

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brad S Kane President of South Carthay Neighborhood Association

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2022 09:22 AM

**Council File No:** 22-4118-S14

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Honorable City Council Members: The South Carthay Neighborhood Association (“SCNA”) strongly supports Council File: 22-4118-S14 and requests its approval on or before December 8, 2022. We have been plagued with unprecedented physical assaults, arson, bike chop shops, and other criminal activity at the Preuss Post Office located at 1270 Alfred Street Los Angeles, CA 90035. More specifically, one of the unhoused physically assaulted several women and a postal worker. The assailant was arrested, arraigned and released due to mental health issues and not prosecuted by the District Attorney. That individual immediately returned to the Post Office and continues to pose a threat to local area residents. Unfortunately, enforcement under ordinance 41.18 is our only path forward to ensure the safety and security of our community against these physical assaults. All efforts to offer housing through our council district, LAHSA and other agencies to residents of the encampment have failed. The community has raised private funds to secure the services for private security to protect Post Office patrons and pedestrians, but we lack the resources to maintain that security presence on an ongoing basis. Many of our residents no longer feel safe using the Post Office or even walking by it. Nothing short of the requested designation will preserve access to this critical piece of community infrastructure. ? We appreciate the council’s consideration of this resolution proposed by Honorable Councilmember Paul Koretz to safeguard the safety and security of our CD-5 community. Sincerely, Brad S. Kane, Esq. President, South Carthay Neighborhood Association



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Lisa Kaye

November 15, 2022

Los Angeles City Council  
City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Council File: 22-4118-S14  
Community Impact Statement Supporting For LAMC § 41.18 Designation For 1270  
Alfred St. / Preuss Post Office

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Sincerely,



Brad S. Kane, Esq.  
President,  
South Carthay Neighborhood Association

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**Name:** Steven Decker

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2022 11:22 AM

**Council File No:** 22-4118-S14

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to add public comment to this Council File 22-4118-S14. I am concerned about the recent and prolonged criminal activity brought upon the residents of the surrounding community by inhabitants of the 1270 Alfred Street Preuss Post Office station and the multiple encampments housed there. This post office has seen an uptick in criminal activity in the past year including, drugs, arson, physical assaults of residents and a US Postal Worker, theft, illegal bike chop shop and other criminal behavior. The community has been intimidated and harassed by the rampant criminal activity including lude and indecent exposure, nudity and defecation on public right of ways- all while elderly who pass to attend the Adult Daycare center and families with young children who attend worship at the surrounding churches and synagogues in the area are affected. We respectfully request the City Council vote to designate the 1270 Alfred Street Preuss Post Office located in South Carthay under 41.18 protection given the continued increase in crime and safety. Without it, the community will continue to experiences a loss of safety, security and quality of life.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karl Angel

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2022 03:21 PM

**Council File No:** 22-4118-S14

**Comments for Public Posting:** Re. Council File: 22-4118-S14 I am writing to urge the City Council to vote YES on resolution 22-4118-S14 extending 41.18 protection to the Preuss Station US Post Office at 1270 South Alfred Street. As a resident of the Westside of Los Angeles for 35 years, I am shocked at the crime the homeless community has brought to my neighborhood. My family and I have always given support to help those in need including yearly feeding of the homeless every Christmas Eve. However, this situation is different. The unhoused on my street have been engaging serious crimes. Drug dealing, prostitution, public drunkenness, loitering and intimidating the neighborhood and home break-ins. PLEASE HELP! Our beautiful community is no longer safe! Vote YES and save our historic neighborhood.





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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2022 03:37 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Re. Council File: 22-4118-S14 I am writing to urge the City Council to vote YES on resolution 22-4118-S14 extending 41.18 protection to the Preuss Station US Post Office at 1270 South Alfred Street. The encampment in question is in an area just down the street from my home and I've heard accounts of prostitution and loitering, I've seen trash thrown around and seen a garbage can fire. Please vote yes on this resolution.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bryan Cummins  
**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2022 03:47 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-4118-S14

**Comments for Public Posting:** I live at 906 N Poinsettia PL, Los Angeles California 90046-6706, United States. We all know how bad the homeless problem in LA is currently but very few people actually have an encampment right next to their home. I'm writing in support of designating 911 Formosa under 41.18. The history of people camping around the DWP, especially on the Poinsettia side across from the park, goes back for year even before most Angelenos grasped the problem. That first year someone was stabbed. Since we moved into the house right next to the DWP on Poinsettia we have had people almost constantly camped starting within feet from our driveway and garage starting in 2018 and it several escalated in 2020. The trash that piles up has made the side walk beyond ever truly getting clean, even with Care plus. We have found heroin needles, clothing soiled with urine and feces thrown over our fence or placed in front of our doors. We have found people sneaking into our gates driveway to do drugs out public view. They have started trash fires, and tents have burned. People in expensive vehicles come hang out with them at odd hours of the night playing music. I can hear them speaking and sometimes ranting to themselves from my bedroom in the front of the house at night. We have had mentally unstable people lunge at us screaming only to back away when our two large dogs became aggressive to let them know not to approach. We discuss this on Neighbor and at the park across the street when our dogs play. The entire surrounding neighborhood is effected and everyone fears for their safety. Mostly people won't even walk near the park after dark anymore. Please make our neighborhood safer but getting people off the street where we live.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2022 05:18 PM

**Council File No:** 22-4118-S14

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am the personal assistant to someone that lives at 906 N Poinsettia Pl. The homeless encampments have gotten really scary. I often have to park in front of the tents and return to my vehicle after dark. I've witness drug use, public nudity and drunkenness. Several times I've been harassed and cat called. Even when I don't have to park by then I have to walk right next to them because their tents are set up right next to the entrance/driveway/gate where I enter the property. I'm asking city county to designate 911 Formosa Avenue 41:18 to cover the 500 ft surrounding the DWP across from Poinsettia Rec Center and Park. Thank you for helping make our neighborhood safer

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Renee Barnes

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2022 09:54 AM

**Council File No:** 22-4118-S14

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly recommend voting yes to include Preuss Post Office and all surrounding areas in the 41.18 rule, file #22-4118-514 as a sensitive area. I have lived on La Jolla Ave directly behind the post office for 16 years during which there have been on and off homeless encampments along the post office east wall on LaJolla Ave. Somehow the post office seems to attract them, but this year was the absolute worst and largest group I've ever experienced. We in South Carthay deserve a peaceful and safe environment, as rents are quite high here. Many tenants have been moving out because of the disgusting fact that homeless drug addicts and thieves are allowed to trash our lovely neighborhood, defecating and urinating on, as well as blocking the sidewalks, causing pedestrians to walk in the street. A man was struck by a car because of this. I've seen elderly in wheelchairs and children forced to resort to a busy street to avoid their encampments. They have started fires, assaulted numerous people and one woman trashed 5 backyards, terrorizing tenants on Orlando which resulted in a mob of tenants chasing her to Pico. Yet they continually come onto private property, my own included. During the recent Care Plus cleanup we discovered that they tapped into the electricity of the street light near the parking garage on La Jolla Ave. Very dangerous! South Carthay has had to resort to costly private security to protect us for now. This situation has negatively impacted my quality of life and has given me disturbing nightmares, as I do not feel safe. If this continues I plan to move to a safer neighborhood. PLEASE VOTE YES.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2022 08:11 PM

**Council File No:** 22-4118-S14

**Comments for Public Posting:** 911 no. poinsettia place should be designated a no encampment zone. this exact spot was a hazard once, cleared and now is back. dangerous and unstable people are endangering an entire neighborhood and public park.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrii Mykhaliuk  
**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2022 09:16 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-4118-S14  
**Comments for Public Posting:** 911 Formosa Ave and this is to have the 500 feet surrounding the DWP designated a no camp zone per ordinance 41:18.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amy De Vore

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2022 09:29 PM

**Council File No:** 22-4118-S14

**Comments for Public Posting:** About the homeless crisis in front of DWP and across from Poinsettia Park: I live near the park and have so for almost 10 years. A few ago we had about 20 tents in that area, with more than 20 unhoused persons. In that time, it was not safe to walk up Poinsettia after dark. I would Uber to a restaurant 4 blocks away to ensure my safety. One of the things that exasperated the issue was an empty duplex next to my building. Forget about the prostitution and drugs done in that house and the stabbing that occurred, the house was set fire to 3xs. This duplex was 15 feet from my back window. My neighbors and I were so worried we called and texted each other constantly. We even would meet someone at the gate, walk their dog with them or jump in the car with them if they couldn't find a spot close. Then it Al calmed down. The tents were gone. Unfortunately, the tents are starting to fill up the street again. We can't allow unhoused people to be in an unsafe situation. We must find a solution that's a plus for them -with showers and a regular needle exchange. A place they can close their eyes and not worry about what will happen in the middle of the night. By helping the unhoused, we also keep the street safe for the residents. We must think of everyone. The tents are not a safe solution for anyone. Please get motel rooms for them until we can find a permanent solution. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2022 09:42 PM

**Council File No:** 22-4118-S14

**Comments for Public Posting:** Every day, I wake up and walk my dog to Poinsettia Park. Most mornings I am forced to look at several people, often in various states of undress, sleeping in the park, surrounded by garbage, drug paraphernalia or items stolen from my neighbors during the night. I come home, eat breakfast, and drive to work. Every day, at the first light I reach, on the intersection of Willoughby and La Brea, I see a row of dilapidated tents taking up the entire sidewalk so no pedestrians can get by. There are desk chairs and stolen bicycles, broken furniture and plastic bottles filled with urine. The amount of garbage on this corner is almost unfathomable, and it spills out on to the street. The public sidewalks have been completely taken over, so that no one may use them. This is my view every morning before 8 AM. The unfortunate people living in these tents are usually up and meandering dangerously through the traffic, often yelling at the drivers or to no one in particular. This morning the risk of hitting someone was low, as the three inhabitants were all sitting on a parasite-infested couch, smoking what appeared to be crystal meth. A couple months ago, a woman was shot in the face coming out of the Sprouts grocery store on the other side of the street. Nothing was done, no arrests were made, and the problem still remains. Earlier this year, a beautiful 24-year-old woman was killed while working at a furniture store on the same street. And nearly every night I am awakened by the sound of police helicopters hovering over the neighborhood I call home. With all this violence, my wife no longer feels safe walking our dog outside in the evenings, as there are too many drugged out or dangerous people roaming the neighborhood, looking for targets. It has become increasingly dangerous to walk our dog, go to work and shop at the grocery store. I know this is an extremely difficult problem and I certainly don't envy the responsibility you and your colleagues have in solving it. I also realize there must be sympathy and services for those afflicted with addiction issues or mental illness. But this city and its leaders need to do more to protect its law-abiding and tax-paying citizens. Those in power seem to have confused progressiveness with permissiveness, and we are quickly losing control of the streets as a result. There is a deep feeling of sadness that the rule of law has been broken in our neighborhood. The good people of West Hollywood are looking on with despair. We pay far too much in taxes to live in and



amongst this type of wretched, stomach-churning depravity and filth. The problem has gotten so bad that I am now considering moving out of this city that I love. That said, if there's anything tangible an average citizen can do to help, without putting my own health and safety at risk, I will be more than happy to volunteer.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sheryl Matheu

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2022 10:10 PM

**Council File No:** 22-4118-S14

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please take care of the encampment on Poinsettia across from Poinsettia park. What happened to the law of no camping within 500 feet of a park. This is dangerous!! The park is for children. These children are now innocent victims to the poor choices of our adults and politicians. Actions are speaking louder than words here. Please stand by your word and protect our most vulnerable population which is the children.