, especially on weekends. Thank you so much.

Communication from Public

Name: Billion Godsun

Date Submitted: 03/13/2022 05:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is the belief of many drummers, dancers, vendors & other community members that relocating our weekend markets into Public Parking Lot 625 will terminate a longstanding community cultural tradition It is also known that relocating the weekend markets into P625 on the weekends will distribute several of the surrounding businesses as there are no other parking facilities in the area & there is already a parking crisis due to other lots that have been closed and the continued development of housing structures that do not provide adequate spaces for their tenants The drummers, dancers, vendors and other community members would like to return the weekend markets & drum circles to leimert plaza park where this weekend tradition began - Billion Godsun Africa Town Coalition

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Rothman
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Comments for Public Posting: Leimert Park is a culturally important neighborhood of Los Angeles, whose businesses cannot thrive without access to them. If its business fail, the neighborhood will go into decline, making it vulnerable to outside developers, whose interests will destroy the community. We have seen this before. I live in Venice, where its Black residents have been so badly marginalized that their best opportunities are by selling their generational homes and leaving its small community churches as monuments to what had existed. This can be prevented in Leimert Park, and must be. Restore parking lot 625.

Communication from Public

Name: Leimert Park Business Alliance

Date Submitted: 03/13/2022 10:05 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members Parking In Lemert Park on weekends is vital to Business Owners, vendors, and the community in Leimert. A street and sidewalk repair project estimated to take nine months to complete, in addition to the partial closure of parking Lot 625 Saturdays and Sundays even Partially, will financially devastate the small businesses that surround this parking lot. Weekends are the busiest days in the Village, and we already have parking shortages as it is, with parking 626 closed to the public. Several local businesses have said that if this happens, they will have to break the lease and move, and others can not afford to relocate and will go out of business. We oppose the closure of parking lot 625 Saturdays and Sundays for any type of event and expedite the time frame for completion of the repairs work on Degnan and 43rd street Warm Regards, Leimert Park Business Aliance

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Greetings.... I've grown up in Leimert Park! This community has helped structure and build the character and strength of many people in the surrounding area! The love, unity, joy, and opportunity provided by the business in that circle helped to form many endless relationships! The attack that's happening right now by CD10 is unbelievable! Why?!? What is the real reason behind this? The people want to know! This must stop! We will not be silenced! Let the people speak while you listen! We deserve respect!