

Subject: RV MEETING --SAVE THE DATE and REGISTER TO SPEAK: 01/12/2023 10:00 AM - Board of Transportation Commissioners Virtual Meeting Agenda Jan 12, 2023
From: Elizabeth Lovins <[REDACTED]>
Date: 1/10/2023, 12:00 PM

Hello Neighbors/Friends:

Hope everyone had a great New Years!

Today, I'm asking for your help to call-in and or write, to the LADOT Commission meeting on Thursday, January 12 @10:00am to help CLEAR all rvs, within the City/County of Los Angeles, in conjunction with Mayor Bass' state of emergency on homelessness declaration and LA Countys' Emergency Homeless Order . Please include these points in your comments:

- Homeless people living in rvs need to be housed, since they are "homeless." While rvs are considered to be mobile homeless encampments. Homeless encampments come in all shapes and sizes and rvs are no different.
- RVs need to be permanently cleared from city streets, including near homes, parks, schools, business' and environmentally sensitive areas, like Ballona Wetlands, because they are a major public health and safety hazard.
- Urge LADOT Commission, Mayor Bass and Board of County Supervisors to address this urgent situation under their joint emergency order on homelessness.
- According to the Housing Authority rvs are not any legal form of housing and these people are deemed homeless and need to be housed as part of this order.
- RVs are a danger to the homeless occupants + nearby residents. One person was recently murdered in their rv, near exposition park and many have died in rv related fires, and accidents.
- RVs are hotspots for crime, drugs, prostitution, gangs and need to be broken up. Alternatives for safe parking must be created and these rvs need to be destroyed/recycled and not auctioned off again to place back in city streets, once the occupants of said RV are housed.
- Include any personal experiences and issues affecting your neighborhoods, due to the dangerous proliferation of rvs such as: 1) Illegal dumping of Human waste and chemicals onto public streets and into stormdrains and watershed 2) Crime: illegal prostitution, drug manufacturing, drug dealing, drug use, taking up valuable parking, associated with spikes in local crime, assaults, sexual predators, damage to public/private property. They are a danger to children and those most vulnerable.

Recent articles:

- <https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/man-found-dead-in-burned-rv-in-exposition-park-homicide-suspect-sought/>
- <https://www.foxla.com/news/la-county-says-crime-has-spiked-near-rv-encampments-proposes-crackdown>

- https://www.westsidecurrent.com/news/la-county-proposes-crackdown-on-rv-encampments-after-spike-in-crime/article_7960cfc-7339-11ec-a047-37ef6cfe93c9.html
- <https://monicarodriguez.org/press-releases/councilwoman-monica-rodriguez-announces-success-of-pilot-program-that-reduces-rv-encampments-on-la-streets-calls-for-expanded-implementation>

Please plan on calling in to speak for 1-2 minutes (140 wpm), regarding rv/oversized vehicle encampments at the upcoming Transportation Commission meeting.

All meeting instructions are listed below and have attached the agenda.

If anyone has any questions, please let me know and thank you!

Thanks so much,

Elizabeth

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*****Commission should have important updates on this issue*****

Attached is the new Board of Transportation Commissioners Agendas document posted for Department of Transportation.

TITLE: Board of Transportation Commissioners Virtual Meeting
DATE: Thursday -- 01/12/2023
TIME: 10:00 AM

AGENDA:

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STEP ONE: PRE-REGISTER INSTRUCTIONS -- Please do this today!

***** If you don't pre-register, you will not be able to be called upon to speak*****

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIxtOeBntvQRMF2_dG89rycpSQOHLUp-EzRLtkM7Si-Ap5-w/viewform

1. Register to speak for *GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT*** --'RV's/Mayor Bass Declaration on Homelessness'**

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STEP #2: Day of Meeting Call/Zoom Instructions:

NOTICE OF A TELECONFERENCE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS

January 12, 2023
10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Due to the Safer at Home order during the public health crisis, members of the public may call in to listen to the meeting.

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STEP #3: Be Prepared to speak for 1-2 minutes total, which is approximately 140 wpm. I find it helpful if you type our your comments and check the word count before you speak.

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To: "ladot_transagenda@listserv.lacity.org" <ladot_transagenda@listserv.lacity.org>
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2023 at 11:03:25 AM PST
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Subject: Accepted: Meeting w/Va Lecia Adams Kellum, Ph.D., President & CEO, ... @ Thu Dec 15, 2022 2pm - 3pm (PST)

From: traci.park@lacity.org

Date: 12/13/2022, 1:29 PM

To:

traci.park@lacity.org has accepted this invitation.

Meeting w/Va Lecia Adams Kellum, Ph.D., President & CEO, St. Joseph Center

Re: RVs on Jefferson.

Note:

Contact Person: Va Lecia Adams Kellum

Staff Person:

Re: Homelessness Meeting

Inbox

Va Lecia Adams <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Dec 6, 3:14 PM (4 days ago)

to traci, Michael, me, Avery

Hi Mike,

Sounds great. I look forward to meeting with the two of you. Avery will help with scheduling on my end.

Va Lecia

Va Lecia Adams Kellum, Ph.D.

President & CEO

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[REDACTED] Ext. 304

On Dec 6, 2022, at 12:15 PM, traci park <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Nice chatting today, Mike. Looking forward to meeting later this month. I've copied my Executive Assistant, Dave, who will help us find a date and time that works.

Thanks,

TIP

On Tue, Dec 6, 2022 at 11:22 AM Michael Newhouse <[REDACTED]>

wrote:

Hi Va Lecia and Traci,

Nice catching up Traci, and looping us all in so we can set a meeting between the 3 of us in the latter half of December.

Michael R. Newhouse
Attorney

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traci park <[REDACTED]>

Dec 6, 2022, 11:57 PM (4 days ago)

to Jacob, starparsamyan, me

Karen Bass called me this evening urging me to meet with Va Lecia soon, as she wants to move ahead with clearing the RV encampment on Jefferson. Let's prioritize getting this meeting scheduled. I'd love to have Clint onboard and included, but let's not hold this up too long. Thanks!

Avery Hufft <[REDACTED]>

Dec 7, 2022, 1:45 PM (3 days ago)

to Michael, Va, traci, me

Good afternoon,

I'm writing on behalf of Dr. Adams Kellum to provide her availability for a meeting to take place in the next week or two. Please let me know, from the options below, what time is best for you. Thanks!

Availability

Thursday, December 15th at 2 PM

Thursday, December 15 at 2:11 PM

Friday, December 16th at 12 PM or 3 PM

Monday, December 19th at 1 PM

I have holds placed in the interim, and will keep an eye out for your responses. Thank you in advance!

Be well,

AVERY HUFFT

Assistant Chief of Staff | St. Joseph Center

Preferred Pronouns: she/her/hers

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When

Thursday Dec 15, 2022 · 2pm – 3pm (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Guests

[REDACTED] - organizer

star.parsamyan@lacity.org

[REDACTED]
gabriela.medina@lacity.org

traci.park@lacity.org

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Subject: Re: Intro
From: Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>
Date: 12/13/2022, 11:27 AM
To: Elizabeth Lovins <[REDACTED]>
CC: Desireh Sedaghat <[REDACTED]>

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Gaby

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From: Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>
Date: 12/14/2022, 4:54 PM
To: Clint Carlton <[REDACTED]>

This is for tomorrow.

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From: Elizabeth Lovins <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wed, Dec 14, 2022 at 4:34 PM
Subject: Re: Intro - AD Hoc Committee Oversized Vehicle LADOT Commission report /Recommendations
To: Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>

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Hi Elizabeth:

Our staff meeting is running long and I will be joining the Councilwoman for an event at 5:30pm. Is there an opportunity to connect with you tomorrow at 11am? Thank you for your understanding.

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Subject: Ballona Creek Wetlands
From: Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>
Date: 1/5/2023, 9:51 PM
To: [REDACTED]
CC: Clint Carlton <clint.carlton@lacity.org>

Hello L Rachel Lerman:

Thank you for contacting the office of Councilwoman Traci Park. I appreciate you inquiring about the future of the Ballona Wetlands. It takes all of us working together to ensure that our community is well taken care of, and that concerns are handled with care and consideration.

Homelessness is the number one issue facing Los Angeles, and vehicle dwelling has substantially grown as a result of this. The vehicle dwelling policy in the City of Los Angeles, better known as LAMC 85.02 expired at the start of 2020. Since then, the City has yet to adopt a policy in which vehicle dwelling is allowed and regulated. Councilwoman Traci Park is eager to have a policy reinstated that will designate where people can dwell in their vehicles with minimal impacts to our surrounding communities, however, this extensive process is still going through the legislative channels.

In the meantime, we are actively meeting with our homeless service providers, LAHSA, LAPD, LADOT, and LASAN to establish short and long term goals that will help us house individuals, clean our streets, and promote a clean and healthy ecosystem for our environment.

Internally, we have documented this location for our records and will schedule regular LA Sanitation crews to address the bulky items, trash, loose debris, and leaking sewage. If the RV has evidence of being inoperable, please let us know and we can ask LADOT to inspect it. Any pictures or videos you can provide ahead of time will help expedite the sanitation process for our office.

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Gaby

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From: David Cano <david.cano@lacity.org>
Date: 1/5/2023, 11:55 AM
To: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

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From: Catherine Tyrrell <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 1:00:19 PM UTC-8
Subject: Fwd: Ballona Wetlands Conservancy Meeting
To: councilmember.park@lacity.org <councilmember.park@lacity.org>

Hello - resending message below. Please do get in touch! We really need your help and support.

Cheers,

Catherine

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Catherine Tyrrell <[REDACTED]>
Date: December 31, 2022 at 11:46:27 AM PST
To: councilmember.park@lacity.org
Cc: Jim Burton <[REDACTED]> Tracy Egoscue <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Ballona Wetlands Conservancy Meeting

Happy New Year Councilmember.

I want to alert you to the upcoming Ballona Wetlands Conservancy Board Meeting from 9 to 10:30 via zoom on Wednesday January 11.

As you know, Council District 11 is one of the four Conservancy Board members. Typically the Councilperson or Chief of staff assigns the top local office staff to this Board.

It will be important at this meeting to have a Council Office update and timeline on City actions to address the impacts of the RV encampments along the Ballona Freshwater Marsh and Ecological reserve. The Conservancy needs to know how to best collaborate with you and the City to begin rehabilitation of the area.

I assume you have questions also and I would be glad to schedule a time with you and/or your staff

to answer questions before the meeting. I've copied our lead project manager -Jim Burton, and our attorney Tracy Egoscue as it would be helpful to have them involved also in updating you on issues before us. It would be great to schedule a briefing for you or your staff before the 11th.

We are looking forward to working closely with you and your team in the weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely,

Catherine Tyrrell
President, Ballona Wetlands Conservancy

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Subject: Fwd: Ballona Wetlands Pollution
From: David Cano <david.cano@lacity.org>
Date: 1/5/2023, 11:58 AM
To: Clint Carlton <clint.carlton@lacity.org>, Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>

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Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 10:57:56 AM UTC-8
Subject: Ballona Wetlands Pollution
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Dear Councilperson Mrs. Park,

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Date: 1/6/2023, 4:23 PM
To: Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>

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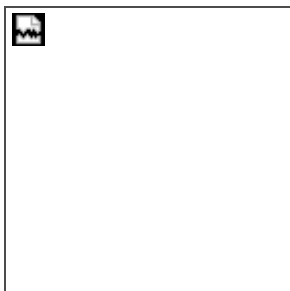
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Subject: Re: Ballona Wetlands Conservancy Meeting

From: Catherine Tyrrell <[REDACTED]>

Date: 1/6/2023, 4:22 PM

To: Gabriela.Medina@lacity.org

CC: Jim Burton <[REDACTED]>

Hello again. I haven't heard back from anyone in the office yet. An agenda will be going out Monday with Council District member intros and update as the first item. It will be sent to both you and Star.

We sincerely hope you can participate.

Thank you,

Catherine,
Ballona Wetlands Conservancy President

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 3, 2023, at 2:02 PM, Catherine Tyrrell <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Thank you,

Catherine
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From: Catherine Tyrrell <[REDACTED]>

Date: December 31, 2022 at 11:46:27 AM PST

To: councilmember.park@lacity.org

Cc: Jim Burton <[REDACTED]> Tracy Egoscue <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Ballona Wetlands Conservancy Meeting

Happy New Year Councilmember.

I want to alert you to the upcoming Ballona Wetlands Conservancy Board Meeting from 9 to 10:30 via zoom on Wednesday January 11.

As you know, Council District 11 is one of the four Conservancy Board members. Typically the Councilperson or Chief of staff assigns the top local office staff to this Board.

It will be important at this meeting to have a Council Office update and timeline on City actions to address the impacts of the RV encampments along the Ballona Freshwater Marsh and Ecological reserve. The Conservancy needs to know how to best collaborate with you and the City to begin rehabilitation of the area.

I assume you have questions also and I would be glad to schedule a time with you and/or your staff to answer questions before the meeting. I've copied our lead project manager -Jim Burton, and our attorney Tracy Egoscue as it would be helpful to have them involved also in updating you on issues before us. It would be great to schedule a briefing for you or your staff before the 11th.

We are looking forward to working closely with you and your team in the weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely,

Catherine Tyrrell
President, Ballona Wetlands Conservancy

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Fwd: Council Office Appointment of Staff Needed
From: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>
Date: 1/9/2023, 7:12 PM
To: gabriela.medina@lacity.org

Hi Gabby,

I assume you took care of this but if you haven't please let me know.

Thanks,

Star

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Catherine Tyrrell <[REDACTED]>
Date: January 4, 2023 at 9:30:23 AM PST
To: Star <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>
Subject: Council Office Appointment of Staff Needed

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Subject: Offer to Connect Re: Ballona Wetlands Conservancy
From: Abby Austin <abby.austin@lacity.org>
Date: 1/9/2023, 11:00 AM
To: Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>

Hi Gabriela!

I was former-CM Bonin's Deputy District Director and worked closely with the Ballona Wetlands Conservancy to help with any Ballona Wetlands-related issues. Catherine Tyrell let me know that you'll be joining their Board call this Wednesday, and I wanted to offer some time to brief you on Jefferson-related issues so you're prepared beforehand. If you're interested, let me know of your availability and we can set something up!

Also available for any Westchester/Playa related issues you may want a briefing on - it's a huge area, and takes quite a bit of time to get caught up to speed on! Happy to be a resource.

All the best,
Abby

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Abby Austin
Special Advisor - Field
Office of Councilmember Nithya Raman
Council District 4



Subject: Fw: Introduction to President Eisenberg, LADOT Commission + Updated Ad Hoc Committee Report on RVs/Oversized Vehicles
From: Elizabeth Lovins <[REDACTED]>
Date: 1/10/2023, 3:26 PM
To: "david.cano@lacity.org" <david.cano@lacity.org>
CC: "star.parsamyan@lacity.org" <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

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President Eric Eisenberg, LADOT Commission

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310-308-3122

LADOT Report- Look for CD11 RV/Oversized Vehicles info

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To: Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>
Cc: Eric Eisenberg <[REDACTED]> Clint Carlton -CD11 <clint.carlton@lacity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 12:48:30 PM PST
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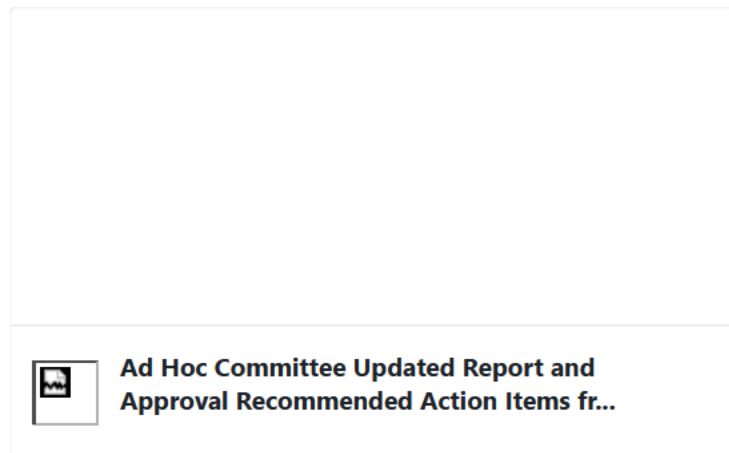
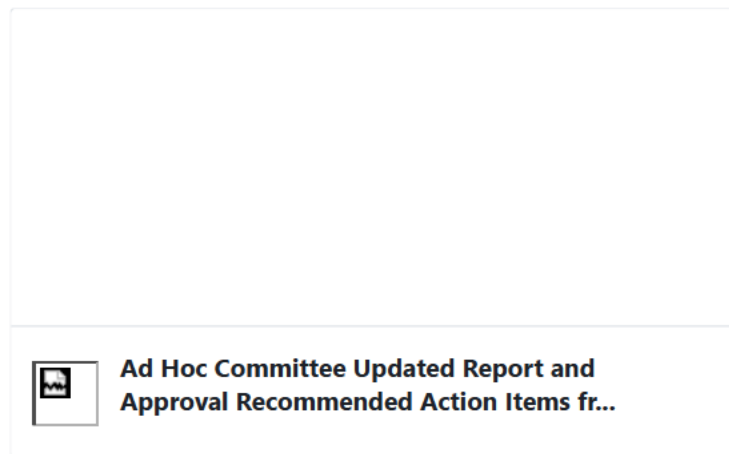
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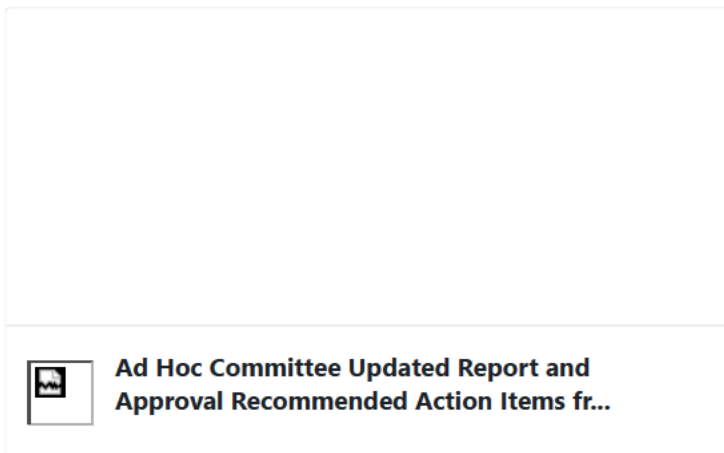
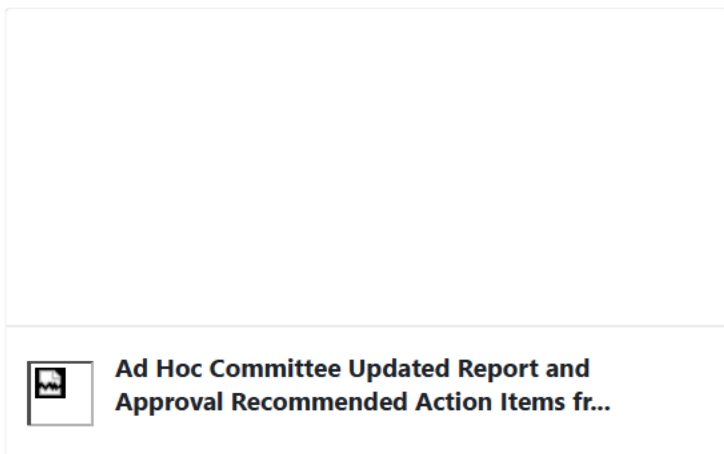
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CC: Jim Burton <[REDACTED]>

Gaby, it would be great if you could describe City implementation of the ESHA ordinance tomorrow too!

Thanks,

Catherine

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Sorry, it's Jasmin San Luis,
Executive Admin Asst at Dept of Transportation, LADOT Commission

This ensures it's recorded on public record and that she organizes things in advance of LADOT Commission meeting on Thursday.

Here is the council file from today

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-1081>

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Date: 1/10/2023, 4:24 PM
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CC: Clint Carlton -CD11 <clint.carlton@lacity.org>, Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>, Scott Culbertson <[REDACTED]>

You are welcome Catherine!

Hoping everyone can attend or listen to the LADOT Commission meeting, this Thursday, Oct 12th at 10am. I believe I sent all the instructions earlier.

Hoping we are able to get the Ballona Wetlands cleaned up.

All best,
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Thank you Elizabeth. Gaby has just recently agreed to become the District 11 representative on the Ballona Wetlands Conservancy Board. We are having a conversation this week.

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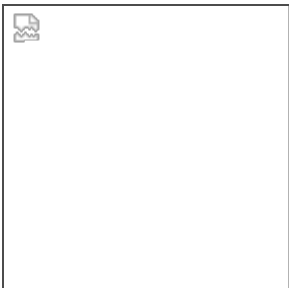
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CC: Elizabeth Lovins <[REDACTED]>, Clint Carlton <clint.carlton@lacity.org>, Scott Culbertson <[REDACTED]>

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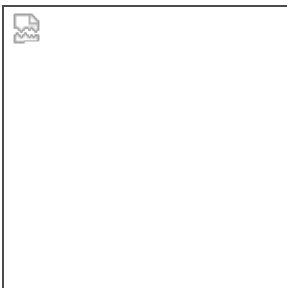
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From: <[REDACTED]>
Date: 1/13/2023, 3:19 PM
To: "Scott Culbertson" <[REDACTED]> "Gabriela Medina" <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>
CC: "Sean Silva" <sean.silva@lacity.org>

My suggestion would be to meet here in our office (Suite H) and then schedule a Jefferson walk as needed.

J/

From: Scott Culbertson <scott@ballonafriends.org>
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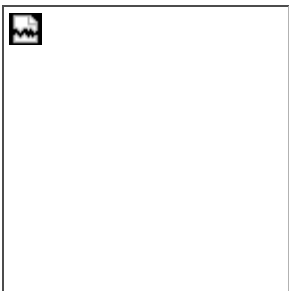


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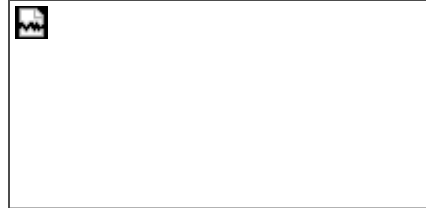
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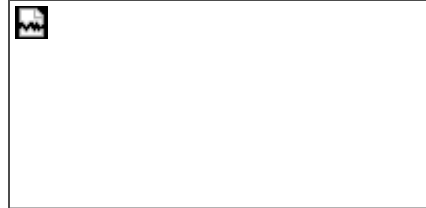
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- ▶ [REDACTED] has invited you to Joint Meeting on the Ballona Wetland Freshwater Marsh - Jefferson Trail RV Encampments

Subject: Fwd: Jefferson Blvd Encampment
From: David Cano <david.cano@lacity.org>
Date: 1/17/2023, 10:54 AM
To: Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>

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From: Angela Zappella [REDACTED] >
Date: Friday, January 13, 2023 at 12:16:09 PM UTC-8
Subject: Jefferson Blvd Encampment
To: councilmember.park@lacity.org <councilmember.park@lacity.org>

Hi Traci,

I live in Playa del Rey, and as you are aware the homeless encampment on Jefferson Blvd-- between Culver and Lincoln-- near the Ballona wetlands-- has gotten pretty out of control recently.

I understand that long term change could take time, and getting those that live in the encampment to move to a different space will be a challenge.

But in the meantime, would it be possible to get trash dumpsters over there and an occasional cleanup crew to just pick up the trash, or for the inhabitants to put their trash?

It is just a really hot mess and quite disgusting, and I am sure this is affecting the natural habitat of the Ballona wetlands also.

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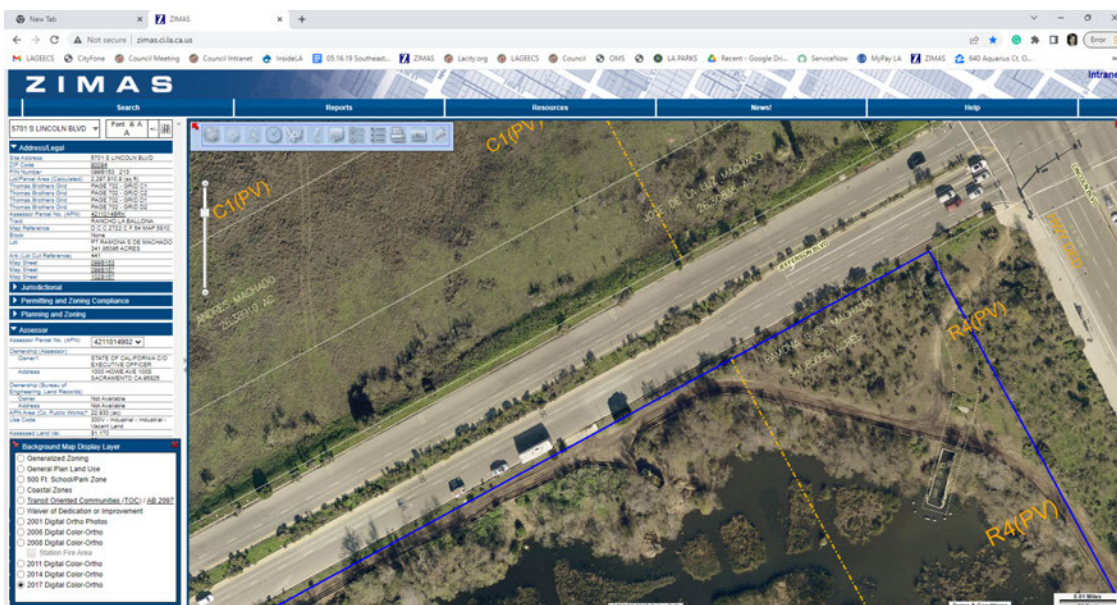
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Happy New Year!



Much Appreciated,

Renee Shackelford

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Do you have a map that outlines the city property??

On Wed, Jan 11, 2023 at 10:13 AM Renee (Cecelia) Shackelford <renee.shackelford@lacity.org> wrote:

Depending on where it is, normally the city only handles the bike path, the actual asphalt.

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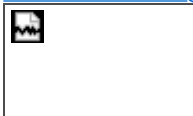
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Hi Renee:

There are multiple makeshift structures and trash debris along the ballona wetlands.

I am told the city has an 8 foot right of way from the curb, into the wetlands. Is this the area that is usually cleaned?

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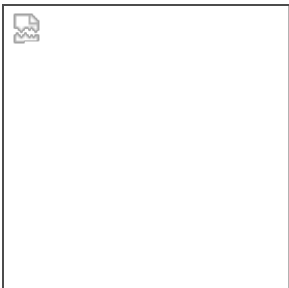


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Subject: Re: Staff Introduction
From: Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>
Date: 1/19/2023, 11:49 AM
To: Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>
CC: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> Carlos Campero <[REDACTED]>

Good morning all,

Nice to meet you, if only virtually for the moment.

On Monday the 23rd, we have a CARE+ comprehensive cleanup scheduled on Jefferson Blvd, west of Lincoln, along the city's right-of-way adjacent to the Ballona Wetlands. The Ticket number is: SR# 1-2484793341.

We are requesting LACC assistance throughout the week at the site. I am new to the role so please let me know in as much detail as possible just how you operate and what you may need from us.

Thanks and hope to meet you soon,
Sean



Sean Silva | Field Deputy Westchester and Playa del Rey | Planning
Liaison

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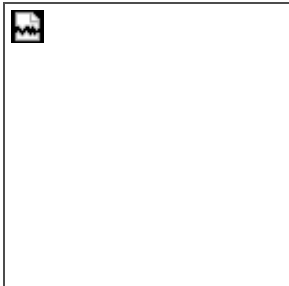
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Thanks,

Gaby

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Date: 1/20/2023, 2:29 PM
To: Kevin Brunke <kevin.brunke@lacity.org>
CC: Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>, Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

Hello,

Please find attached a petition for No Oversized Vehicles.



Ashley Lozada, MPA | Venice, Mar Vista, Del Rey Field Deputy
she/her/hers

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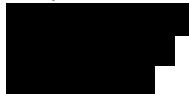
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Subject: BALLONA WETLANDS: City Right of Way

From: Lucy Han

Date: 1/24/2023, 10:52 AM

To: "sean.silva@lacity.org" <sean.silva@lacity.org>

CC: "traci.park@lacity.org" <traci.park@lacity.org>, "gabriel.miranda@lacity.org" <gabriel.miranda@lacity.org>, "Richard@Wildlife Brody" <richard.brody@wildlife.ca.gov>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, Jim Burton <[REDACTED]>, Edith Read <[REDACTED]>, Edward Hernandez <edward.hernandez@lacity.org>, "ed.pert@wildlife.ca.gov" <ed.pert@wildlife.ca.gov>

Hi Sean,

City BOE Surveyor Ed Hernandez (edward.hernandez@lacity.org, 818-374-4660) defines the public right of way on the dirt south of Jefferson Blvd (between Culver Blvd & the Marsh). This dirt area is up to 20ft. South of this area is the Wetlands: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/0i6w5kw9p3or1/Survey%20Video.MOV?dl=0>

CA Fish & Wildlife own & maintain this area of the Wetlands. The main POC is Richard Brody (Richard.Brody@wildlife.ca.gov, 310-455-3243).

This motion prohibits nighttime entry onto the public right of way owned by City on either side of Jefferson Blvd abutting the Wetlands: https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2021/21-1081_ord_draft_10-28-2022.pdf See excerpt below:

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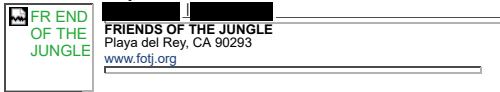
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Vehicles are parked on the dirt public right of way south of Jefferson Blvd. **NOT** on Jefferson Blvd. **What will be done to remove these vehicles?** The motion applies directly to them.

We have also included survey documents from BOE & other informational maps.

The community appreciates your support.

Lucy Han





Attachments:

Jefferson Curve FB40576 PG52-55.pdf
Jefferson-RW-staking overview.pdf

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301 KB

Subject: Fwd: Metrics for Jefferson and Lincoln Operations on 7/23/2023 in CD 11
From: Traci Park <traci.park@lacity.org>
Date: 1/24/2023, 6:04 PM
To: Jamie Paige <jamie.paige@lacity.org>

For messaging, let's discuss.

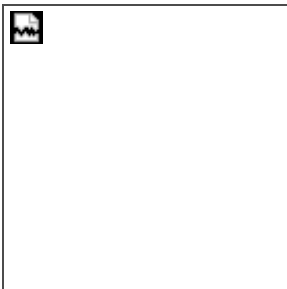
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To: Traci Park <traci.park@lacity.org>, Jamie Paige <jamie.paige@lacity.org>, Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>, Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>, Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>

Hello Councilwoman and Team,

Please see the LASAN metrics from yesterday's service day at the wetlands along with before/after photos.

We are following up with LAHSA to confirm what the final count was for getting people indoors, but there were 3 individuals and 2 pets per our count yesterday.



Juan Fregoso | Homelessness and Housing Coordinator
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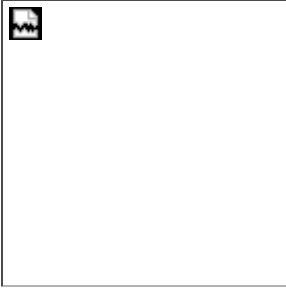
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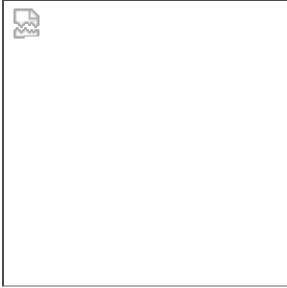
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From: Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>
Date: 1/24/2023, 1:50 PM
To: Lucy Han <[REDACTED]>
CC: Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>

Hi Lucy,

I'd be happy to set up a time for us to talk on the phone -- tomorrow, at earliest, if that works for you!

All the best,
Sean



Sean Silva | Field Deputy Westchester and Playa del Rey | Planning

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On Tue, Jan 24, 2023 at 12:05 PM Lucy Han <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Sean,

Can you please confirm the motion gives the City authority to remove the vehicles parked on the dirt area south of Jefferson Blvd? See excerpt below. It specifically refers to no vehicles between dusk & dawn in the public ROW on "either" side of Jefferson Blvd. Seems that is the dirt area south of Jefferson Blvd. This dirt area is not part of the street. See redlines below.

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Lucy Han



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On Jan 24, 2023, at 11:37 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Thank you Lucy –

In communication with Brian Gallagher (DOT) yesterday the new approved signs are being manufactured now and will be placed soon. It is my understanding that once the new signage is in place parking enforcement will begin – including citations and / or towing. As you recall parking Enforcement was concerned that the signage needed to be clarified prior to re-initiating enforcement along this dirt stretch of the Reserve.

Others might be able to confirm (or correct) my understanding, as applicable.

Jim

From: Lucy Han <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 10:52 AM
To: sean.silva@lacity.org
Cc: traci.park@lacity.org; gabriel.miranda@lacity.org; Richard@Wildlife Brody <richard.brody@wildlife.ca.gov>; scott@ballonafriends.org; Jim Burton <[REDACTED]> Edith Read <[REDACTED]> Edward Hernandez <edward.hernandez@lacity.org>; ed.pert@wildlife.ca.gov
Subject: BALLONA WETLANDS: City Right of Way

Hi Sean,

City BOE Surveyor Ed Hernandez (edward.hernandez@lacity.org, 818-374-4660) defines the public right of way on the dirt south of Jefferson Blvd (between Culver Blvd & the Marsh). This dirt area is up to 20ft. South of this area is the Wetlands: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/o0i6w5kw9p3orl1/Survey%20Video.MOV?dl=0>

CA Fish & Wildlife own & maintain this area of the Wetlands. The main POC is Richard Brody (Richard.Brody@wildlife.ca.gov, 310-455-3243).

This motion prohibits nighttime entry onto the public right of way owned by City on either side of Jefferson Blvd abutting the Wetlands: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-1081_ord_draft_10-28-2022.pdf See excerpt below:

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The community appreciates your support.

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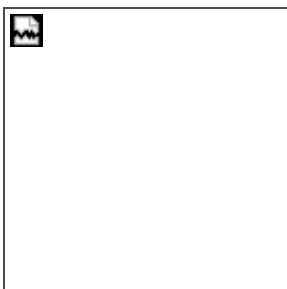


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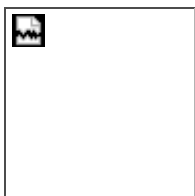
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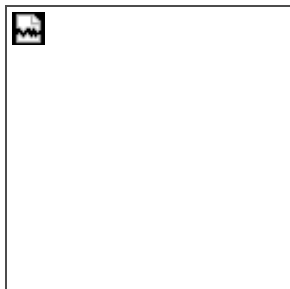


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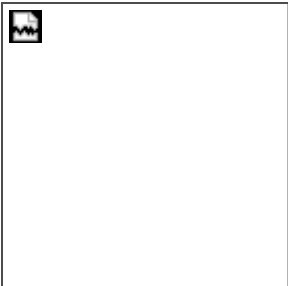
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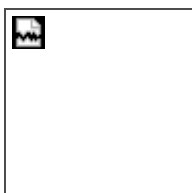


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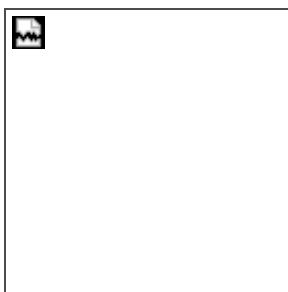


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Date: 1/24/2023, 7:31 PM
To: Traci Park <traci.park@lacity.org>

Yes

On Tue, Jan 24, 2023 at 6:04 PM Traci Park <traci.park@lacity.org> wrote:

For messaging, let's discuss.

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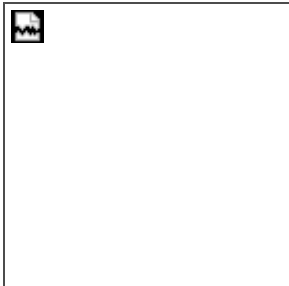
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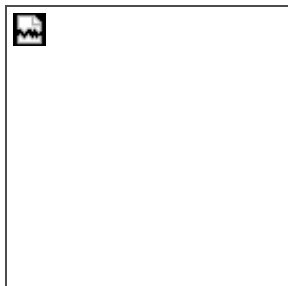
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From: Dave Cano <david.cano@lacity.org>
Date: 1/25/2023, 10:51 AM
To: Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>

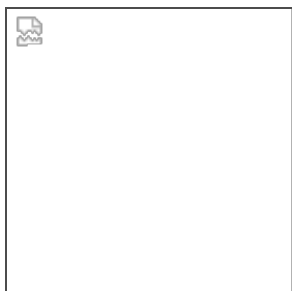
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With kind regards,



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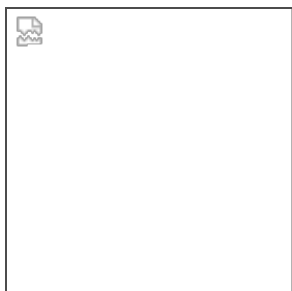
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To: Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

We can finally provide an update, can you please connect an issue one?

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Date: Tue, Jan 17, 2023 at 1:42 PM
Subject: Congrats and please update on Ballona Wetlands encampments
To: <Gabriela.Medina@lacity.org>

Hey Traci,

Just wanted to let you know it's so great to actually see progress being made already with the homeless encampments. That one in Venice is a huge victory. Finally somebody is doing something. Great job.

Can you tell me if there's any progress with getting the wetlands situation under control? The garbage has dramatically increased in the past month or so. It's now worse than ever. Is there a plan? It's so nice to have somebody in office that is actually making a difference now. We really appreciate it.

Thanks

Michael Hayden
[REDACTED]

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Date: 1/25/2023, 12:17 PM
To: Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

We can finally provide an update, can you please connect an issue one?

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Date: Tue, Jan 17, 2023 at 1:42 PM
Subject: Congrats and please update on Ballona Wetlands encampments
To: <Gabriela.Medina@lacity.org>

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Thanks

Michael Hayden
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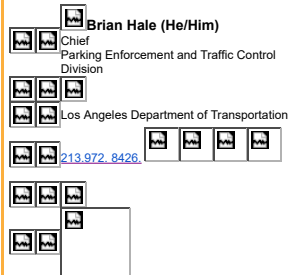
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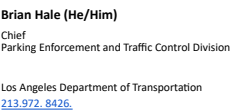
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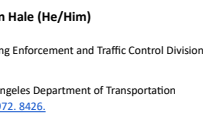
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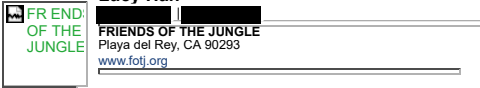
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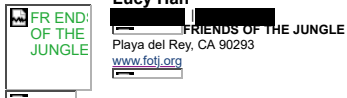
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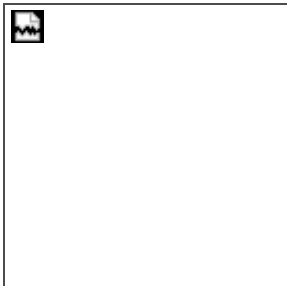
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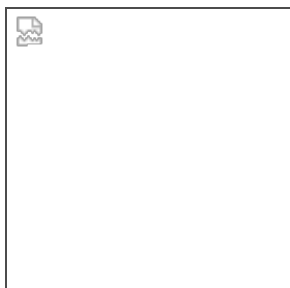
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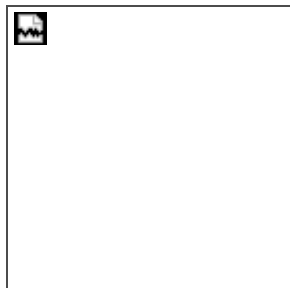
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Ashley Lozada, MPA | Venice, Mar Vista, Del Rey Field Deputy
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Subject: Ballona Wetlands Vehicle Dwellers

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Date: 2/10/2023, 7:27 AM

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CC: "gabriela.medina@lacity.org" <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>, "sean.silva@lacity.org" <sean.silva@lacity.org>, Samuel Liu <Samuel.liu@sen.ca.gov>, Davis Han <davis.han@sen.ca.gov>, "charlie.beck@lapd.online" <charlie.beck@lapd.online>, "jon.peters@lapd.online" <jon.peters@lapd.online>, Steven Embrich <30993@lapd.online>, "34613@lapd.online" <34613@lapd.online>, Jeffrey Lovick <36047@lapd.online>, "connie.llanos@lacity.org" <connie.llanos@lacity.org>, Brian Hale <brian.hale@lacity.org>, "matt.szabo@lacity.org" <matt.szabo@lacity.org>, Patricia Huber <patty.huber@lacity.org>, "edwin.gipson@lacity.org" <edwin.gipson@lacity.org>, "brian.buchner@lacity.org" <brian.buchner@lacity.org>, "barbara.romero@lacity.org" <barbara.romero@lacity.org>, "robert.potter@lacity.org" <robert.potter@lacity.org>, "Mas.Dojiri@lacity.org" <Mas.Dojiri@lacity.org>, "Holly J. Mitchell" <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov>, Fredericka McGee <FMcGee@bos.lacounty.gov>, "IGracian@bos.lacounty.gov" <IGracian@bos.lacounty.gov>

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[REDACTED]

THE

Playa del Rey, CA

From: "Han, Davis" <Davis.Han@sen.ca.gov>

Date: February 9, 2023 at 7:29:30 PM EST

To: Lucy Han <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Update on Ballona Wetlands Trespassing Issues

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Davis Han | District Representative

Senator Ben Allen, 24th District

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From: Ruth Lansford <[REDACTED]>

Date: 2/12/2023, 7:22 PM

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Ruth Lansford

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Date: 2/16/2023, 11:28 AM
To: Jacob.Burman@lacity.org

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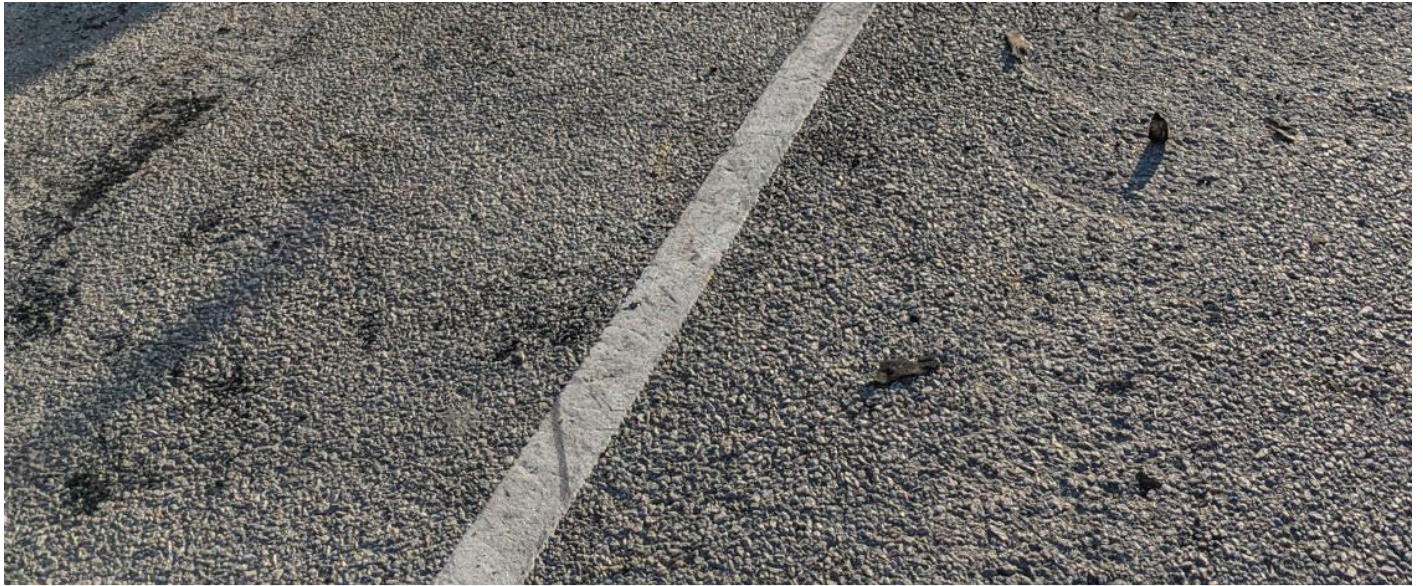
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Thanks,

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Subject: Fwd: Request for Comment
From: J Scott <[REDACTED]>
Date: 2/21/2023, 2:40 PM
To: jamie.paige@lacity.org

Hello,

I am a journalist with Knock LA working on a story about the recent death of an unhoused person living in an RV this past weekend.

Your office's official statement is:

“I am deeply saddened to learn of the tragic loss of life in the RV fire at the Ballona Wetlands today. I am well aware of the multiple fires, shootings, overdoses, and environmental degradation at this site. My team and I are actively working with our local and state partners to find solutions. I know you’re tired of excuses. So am I.”

My question is about those solutions that your team is looking at implementing at this site. Are any immediate specific solutions your office is looking to put into place?

Regarding solutions, in January when you officially took office, you sent back Council File: 22-1326. This motion was created by former councilmember Mike Bonin and it allocated resources and coordination with St. Joseph's Center to house people living in RVs along the marshlands. The motion was adopted on 11/22 by the city council. Why did you send this motion back to the committee?

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you so much!

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Joey Scott

Subject: Re: Ballona Wetlands Call on 2/22 at 11:00 AM
From: Jacob Burman <jacob.burman@lacity.org>
Date: 2/21/2023, 10:13 PM
To: Walter Lamb <[REDACTED]>

Hi Walter,

Thank you for following up. I just found out I need to staff the Councilwoman at 11am tomorrow, my apologies. Would you be free at all between 3pm-5pm on Thursday?

Best,
Jacob



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Hi Jacob,

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Thanks.

Walter
[REDACTED]

On Fri, Feb 17, 2023 at 8:20 AM Walter Lamb <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jacob,

Let's talk at 11:00 AM on Tuesday (2/22). You can call my cell or give me a number to call at that time. I will be at the wetlands observing some boring activity that is scheduled to occur that day, but will find a quieter spot to have our call.

Thanks,

Walter
[REDACTED]

On Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 4:16 PM Jacob Burman <jacob.burman@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Walter,

Thank you for reaching out and for taking the time to give a comprehensive public comment during the SMBRC meeting. I'd love to set up a time to have an introductory call and then go from there! I have the following windows of availability:

2/22: 9:30am - 11:30am

2/23: 9:30am - 11am

3/2: 12pm - 3pm

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From: Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]>

Date: 2/21/2023, 9:08 AM

To: "sean.silva@lacity.org" <sean.silva@lacity.org>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, "gita.oneill@lacity.org" <gita.oneill@lacity.org>, "howard.wong@lacity.org" <howard.wong@lacity.org>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Hi Sean, Hope all is well. Please advise as to why there are still rvs on Jefferson Blvd at the Ballona Wetlands. After Saturday's fire we all are more than fed up. Traci needs to do something NOW. Thanks. I look forward to your response.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>

To: Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Fri, Feb 3, 2023 1:10 pm

Subject: Re: RVs Jefferson Blvd. Ballona Wetlands

Hi Margaret,

I'll have to call you instead around 1:45/1:50pm due to unforeseen circumstances.

Does that work for you?

Sean



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phone number [REDACTED] Thanks

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From: Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>

To: Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Fri, Feb 3, 2023 8:26 am

Subject: Re: RVs Jefferson Blvd. Ballona Wetlands

Yes we can, that works for me.

Thanks,
Sean

On Fri, Feb 3, 2023 at 8:23 AM Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Hi Sean, Good Morning, Can we talk at 1:30 p.m. ?

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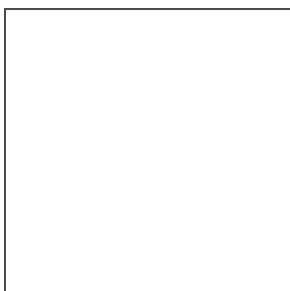
From: Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>
To: Ashley Lozada <Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org>
Cc: Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thu, Feb 2, 2023 3:59 pm
Subject: Re: RVs Jefferson Blvd. Ballona Wetlands

Hi Margaret,

My name is Sean and I'm the Field Deputy as Ashley said.

I'd love to find a time to call and discuss the matter with you. Would you like to call tomorrow, any time after 12:30pm?

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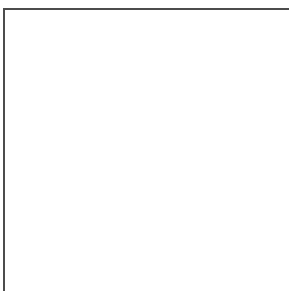


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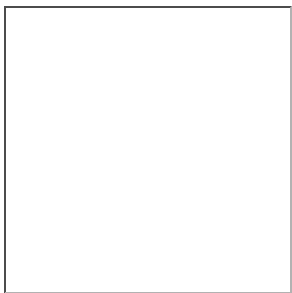
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From: Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]>
Date: 2/22/2023, 9:11 AM
To: [REDACTED] <sean.silva@lacity.org> <sean.silva@lacity.org>

-----Original Message-----

From: Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]>
To: howard.wong@lacity.org <howard.wong@lacity.org>
Sent: Wed, Feb 22, 2023 9:11 am
Subject: Re: TOW CARS and RVS FROM BALLONA WETLANDS and MARSH

Thanks for always being so responsive Howard. Have a good week.

-----Original Message-----

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To: Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wed, Feb 22, 2023 9:08 am
Subject: Re: TOW CARS and RVS FROM BALLONA WETLANDS and MARSH

That's correct.

On Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 9:07 AM Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Hey Howard, So from your perspective all those remaining rvs and other vehicles are not in any sort of violations that involve your jurisdiction?

-----Original Message-----

From: Howard Wong <howard.wong@lacity.org>
To: Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wed, Feb 22, 2023 8:57 am
Subject: Re: TOW CARS and RVS FROM BALLONA WETLANDS and MARSH

Hello Margaret,

I can only assume that there is a lack of vehicle / parking enforcement.

Regards,

On Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Morning Howard, Hope all is well. There was another fire in one of those rv on Jefferson this Saturday. From your perspective, why are those rv still there? Thanks I look forward to your response.

-----Original Message-----

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To: Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thu, Oct 27, 2022 11:10 am
Subject: Re: TOW CARS and RVS FROM BALLONA WETLANDS and MARSH

LASAN WPD may have conducted a follow up on 11/7 for illicit discharges / illicit connection.

On Thu, Oct 27, 2022 at 8:35 AM Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Thank you very much Howard. Those RVS on Jefferson need to be moved. I'll reach out to Lucy Han and get an update as I saw some sort of involvement there yesterday. By chance were you involved in that? Also do you have an updates on this?

-----Original Message-----

From: Howard Wong <howard.wong@lacity.org>
To: Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wed, Oct 26, 2022 12:51 pm
Subject: Re: TOW CARS and RVS FROM BALLONA WETLANDS and MARSH

Refer to PDF attachments from previous email images.

On Wed, Oct 26, 2022 at 9:29 AM Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Hi Howard, sorry I can't see the photograph file. Can you text it to my cell phone at [REDACTED] ? Maybe that will work. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Howard Wong <howard.wong@lacity.org>
To: Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wed, Oct 26, 2022 8:02 am
Subject: Re: TOW CARS and RVS FROM BALLONA WETLANDS and MARSH

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The information is saved as a JPEG (photograph) file within the body of the email. Can you view the images?

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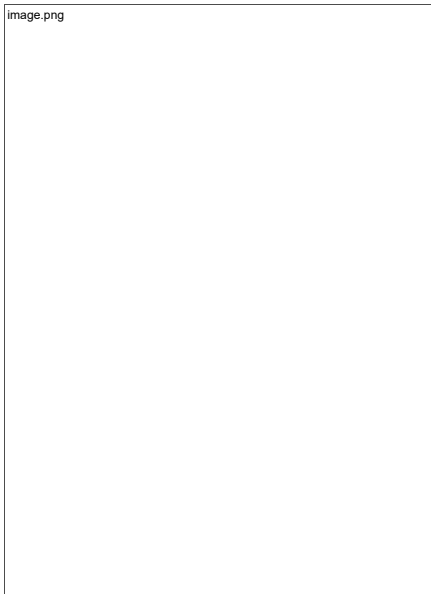
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From: Howard Wong <howard.wong@lacity.org>
To: Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tue, Oct 25, 2022 2:42 pm
Subject: Re: TOW CARS and RVS FROM BALLONA WETLANDS and MARSH

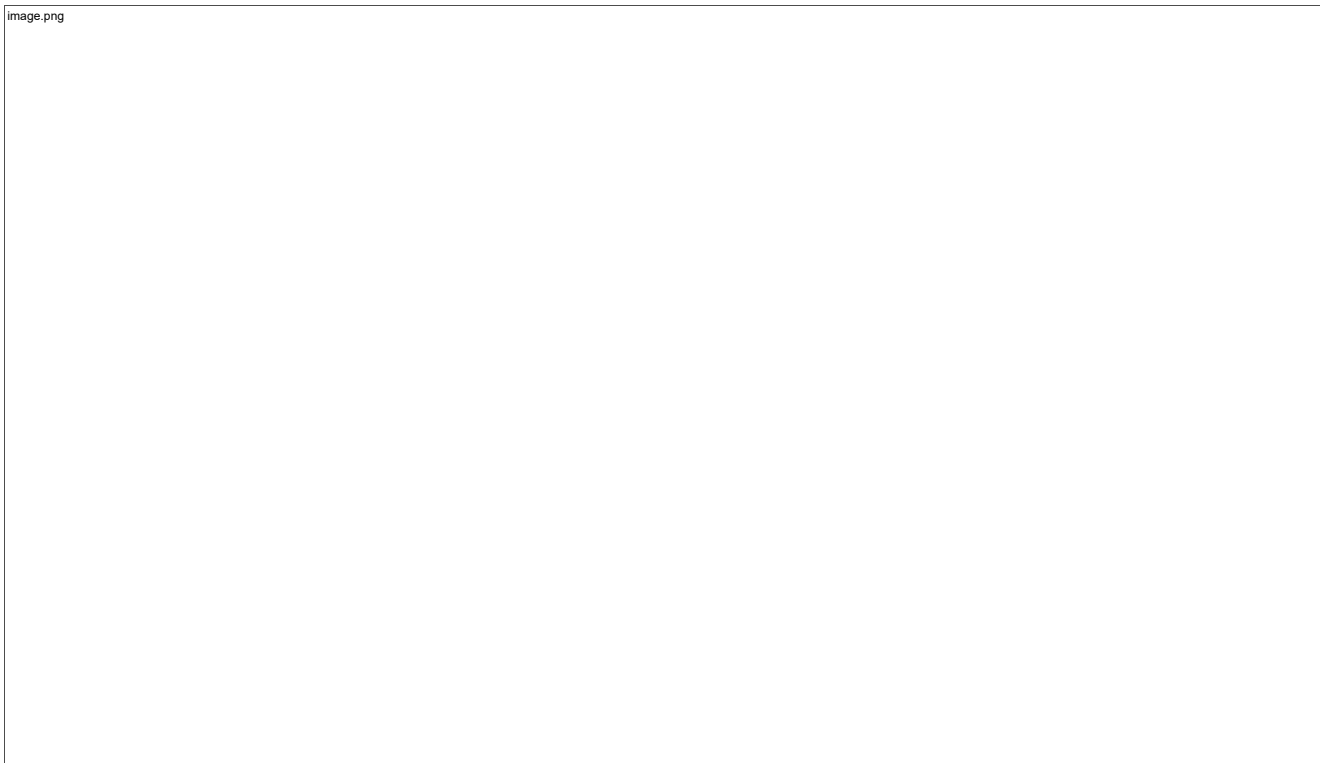
Hello Margaret,

LASAN Summary of response:

Ballona Wetlands - Illicit Discharge / Connections on public right-of-way, vehicles:



Jefferson / Lincoln / Culver Blvd. adjacent to Ballona Wetlands LASAN Cleaning And Rapid Engagement Teams response:



Municipal Building / Senior Center / Parking Lot / Public Right-Of-Way areas, LASAN Cleaning And Rapid Engagement Teams response:

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On Tue, Oct 18, 2022 at 2:43 PM Howard Wong <howard.wong@lacity.org> wrote:
Hello Margaret.

I have received your request. Let me compile a summary for you on LASAN's response, should have something in the next few days.

Regards,

On Mon, Oct 17, 2022 at 8:06 AM Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good Morning Mr. Wong, Hope you had a good weekend.Would it be possible for you to update me as to the status of your follow up regarding the RVS on Jefferson adjacent to the Ballona Wetlands ? Could you please cite the specific laws you utilize to cite or tow vehicles that are in violation ? Also have you ever visited the parking lot located at the Senior Center at Westchester Park? The address is 7000W. Manchester Ave 90045. Thank you very much. I look forward to your response.

-----Original Message-----

From: Howard Wong <howard.wong@lacity.org>
To: Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thu, Oct 6, 2022 7:46 am
Subject: Re: TOW CARS and RVS FROM BALLONA WETLANDS and MARSH

Hello Ms. Stearns,

Thank you for sharing the referenced email. The City of LA, Sanitation Watershed Protection will continue to conduct complaint response and or follow ups in the area for any RV's identified with non-compliance from previous site visits.

Regards,

On Wed, Oct 5, 2022 at 1:41 PM Margaret Stearns <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good Afternoon Mr. Wong, It was a pleasure speaking with you this morning. Attached is the email I referenced from the Mayor's office.I hope you can check on those,what appears to be, nine vehicles which were cited and need further follow up. Also I am going to explore LAHSA's interpretation of DOT's Recommended Criteria for Areas That Need to Be Subject to Tow particularly number 2 of the 5 noted criteria.Specific language, in this regard, is referenced in the February 23, 2022 Inter--Departmental Memorandum from Seleta Reynolds and now incorporated within CF 21-0956..Thank you very much.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa GAINES <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tue, Oct 4, 2022 5:47 pm
Subject: Fwd: TOW CARS and RVS FROM BALLONA WETLANDS and MARSH


Begin forwarded message:

From: Lisa GAINES <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fwd: TOW CARS and RVS FROM BALLONA WETLANDS and MARSH
Date: August 29, 2022 at 8:11:15 PM PDT
To: Debra Huston <[REDACTED]>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Los Angeles Mayor's Office <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>
Date: August 29, 2022 at 3:02:49 PM PDT
To: Lisa Gaines Gaines <[REDACTED]>
Subject: TOW CARS and RVS FROM BALLONA WETLANDS and MARSH
Reply-To: Los Angeles Mayor's Office <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>

 **Laura Cortez** (Los Angeles Mayor's Office)
Aug 29, 2022, 15:02 MST

Greetings,

Thank you for reaching out to the Mayor's office regarding the current conditions surrounding the Ballona Wetlands, and thanks for your suggestion to designate this as an environmentally sensitive habitat area (ESHA).

City staff at LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN) and the Mayor's Office very much share your concerns that mismanaged vehicles located on Jefferson Blvd. adjacent to Ballona Wetlands, can threaten water quality and delicate wetland ecosystems. As such, LASAN regularly investigates potential discharges to the street, inlets, gutters and storm drain systems where pollutants might be conveyed to the Wetlands. When illicit discharges from vehicles are discovered during investigations, LASAN leverages its authority under Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 64.70 and/or through California Health and Safety Code 117555 to initiate impound(s) of the discharging vehicle(s). The decision to tow discharging vehicles is based on the City's lawful tow authority. With these permissions, an ESHA designation is not needed to protect against illegal discharges or conduct parking enforcement.

LASAN exercised its authority most recently during investigations conducted on August 4, 2022 and August 12, 2022 where officers identified and cited any vehicles that appeared to be leaking. As part of those investigations, nine vehicles were issued Notices to Comply requiring that leaks be corrected within seven days, and one vehicle was towed. Officers also tracked the number of vehicles parked on the street, identified homeless encampments, and reported illegal dumping. LASAN's investigations will continue, and you can continue reporting illegal dumping and suspected illicit discharges by calling LASAN at 1-800-773-2489 or by creating a service request using the My311 App.

Thank you again for your engagement in your community and please know that we are tracking the situation closely.

Sincerely,
Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti



Lisa Gaines Gaines
Jul 31, 2022, 14:19 MST

Mayor Eric Garcetti,

To Mayor Garcetti, CAO Szabo, Transportation GM Llanos, Sanitation Dir Romero, LAPD Chief Moore and Councilman Bonin,

I am reaching out to ask that Mayor Garcetti, CAO Szabo, Transportation GM Llanos, Sanitation Dir Romero, LAPD Chief Moore and Councilman Bonin collaborate with the Sheriff's HOST Team, LAHSA, DOT, LASAN, LAPD to clear the vehicle dwellings (Cars and RVs) from Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve & Marsh and return these "environmentally sensitive habitats" to safe public use.

Sheriff Villanueva shares our grave concern over the many Cars and RVs parked by the Ballona Wetlands & Marsh.

City Council made "environmentally sensitive habitats" a priority for parking enforcement.

Councilman Bonin REFUSES to support parking enforcement here. His negligent behavior is endangering the habitat & surrounding residents.

The City claims there is nowhere to tow the RVs. However, there is space to tow the cars. At minimum, I am asking the City to tow the cars immediately.

The vehicle dwellers are destroying the Ballona Wetlands & Marsh. They are defecating, urinating, dumping septic tanks, disposing of hypodermic needles in these environmentally sensitive habitats. Stolen vehicles, bike chop shops and a meth lab exist here. The dwellers have assaulted residents. Others have been shot at. Per LAPD Report (5/9/22) ,the dwellers have caused a 266% increase in crime! Of the 49 most dangerous hot spots in the City, the Ballona Wetlands & Marsh are the ONLY "environmentally sensitive habitats".

The dwellers were responsible for a 5 acre fire last year. There have been several more in the past month. Santa Anas will blow a wild fire onto the adjoining Gas Company and ignite their gas tanks causing a major explosion. Thousands of residents would be affected and possibly killed.

Endangered species inhabit this area. It is vital that these areas are preserved.

LA is park poor. There is very little urban green space available in our city. Many children from disadvantaged communities can no longer visit these habitats and their tours have been cancelled. Ancient burial grounds of the Gabriolino Kizh Nation Native American Indians' are being desecrated. Environmental justice for these marginalized populations is not being fulfilled and our neighbors are being discriminated against. It is imperative that these areas are preserved.

Please make these habitats a priority and coordinate efforts with Sheriff's Host Team, LAHSA, DOT, LASAN, LAPD to enforce the parking laws.

Lisa GAINES



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Subject: Re: Request for Comment
From: J Scott <[REDACTED]>
Date: 2/23/2023, 12:00 PM
To: jamie.paige@lacity.org

Hello,
Following up again and asking again for comment below:

I am a journalist with Knock LA working on a story about the recent death of an unhoused person living in an RV this past weekend.

Your office's official statement is:

“I am deeply saddened to learn of the tragic loss of life in the RV fire at the Ballona Wetlands today. I am well aware of the multiple fires, shootings, overdoses, and environmental degradation at this site. My team and I are actively working with our local and state partners to find solutions. I know you’re tired of excuses. So am I.”

My question is about those solutions that your team is looking at implementing at this site. Are any immediate specific solutions your office is looking to put into place?

Regarding solutions, in January when you officially took office, you sent back Council File: 22-1326. This motion was created by former councilmember Mike Bonin and it allocated resources and coordination with St. Joseph's Center to house people living in RVs along the marshlands. The motion was adopted on 11/22 by the city council. Why did you send this motion back to the budget committee?

When I asked Mike Bonin about this he said:

“I don't understand why she rejected the funds -- especially since the program would have used the same approach, resources, and local social service agency (St. Joseph Center) she embraced a few weeks later when Mayor Bass used it for her Inside Safe program in Venice.”

Why did you end up using the same service provider your office had issues with in regard to this motion? What was Monica Rodriguez's involvement in this decision? The day it was sent back to the budget committee was the same day Park visited the council chambers.

On Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 2:40 PM J Scott <joey@jscott.cc> wrote:

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I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you so much!

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Joey Scott

Subject: Fwd: The Right Person To Replace Mike Bonin
From: Jacob Burman <jacob.burman@lacity.org>
Date: 2/26/2023, 9:15 PM
To: Ashley Lozada <Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org>

Hey Ashley,

Would you be able to take this meeting sometime in the next few weeks? I can connect you with Megan.
Thanks!

Best,
Jacob

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Megan Kissinger <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sat, Jan 21, 2023 at 2:02 PM
Subject: Fwd: The Right Person To Replace Mike Bonin
To: <Jacob.Burman@lacity.org>

Dear Jacob,

Please relay my gratitude to Traci and her entire team that took on Venice Bridge Housing homelessness as an early project. I live very close to this area and have been so disheartened for many years. I accidentally took my visiting niece through this section on a bike ride to the beach and cut through the Google/Gold Gym area and was embarrassed and nervous--I won't share what we saw. I haven't been there since, until I saw your article and walked there today. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

I reached out many months ago to speak with you about trash pick up ideas. We ended up not being able to find a good time to speak. Should you have time in the coming weeks, I am still very interested in speaking with you about this. Additionally, I am happy to speak with Ashley Lozada, who I understand is the Venice Field Deputy.

Thank you again. We are so grateful to the humanitarian attention to our wonderful neighborhood.

Kind regards, Megan

On Fri, Sep 23, 2022 at 7:46 PM Megan Kissinger <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Could you do 5PM?
Thanks, Megan

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 23, 2022, at 5:40 PM, Jacob Burman <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Megan,

Would Wednesday (9/28) at 4pm work for you? If so, I can add you to my calendar.

Best,

Jacob

From: Megan Kissinger <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 5:18 PM
To: Jacob Burman <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Heidi <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: The Right Person To Replace Mike Bonin

Dear Jacob,

Thank you very much for getting back to me. I welcome the opportunity to have a conversation with you. Might you be available in the mornings or towards the end of the work day a day next week?

Thank you, Megan

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 22, 2022, at 9:11 AM, Jacob Burman <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Megan,

Thank you so much for your support of Traci! My name is Jacob and I am Traci's campaign director. I'd be happy to schedule a quick call with you to hear more about your ideas and hear what your availability was like for a possible call with Traci in the coming weeks.

Thank you so much!

Best,
Jacob

Jacob Burman

Campaign Director

[Traci Park for LA City Council District 11](#)



On Sep 20, 2022, at 9:55 AM, Megan Kissinger <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Traci,

I have been following your campaign and am excited for you to win this upcoming election.

I would love to speak with you about a program that would pick up the trash in our neighborhoods, in particular Venice. In addition to the homeless folks, we also have a ton of visitors that leave an enormous amount of trash with very few possibilities of it getting picked up.

Would you have time in the coming weeks to schedule a call? I would love to work with you and your team on a plan on a voluntary basis and can even support fundraising efforts for this initiative. Given this considerable thought, and would love to share my ideas with you. Please let me know if you have time in the coming weeks to schedule a call for a preliminary discussion.

Best, Megan

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 25, 2022, at 10:29 AM, Traci Park <[REDACTED]>
wrote:

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THE RIGHT PERSON TO REPLACE MIKE BONIN

Hi, I'm Traci Park.

Some of you already know me, some of you may not. But we all have something in common: when Mike Bonin dropped out of the CD-11 race on January 27, we all breathed a collective sigh of relief. Although the recall effort did not qualify, Nico, Katrina, and each of us worked too hard to let more of the same walk through the door we opened. ***Together, we created this opportunity for change and we can't let it slip away.***

In just about six weeks, you will receive your ballot for the June 7 primary. We will choose a new Mayor, a new City Attorney, and a new CD-11 Councilmember. With so many problems facing our City,

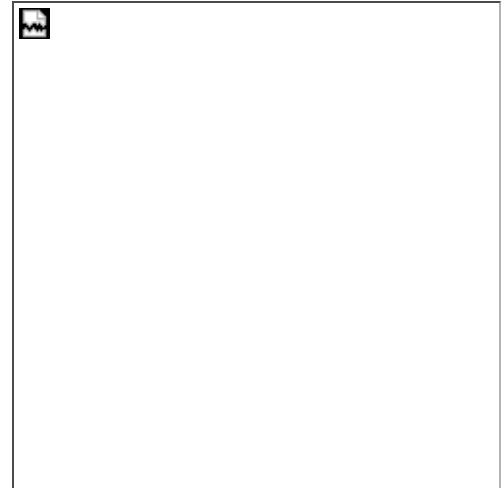
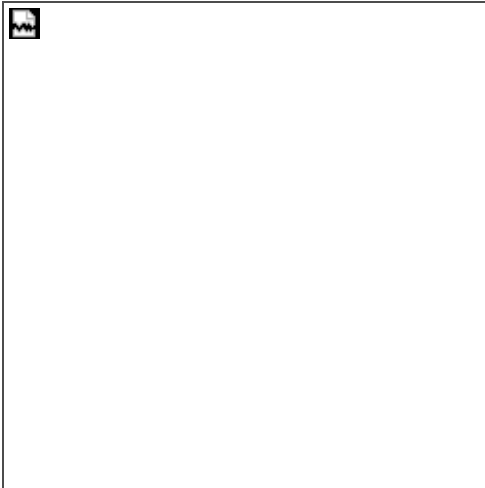
especially here on the Westside, it is imperative that we make the right decisions. [Click here to read why I'm the right choice to replace Mike Bonin.](#)



I launched my campaign last year before the recall effort even got started, and [I am the only candidate in this race who endorsed the recall.](#) All of the other candidates waited until it seemed the recall would succeed or until after their friend Mike Bonin dropped out.

Where were they when our District needed them?

During that time, crime on the Westside hit all time highs and I started working to [protect or front line heroes.](#) As your Councilmember, I will invest in public safety to keep our families, neighborhoods, and businesses safe. That's why I am [endorsed by the Los Angeles Police Protective League and the Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association,](#) the organizations that represent our frontline police officers, park rangers, and airport police.



When Mike Bonin came for our beaches and parks, [I worked shoulder to shoulder with many of you to fight to save them.](#) I've been working to [protect the Ballona Wetlands](#) from the environmental damage caused by the Jefferson RV encampment. I've also been talking to encampment residents to learn [what we must do to get people off the streets.](#) You can [read my detailed plan here.](#)

I am proud to be endorsed by the [Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce](#) because I know that thriving businesses mean thriving communities.



As a practicing attorney for more than 20 years, I help cities and businesses make policy decisions, adopt best practices, and save millions of dollars. Check out TraciPark.com to find out more about my plans and what I stand for.

When our District demanded change, I answered the call. I hope you will join my campaign and help see this effort across the finish line. [I could really use your help.](#)





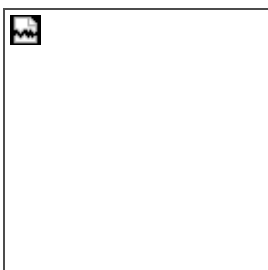
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Subject: City of LA's Ballona Wetlands ERF Grant Application - DRAFT

From: Brian Buchner <brian.buchner@lacity.org>

Date: 2/27/2023, 2:56 PM

To: Mercedes Marquez <mercedes.marquez@lacity.org>, Jenna Hornstock <jenna.hornstock@lacity.org>, Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>, Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>, Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>, Kevin Brunke <kevin.brunke@lacity.org>, Tanaz Golshan <tanaz.golshan@lacity.org>, Brad Fingard <brad.fingard@lacity.org>, Cheri Todoroff <CTodoroff@ceo.lacounty.gov>, Stephen David Simon <[REDACTED]>, Molly Rysman <[REDACTED]>, Nathaniel VerGow <[REDACTED]>, Brittnee Hill <[REDACTED]>, "Kristina M. Dixon, MBA" <[REDACTED]>, Leigh Hoffman-Kipp <leigh.hoffman-kipp@lacity.org>, Jose Ramirez <che.ramirez@lacity.org>, Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>
CC: Matt Szabo <matt.szabo@lacity.org>, Edwin Gipson <edwin.gipson@lacity.org>, Kendra Leal <kendra.leal@lacity.org>, Bindu Kannan <bindu.kannan@lacity.org>, Sofia Peralta <sofia.peralta@lacity.org>, Mindy Pothongsunun <mindy.pothongsunun@lacity.org>, Sandy Li <sandy.li@lacity.org>, Megan Falcone <megan.falcone@lacity.org>, Erica Cardenas <erica.cardenas@lacity.org>, Annabelle Gonzales <annabelle.gonzales@lacity.org>, Rachel Fox <rachel.fox@lacity.org>

Good afternoon, Mayor's office, Council office, County, and LAHSA partners,

Below you'll find a link to a draft of the City of LA's ERF grant application for the Ballona Wetlands RV encampment. The application proposes to implement the Mayor's Inside Safe Initiative at the large RV/vehicle encampment adjacent to the Wetlands, along Jefferson Blvd., as well as two additional locations that are utilized by the same population of unhoused individuals -- 1) Coral Tree Pl, at McConnell/Beethoven and 2) Underpass, at the 90 freeway and Culver Blvd.

At this time, **the total proposal is for \$10,787,954.77 to serve 120 people in 100 vehicles over the course of the grant (3 years)**. That total includes motel vouchers, interim housing, TLS, housing navigation, and RV-specific services, such as temporary storage and disposal, and more, as well as leveraged outreach, supportive services, and permanent housing.

We would appreciate your feedback on the draft.

Please review and send us any feedback or suggested edits/changes **by no later than Tuesday, 2/28, at 9am**.

Link to draft LA City ERF narrative responses:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Dwy3gL9yjt1EVLyPZy-0UMAuhWSrb0SVtJoKt-IrZ_g/edit?usp=sharing

Link to draft LA City ERF budget:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11OfzX_CYDeMLP3ooEpnT1FogJg6xKEke/edit?usp=sharing&oid=117756841332481718908&rtpof=true&sd=true

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Brian

Brian Buchner
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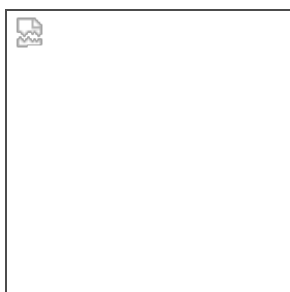
Subject: Re: PLAN for Ballona Freshwater Marsh?
From: Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>
Date: 3/2/2023, 3:30 PM
To: Detra Jones <[REDACTED]>
CC: Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>

Good afternoon Detra,

I would love to schedule a time to call you and give you the full rundown on the situation. We've made good progress and I'm confident I can share lots of information with you as we continue to partner with other City agencies and the community to bring about good changes.

Do you have any availability on Monday, perhaps before noon?

All the best,
Sean



Sean Silva | Field Deputy Westchester and Playa del Rey | Planning Liaison

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On Thu, Mar 2, 2023 at 1:23 PM Detra Jones <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Gaby,

I really appreciate your response, and look forward to more information from Sean.

Cheers to the team for cleanup efforts and outreach that has been done. It's a great start, but still a ways to go. I think that burnt out RV is still on the street, which is quite unbelievable. Any vehicle that stays parked in violation of parking signs usually gets a ticket and eventually booted or towed, yet somehow the city looks the other way for those RVs and RVs across the city. Us residents really feel helpless and look to our city leadership to build the bridges back to sanity.

Thanks,
Detra
Playa del Rey

On Thu, Mar 2, 2023, 1:15 PM Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Detra:

Thank you for contacting the office of Councilwoman Traci Park. We appreciate that you have taken the time

out of your day to relay an issue in your community and I look forward to assisting you. It takes all of us working together to ensure that our community will be well taken care of and that concerns are handled with care and consideration.

Sean on our team can go into further details regarding our work at the Ballona Wetlands, from outreach and engagement to the unhoused, to our scheduled, posted comprehensive clean-ups, leading to our recent grant application to house and clean the entire perimeter. Sean can also share with you some of the legal challenges we face with the enforcement of RVs, and opportunities we have in the near future.

Again, thank you for reaching out and we look forward to working with you.

Best,

Gaby

On Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 1:32 PM Detra Jones <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Traci,

Congratulations on the CD 11 win. I voted for you because of your Day 1 plan to enforce the anti-camping ordinances throughout the city. I live near Ballona Freshwater Marsh in Playa del Rey. My community has submitted hundreds of tickets to 311 to try to get help with the unacceptable RV and encampment disaster. From illegal parking, blocking the bike lane, broken down vehicles, building illegal dwellings on protected land, destroying the Marsh and delicate ecosystem, rampant drug use with syringes on the ground, murders, fires, dumping waste, mountains of trash, threatening workers and being a general eyesore in our wonderful beach community, blocking access to people that want to use this public space, the list goes on.

What is your plan to clean my neighborhood? There are so many neighborhoods with this problem and it's not an easy solution. Allowing people to put tents and built shelters where ever they damned well please in neighborhoods, on sidewalks, in parks, public spaces and on the beach, should be a hard NO.

What is your plan for Ballona Freshwater Marsh?

Thanks,
Detra Jones

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Gabriela Medina | District Director

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Subject: Fwd: Gray Water Violations, reporting and documenting

From: Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>

Date: 3/6/2023, 11:17 AM

To: Tovonni Price <tovonni.price@lacity.org>, Tony Yancey <Tony.yancey@lacity.org>, Aaron Gray <aaron.gray@lacity.org>, Aaron Hernandez <aaron.x.hernandez@lacity.org>

Good Afternoon LADOT:

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Best,

Gaby

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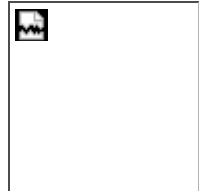
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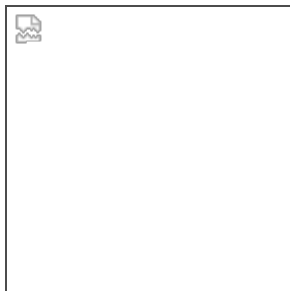
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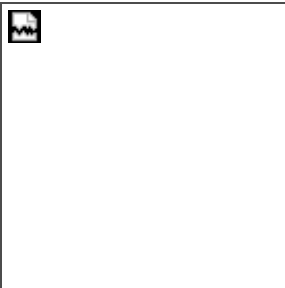
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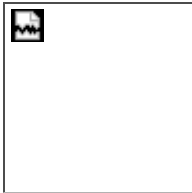
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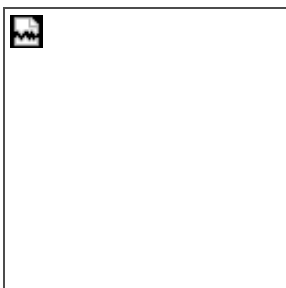
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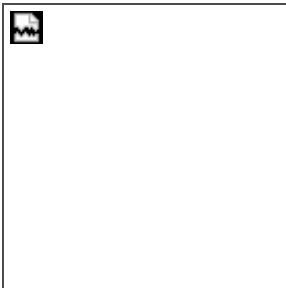
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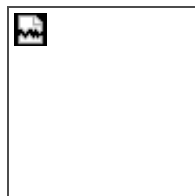


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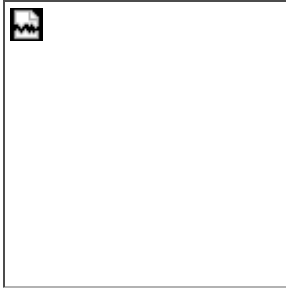
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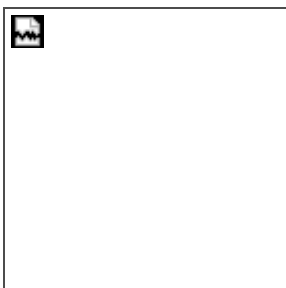
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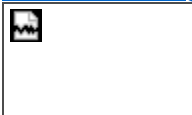
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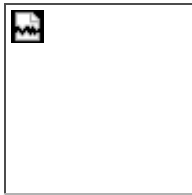
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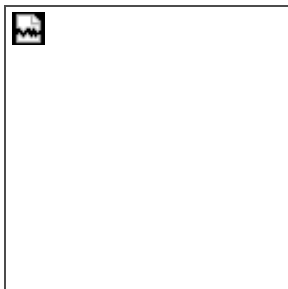
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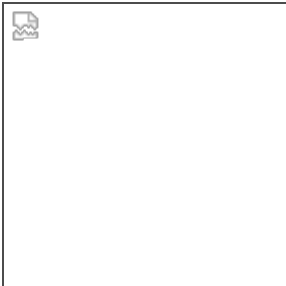
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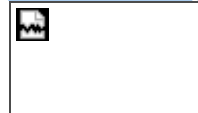
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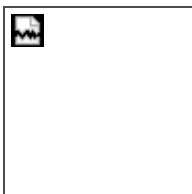


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CC: Aaron Gray <aaron.gray@lacity.org>, Aaron Hernandez <aaron.x.hernandez@lacity.org>, Tovonni Price <tovonni.price@lacity.org>

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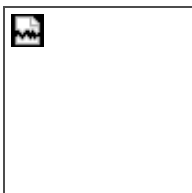


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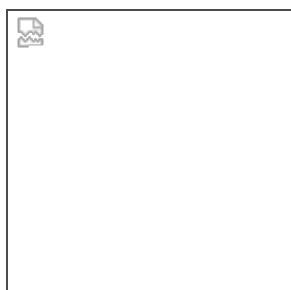
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We are moving forward with a comprehensive plan to house people at the Ballona Wetlands. The CAO is preparing the application as we speak.

In preparation for that undertaking, we'd like to know the status of the RV's on Jefferson Blvd.

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Gabriela Medina | District Director

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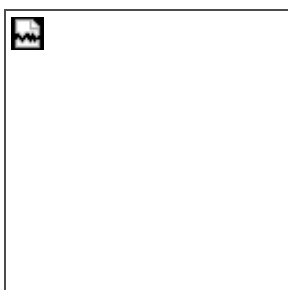
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Hi Traci,

We hope all is well with you. Not sure if you got this email we sent a month go on 2/10/23..

Recently we had a death at the Wetlands, A gentleman died in a fire in an RV parked on Jefferson.

Friends of the Jungle received the below email from Senator Allen's staff. The Senator is working to get a dedicated warden for the Ballona Wetlands.

The Senator supports your efforts to clear the the unhoused from Jefferson Blvd & wants to ensure the adjacent state property (Ballona Wetlands) is also clear of encampments.

Our community is hoping that the City's comprehensive plan for clearing vehicle dwellers will be completed soon.

Could you please tell us when that plan is projected to be completed?

You have many RV dwellers in your district. We know there is extremely limited capacity to store RVs in the City (OPG's, etc...).The Wetlands is the "only Ecological Reserve" in the County & must be preserved.

Could you please assure us that the Wetland RVs will have 1st priority over other CD11 dwellers for storage capacity in the City (OPGs, etc...)

Could you please confirm if these dwellers refuse housing that the parking signs will be enforced?

We thank you for everything you are doing to promote safety & environmental stewardship in our communities.



Lucy Han

FRIENDS OF THE JUNGLE
Playa del Rey, CA 90293
www.fotj.org

From: "Han, Davis" <Davis.Han@sen.ca.gov>

Date: February 9, 2023 at 7:29:30 PM EST

To: Lucy Han <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Update on Ballona Wetlands Trespassing Issues

Hi Lucy,

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to reach out and provide a brief update on some of the actions our office has taken to try and better protect the Ballona Wetlands from continued trespassing and further degradation. Please find attached a letter that Senator Allen sent to the California Department of Fish & Wildlife requesting full-time trespassing enforcement at the Reserve.

The Senator should be meeting with the Director of CDFW, Chuck Bonham, in the coming weeks to discuss this request in more detail. We have also been in frequent contact with Councilmember Park's team regarding the encampment on Jefferson Blvd and stand ready to assist their cleanup efforts in any way we can.

I will be sure to reach out as soon as I have any more updates to share. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Kind regards,

Davis Han | District Representative

Senator Ben Allen, 24th District

davis.han@sen.ca.gov

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Jessalyn Waldron <JWaldron@bos.lacounty.gov>

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Sincerely,
Jennifer Dakoske Koslu
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Subject: Re: Ballona Wetlands Vehicle Dwellers

From: JENNIFER DAKOSKE KOSLU <[REDACTED]>

Date: 3/7/2023, 11:05 AM

To: Traci Park <[REDACTED]> "gabriela.medina@lacity.org" <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>, davis.han@sen.ca.gov, FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org

CC: Lucy Han <[REDACTED]> "sean.silva@lacity.org" <sean.silva@lacity.org>, Jan Haagen <[REDACTED]>, Julie Ross <[REDACTED]>

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, Jim Burton <[REDACTED]>

Edith Read <[REDACTED]> "richard.brody@wildlife.ca.gov" <richard.brody@wildlife.ca.gov>

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, Kevin Farrington <[REDACTED]>, Monique Lacey <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: Re: AFTER PHOTOS FROM YESTERDAYS (03.08.2023) CLEANUP

From: Scott Culbertson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 3/9/2023, 8:57 AM

To: [REDACTED]
CC: Catherine Tyrrell <[REDACTED]>, Bill Seith <[REDACTED]>, Tracy Egoscue <[REDACTED]>, Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>, "Juan Fregoso (CD11)" <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>, Todd Bear <[REDACTED]>, Edith Read <[REDACTED]>

Thanks Jim. Thank you CD11 and LA SAN!! I agree that it's really important to schedule weekly cleanups - it will discourage new encampments.

Last time Edith ran a comparison of plants and shrubs along Jefferson - pre and post RVs - I recall that ~70 plants had been cut down. That number must have doubled, there are almost no plants now. We have a great deal of work ahead of us to repair the damage.

--scott

On Thu, Mar 9, 2023 at 5:10 AM <[REDACTED]> wrote:

All -

Thanks to CD 11 LA Sanitation was on site again yesterday and completed a CARE + cleanup of the City Right of Way adjacent to the Jefferson Trail. A few photos are attached. It is very apparent that the soils will likely need to be methodically cleaned or top layer removed before any vegetation could be expected to grow and thrive after revegetation along the right of way is completed

Hoping these cleanups from the city (or something similar) can truly become a weekly exercise moving forward.

Jim

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President / CEO

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Scott H. Culbertson | Executive Director

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Subject: RE: Nighttime Enforcement of LAMC sec. 85.02 on N and S Venice Blvds.

From: John Clark Brown <[REDACTED]>

Date: 3/14/2023, 8:59 AM

To: Monique Contreras <38228@lapd.online>

CC: Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Officer

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Clark Brown



JOHN CLARK BROWN, JR.

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Email: [REDACTED]

From: Monique Contreras <38228@lapd.online>

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 7:34 AM

To: John Clark Brown <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>; [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Nighttime Enforcement of LAMC sec. 85.02 on N and S Venice Blvds.

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Pacific Area

Basic Car 14A11

From: John Clark Brown <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 10:52 AM

To: Adrian Acosta <37285@lapd.online>; Gabriela.Medina@lacity.org <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>

Cc: Stacey A. Teruya <[REDACTED]>

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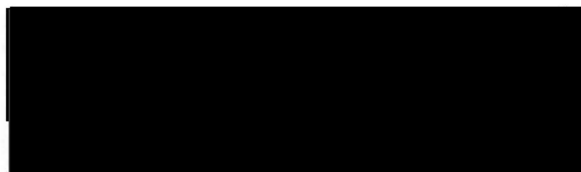
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Thank you for your assistance.

Clark Brown, elected member Venice Neighborhood Council



JOHN CLARK BROWN, JR.



Email: [Redacted]

Subject: Re: Failures of Inside Safe

From: Carter Moon <[REDACTED]>

Date: 3/15/2023, 6:58 PM

To: councilmember.park@lacity.org

CC: Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org, Jacob.Burman@lacity.org, Jamie.Paige@lacity.org, Jeff.Khau@lacity.org, Kevin.Brunke@lacity.org, William.Ayala@lacity.org, david.cano@lacity.org, "gabriela.medina@lacity.org" <Gabriela.Medina@lacity.org>, juan.fregoso@lacity.org, michael.amster@lacity.org, star.parsamyan@lacity.org

Another day with absolutely zero communication from this office. Am I being ignored? What's it going to take to get a reply?

On Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 5:55 PM Carter Moon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello,

I am following up once again on this email. There are 11 staff members CC'd on this chain, I would think one person can take the time to reply to my questions. Why is this office ignoring a constituent, isn't that what Traci Park constantly criticized Mike Bonin for?

On Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM Carter Moon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello,

I am following up again on this email. **I would like to know what the long term plans are for CD11 residents who have been placed in Inside Safe to make their conditions better inside the motels, and I would also like a clear explanation as to why Traci Park moved to kill the funding for the Ballona Wetlands encampments.**

Carter Moon

On Fri, Mar 10, 2023 at 6:26 PM Carter Moon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello,

I have not received a reply to this email in over 24 hours. I will be following up on this email every day next week until I get a reply.

On Thu, Mar 9, 2023 at 2:35 PM Carter Moon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Traci Park,

We all knew you were a cruel and racist liar. We all knew you would never put the needs of unhoused people first. We all knew you were going to banish people from public with no care for meeting their needs with compassion. But what we've witnessed in your efforts with Karen Bass' office is astounding. If it wasn't for the robust mutual aid groups operating in your district beyond the operations of your office, people would have absolutely died by now. Victims of domestic violence have been placed with their abusers, people have been placed in roach infested motels with no bedding, people are miles from their communities and starving without adequate food. Your office and the mayor's office didn't consider any of

these things, you have zero long term plans to get people into permanent housing because you refuse to build adequate affordable housing in the district. You may be having a moment where you think you're successful, but the people cheering you on will turn on you when people are once again dying on the streets without tents because you forced them to throw them away.

Furthermore, your constituents deserve to know [why you worked to kill \\$2.3 million in funding to house the Ballona Wetlands encampment](#). I know you will arrogantly pretend to be too good to respond to Knock-LA, but your constituents deserve answers as to why you chose to deliberately cause chaos and cruelty to the people in RVs in that area when you could have followed through on a more thorough plan to transition people. **Do you really hate Mike Bonin so much that you put the lives and safety of unhoused people at direct risk?**

You know I despise you for very personal reasons, and I will work tirelessly to be sure that the rest of this district knows what a monster you are. We will work to ensure that you will be one term council member. We will ensure that the people in this district know exactly what a betrayal you are to the values of Angelenos to treat everyone with compassion. **We may hate each other, but I am still a constituent, I expect a response to this email from someone in your office addressing your long-term plans for Inside Safe and a clear explanation as to why you killed the Ballona Wetlands funding.**

Disrespectfully yours,
Carter Moon

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Gaby

Thanks for your prompt reply. Couple questions.

Do you refer to LAMC 85.02 when you state “this is the only municipal code that applies to vehicle dwelling.” ?

SLO Contreras told me 85.02 had “sunsetted.” Is that correct ?

When you state “The item is sitting in Housing and homelessness committee,” do you refer to 85.02?

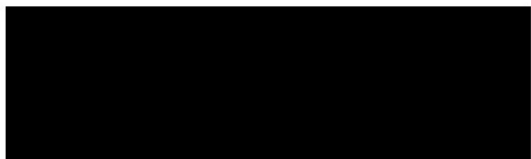
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Clark Brown,
Elected member Venice Neighborhood Council



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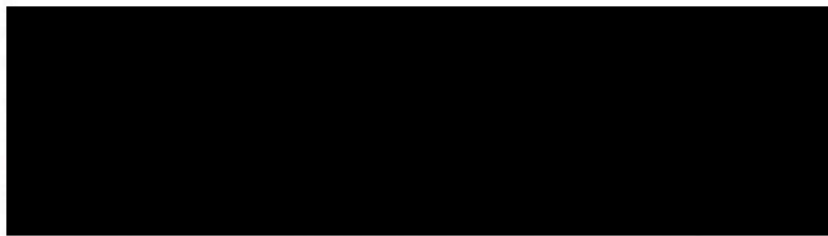
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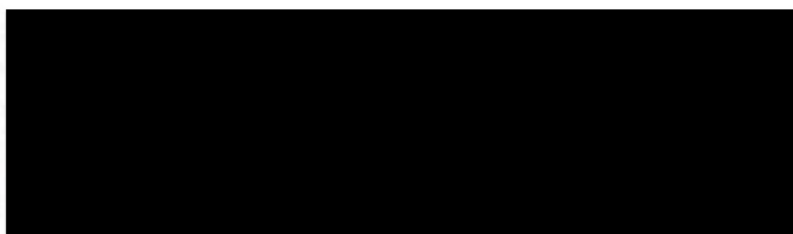
“Vehicular dwelling on streets is allowed more than 500 feet away from parks and licensed schools, pre-schools, and daycare facilities in: o all areas of the City between 6:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M.; and o all non-residential zoned areas of the City between 9:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.”

Thank you for your assistance.

Clark Brown, elected member Venice Neighborhood Council



JOHN CLARK BROWN, JR.



Email: [Redacted]

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Special Notice:
Our office is continuing to operate at a normal staffing level, however, due to the Mayor’s Directive on coronavirus (COVID-19), our offices are closed to the public at this time. As part of our efforts to mitigate the spread of this virus please call or email our office instead. Additionally, we are in the process of switching all meetings to either web or telephone conferences. Thank you for your understanding.

Nuestra oficina seguirá operando normalmente, pero, por la directiva de el Alcalde Eric Garcetti sobre el caso de Coronavirus (COVID-19), nuestras oficinas estarán cerradas para el público sobre las próximas semanas. Para prevenir el riesgo de contraer el virus y hacer todo lo posible en dar la información más reciente sobre lo que la Ciudad de Los Ángeles y el Distrito 15 están haciendo para combatir esta pandemia, por favor de llamar a nuestra oficina o mandarnos un correo electrónico. En nuestro esfuerzo de prevención, solamente tendremos juntas por teléfono o videoconferencia. Muchas gracias por su colaboración y paciencia!

Immediate life-threatening police, fire or medical emergency: 9-1-1
Police non-emergency: 877-ASK-LAPD (275-5273)
Abandoned Vehicles: 1-800-ABANDON (222-6366)
Sanitation (missed trash pick-up, broken container): 800-773-2489
Traffic control (broken traffic signal): (818) 374-4823
Dept. of Water & Power: 800-342-5397
To request outreach services for people experiencing homelessness LA HOP
Other City issues: 3-1-1

Subject: Re: Failures of Inside Safe

From: Carter Moon <[REDACTED]>

Date: 3/16/2023, 6:51 PM

To: Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

CC: Jacob.Burman@lacity.org, Jamie.Paige@lacity.org, "gabriela.medina@lacity.org" <Gabriela.Medina@lacity.org>, star.parsamyan@lacity.org

Hi Juan,

Thank you for the reply. Do you have any comment at all as to why Traci moved to kill the funding for the Ballona Wetlands encampments in November, as reported on by Knock-LA? That's the other piece I'm trying to get a clear answer from your office about, constituents deserve to know Traci's reasoning for killing that funding, it could have saved a life.

Carter Moon

On Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 6:43 PM Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Evening Carter,

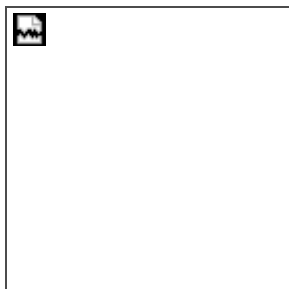
Thank you for contacting Councilwoman Traci Park's office.

Councilwoman Park is proud to have partnered with Mayor Karen Bass on her Inside Safe initiative to help the unhoused residents in CD11. We are committed to working with LAHSA and our service providers in helping everyone transition into long term stable living situations. Our office believes that it is not compassionate to let our unhoused neighbors continue living in squalor and the unsafe conditions that come with living on the streets while we work to increase housing and shelter services throughout the district.

Thanks to the Mayor's partnership, we have successfully housed over 150 individuals and are dedicated to ensuring their long-term stability, while continuing to assist hundreds more still living on our streets.

We appreciate your passion in helping those most in need and we thank you again for reaching out to our office.

Have a nice rest of your day.



Juan Fregoso | Homelessness and Housing Coordinator

Office of Councilwoman Traci Park * 11th District

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On Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 6:59 PM Carter Moon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Another day with absolutely zero communication from this office. Am I being ignored? What's it going to take to get a reply?

On Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 5:55 PM Carter Moon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello,

I am following up once again on this email. There are 11 staff members CC'd on this chain, I would think one person can take the time to reply to my questions. Why is this office ignoring a constituent, isn't that what Traci Park constantly criticized Mike Bonin for?

On Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM Carter Moon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello,

I am following up again on this email. **I would like to know what the long term plans are for CD11 residents who have been placed in Inside Safe to make their conditions better inside the motels, and I would also like a clear explanation as to why Traci Park moved to kill the funding for the Ballona Wetlands encampments.**

Carter Moon

On Fri, Mar 10, 2023 at 6:26 PM Carter Moon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello,

I have not received a reply to this email in over 24 hours. I will be following up on this email every day next week until I get a reply.

On Thu, Mar 9, 2023 at 2:35 PM Carter Moon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Traci Park,

We all knew you were a cruel and racist liar. We all knew you would never put the needs of unhoused people first. We all knew you were going to banish people from public with no care for meeting their needs with compassion. But what we've witnessed in your efforts with Karen Bass' office is astounding. If it wasn't for the robust mutual aid groups operating in your district beyond the operations of your office, people would have absolutely died by now. Victims of domestic violence have been placed with their abusers, people have been placed in roach infested motels with no bedding, people are miles from their communities and starving without adequate food. Your office and the mayor's office didn't consider any of these things, you have zero long term plans to get people into permanent housing because you refuse to build adequate affordable housing in the district. You may be having a moment where you think you're successful, but the people cheering you on will turn on you when people are once again dying on the streets without tents because you forced them to throw them away.

Furthermore, your constituents deserve to know [why you worked to kill \\$2.3 million in funding to house the Ballona Wetlands encampment](#). I know you will arrogantly pretend to be too good to respond to Knock-LA, but your constituents deserve answers as to why you chose to deliberately cause chaos and cruelty to the people in RVs in that area when

you could have followed through on a more thorough plan to transition people. **Do you really hate Mike Bonin so much that you put the lives and safety of unhoused people at direct risk?**

You know I despise you for very personal reasons, and I will work tirelessly to be sure that the rest of this district knows what a monster you are. We will work to ensure that you will be one term council member. We will ensure that the people in this district know exactly what a betrayal you are to the values of Angelenos to treat everyone with compassion. **We may hate each other, but I am still a constituent, I expect a response to this email from someone in your office addressing your long-term plans for Inside Safe and a clear explanation as to why you killed the Ballona Wetlands funding.**

Disrespectfully yours,
Carter Moon

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Subject: FW: March 20, 2023, Circling the News #1140

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: 3/21/2023, 8:53 AM

To: <jamie.paige@lacity.org>

Jamie,

I'm receiving emails like the one below. My husband is an airline pilot who drives by the RV mess at the Ballona weekly and wants to know why something can't be done. I'm hoping Traci can address the email below. Here's additional questions for Traci.

1. Why can't RVs that are illegally parked be ticketed?
2. Why can't people who are illegally camped be asked to move? Why is it the City's responsibility to find them a place to stay?
3. Have there been any studies done to see if the people living in the RVs are the owners—or are they simply tenants?
4. What is happening with the State, what are they doing to help the City keep this environmentally sensitive area intact.
5. There have been numerous fires in the RVs—and the latest had a man burn in his RV. How can the City allow these unsafe sleeping situations to continue.
6. It seems like an oxymoron to say that the habitat of nesting and migrating birds can be destroyed, but that the city is environmentally friendly—how would Traci respond.

Sue

From: L Flynn <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:20 PM

To: newslett[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: March 20, 2023, Circling the News #1140

Hi Sue,

I have questions about the interview with Traci Park. As you know, I was one of the birders taking her and you through the wetlands. I know how upset she was/is about the situation there with the RVers and the degradation of the wetlands. But what I am not hearing at all is what are they trying to do. All we hear is she's working on it. That simply doesn't cut it. We want to know what work is being done. What agencies are involved/not involved and what are they doing. Basically we want 100% transparency on this issue. This has gone on for too long and all we get is we're working on it. If their hands are tied, by what agency and why. it doesn't appear that there are any changes happening other than periodic clean up. The wetlands are being destroyed more and more on a daily basis. Trees cut down and tossed in the street, trash and junk all over. It's dangerous there for cyclists and drivers with junk overflowing into traffic lanes. We are all happy to see homeless living in tents are being moved into housing but the RVers have to go. We have parking regulations that are not being enforced. At the same time a birder of many years had his car towed for being parked in the same area the RVers are. The situation is intolerable and we need this seriously addressed and we need 100% transparency on this issue on a regular basis.

Thank you, Lynzie

On Mar 20, 2023, at 7:10 PM, Circling The News <[newslett\[REDACTED\]](#)> wrote:

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PPCC PROPOSES SELECTING HONORARY MAYOR:

According to the March 23 meeting agenda for the Pacific Palisades Community Council meeting scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. that council would like to take over selecting the town's honorary mayor. PPCC President Maryam Zar wrote, "PPCC's 50th Anniversary is coming up. I'd like to celebrate by taking on the Honorary Mayor tradition, given that the joint Malibu Chamber is not in a position to adopt that tradition and the Honorary Mayor mantel is well-placed at PPCC."

CTN thought the Ho!Ho!Ho! Committee might be a great group to continue the tradition. When the Chamber said they were discontinuing that holiday event in 2018, volunteers banded together and kept the 74-year Palisades Chamber Ho!Ho!Ho! alive. Last year there were "reingoats" and even 175 pound turtle named Tiptoe.

The current Honorary Mayor Eugene Levy is an absolutely perfect official!

PPCC MEETINGS HELD ON ZOOM:

Although most of the City has gone back to live meetings, or a hybrid of live and zoom, the local community council continues on zoom. Residents are invited to listen, make public comment from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Thursday, March 23 meeting. Visit: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82505310911?pwd=OThJUTdtWUprU0c3SC82MVlKK3F2dz09> Meeting ID: 825 0531 0911 Audio Only/Dial-In: 1-669-900-6833 or 1-669 444 9171 Zoom doors will open at 5:45p.m.

PPCC SUPPORT FOR DOG PARK:

Also on the Thursday agenda is PPCC support for reviving the proposed dog park in Pacific Palisades. In a letter to the City, Maryam Zar wrote "It takes on a new urgency as people come to GWPPC (George Wolfberg Park at Potrero) to enjoy the wonderful trails and fabulous vistas with their dogs, and often allow them off-leash in the coastal landscape. Unfortunately, these off-leash dogs threaten the delicate riparian habitat and topography of this well-planned, passive-use park."

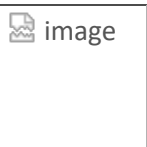
BEACH DETAIL CHECKS OUT WOLFBERG PARK:

As the request of a resident, the Los Angeles Police Department Beach Detail went through George Wolfberg Park on March 20. A resident had worried that someone was doing graffiti on the walls in the park, because there had been some graffiti on the restrooms. Officers found graffiti on a private property wall by the park, but that had been there before the park opened.



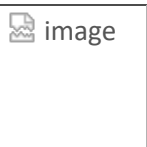
Councilwoman Traci Park Addresses First 100 Days and Ongoing Challenges

(Editor's note: Circling the News first met Traci Park at the Ballona Wetlands in August 2021, a month after she had declared her candidacy for CD 11 to run against...



Village Green Supports Red Cross Giving Day

Each year, the President of the United States proclaims March as "Red Cross Month" and March 22 as the national Red Cross Giving Day. On February 28, President Joe Biden...



Artist Martha Meade Will Teach a Free Painting Class

Artist Martha Meade taught a painting class in January, and it was pronounced a great success by all who attended. There has been demand for another class and now a...

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Subject: Bellona Wetlands

From: Michael Hopson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 3/24/2023, 12:01 AM

To: Michael Hopson <[REDACTED]>

CC: star.parsamyan@lacity.org, Kevin.Brunke@lacity.org, Jeff.Khau@lacity.org, Jamie.Paige@lacity.org, Jacob.Burman@lacity.org, david.cano@lacity.org, William.Ayala@lacity.org, carol.williams@lacity.org, gabriela.medina@lacity.org, Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org, michael.amster@lacity.org, juan.fregoso@lacity.org

Knock-LA has confirmed that Traci Park moved to kill \$2.3 million in funding that would have helped many people living in the RV encampment on Jefferson Boulevard transition safely into housing. Instead, Traci used an inhumane sweep to push people out of the area with no housing offered. As someone who has housing-insecure family and friends, this is concerning.

- Why did Traci act to eliminate the funding before she was even sworn into office?
- What was her justification for rejecting money that literally could have been lifesaving for Woody Akiedis?
- Why does this office refuse to acknowledge Knock-LA as a legitimate source when Jamie Paige is on staff, working for the much less credible Westside Current?
- Why did Traci choose the oppressive option of sweeping the RVs suddenly when there could have been funding to transition people more safely from the encampment and indoors?

<https://knock-la.com/park-ballona-wetlands-death/>

Subject: Environment and Mayor Bass

From: Sue Pascoe <[REDACTED]>

Date: 3/24/2023, 8:17 PM

To: zach.seidl@lacity.org, Jamie Paige <jamie.paige@lacity.org>

Zach,

I feel that Mayor Bass is doing great things with her Inside Safe program. After Mayor Garcetti basically did nothing for the past few years, it is refreshing to see action.

I'm curious about Mayor's Bass "take" on the environment. More specifically, the Ballona Wetlands. It is an environmentally sensitive area in CD 11.

It is a stopover and resting place for millions of birds along the Pacific flyway--which is a 7,500 mile migratory route. These wetlands provide a refuge, food and a place for birds to bathe.

Ballona's estuaries shelter young fish and the area serves as a water filtration system.

The El Segundo Blue Butterfly and the Belding's Savannah Sparrow, which are endangered species inhabit the Ballona.

But RV dwellers are destroying the habitat--with defecation, illegal dumping of septic tanks, garbage, disposing of hypodermic needles. There have been fires and people have died --you Councilmember Traci Park could fill you in.

I understand the City doesn't have a policy about people in RVs illegally camping, but it seems if the City is an environmental champion it would want to help the birds and other wildlife.

Simply, does Mayor Bass think the City should save the Ballona Wetlands and the bird migratory route? If she does, will she move those illegally camping off this sensitive area?

I'm doing an update of the Ballona Wetlands story next week and would like her comment.

Thanks.

Sue Pascoe
Editor
Circling the News

#BETTER11

CARE / CARE + PROGRAM

136 CARE/CARE+ SERVICE EVENTS

707 TONS SOLID WASTE

44940 LBS HAZARDOUS WASTE

225 CT ENCAMPMENTS PROCESSED

35 CT BAGS/ITEMS STORED



#BETTER11

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES



41.18 LOCATIONS



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR (KIP)



YOUTH TRAFFICKING



STREET DRUG STRATEGY



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT



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Livability Services Division's (LSD) staff conducted homeless encampment surveys in **CD 11** and posted requested locations for clean-up on **March 8, 2023**. The following staff conducted the Postings:

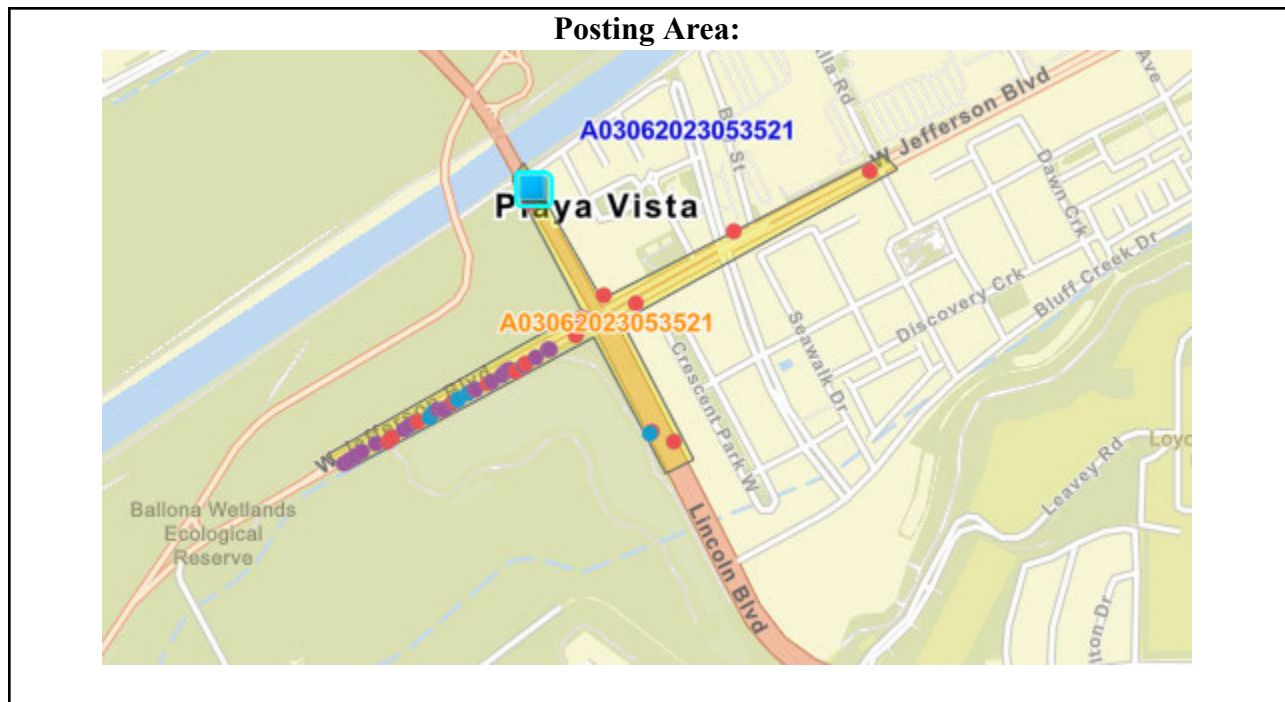
Lead Environmental Compliance Inspector (ECI): **Daniel Quinn**

Second Environmental Compliance Inspector (ECI): **Alfonso Romillo**

Maintenance Laborer (ML):

All locations posted were within the authorized polygon map. Below are details of the posting operations.

Approximately **480 Mins (8 Hrs)** should be allowed for this clean-up. The following resources will be required.



● Posting Notice ● Homeless Encampment / Personal Property ● Illegal Dumping ● RV ● NoHEPresent

LOCATION DETAILS

Address: **Jefferson Blvd / Lincoln**

LAPD Division: **PACIFIC**

Service Area ID: **A03062023053521**

Posting ID: **P03062023053521**

Posting Complete: **Posted**

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RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

LSD ECI Team Count: **2**

LASAN Solids CARE+ Team Count: **4**

Clean Harbors Environmental Services Team: Count: **2**

DOT Team Count: **1**

Trash Truck Count: **1**

Kubota Count: **1**

Power Wash Needed: **NO**

Clean-up Duration (Min): **480 Mins (8 Hrs)**

LAPD Needed: **YES**

LAPD Need Notes:

DOT Needed: **YES**

DOT Need Notes: **Heavily trafficked streets.**

Animal Services Needed: **NO**

Animal Services Need Notes:

FIELD OBSERVATIONS AND VIOLATIONS (OBSERVED WITHIN SERVICE AREA)

Illegal Dumping: **3**

Individual(s): **10**

HE: **6**

RV: **22**

Unattended Vehicle: **8**

Burned RV/Vehicle: **0**

Violation: **LAMC 56.11.10 (c) Refuse to remove any barrier, string, wire, rope, chain or other attachment, LAMC 56.11.3 (d) ADA, LAMC 56.11.3 (e) Blocking ingress/egress, LAMC 56.11.3 (g) Health Hazard, LAMC 56.11.8 (a-c)**

Attachments

Health and Safety Hazard:

Leak: **NO**

Leak Description:

Overview Photos

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SUBMISSION PORTAL OVERVIEW

Is the Application a "Test" Submission?

No, this is my official Submission.

Subject: Fwd: Wetland RV Dwelling Status

From: Lucy Han <[REDACTED]>

Date: 3/27/2023, 6:39 PM

To: "gabriela.medina@lacity.org" <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>

CC: "sean.silva@lacity.org" <sean.silva@lacity.org>, "traci.park@lacity.org" <traci.park@lacity.org>

I stand corrected. I misread the FB post. No Venice RV dwellings were towed this morning.

Would still like to meet about Wetland RVs.

Thank you.

□ **Lucy Han**



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Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]

Subject: Wetland RV Dwelling Status

Date: March 27, 2023 at 12:27:57 PM PDT

To: gabriela.medina@lacity.org

Cc: traci.park@lacity.org, sean.silva@lacity.org

Hi Gabriela,

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My availability: M/T/W/TH/F after 1pm

You mentioned there was a recently created document that affected RV dwellings. Could you please email it to me?

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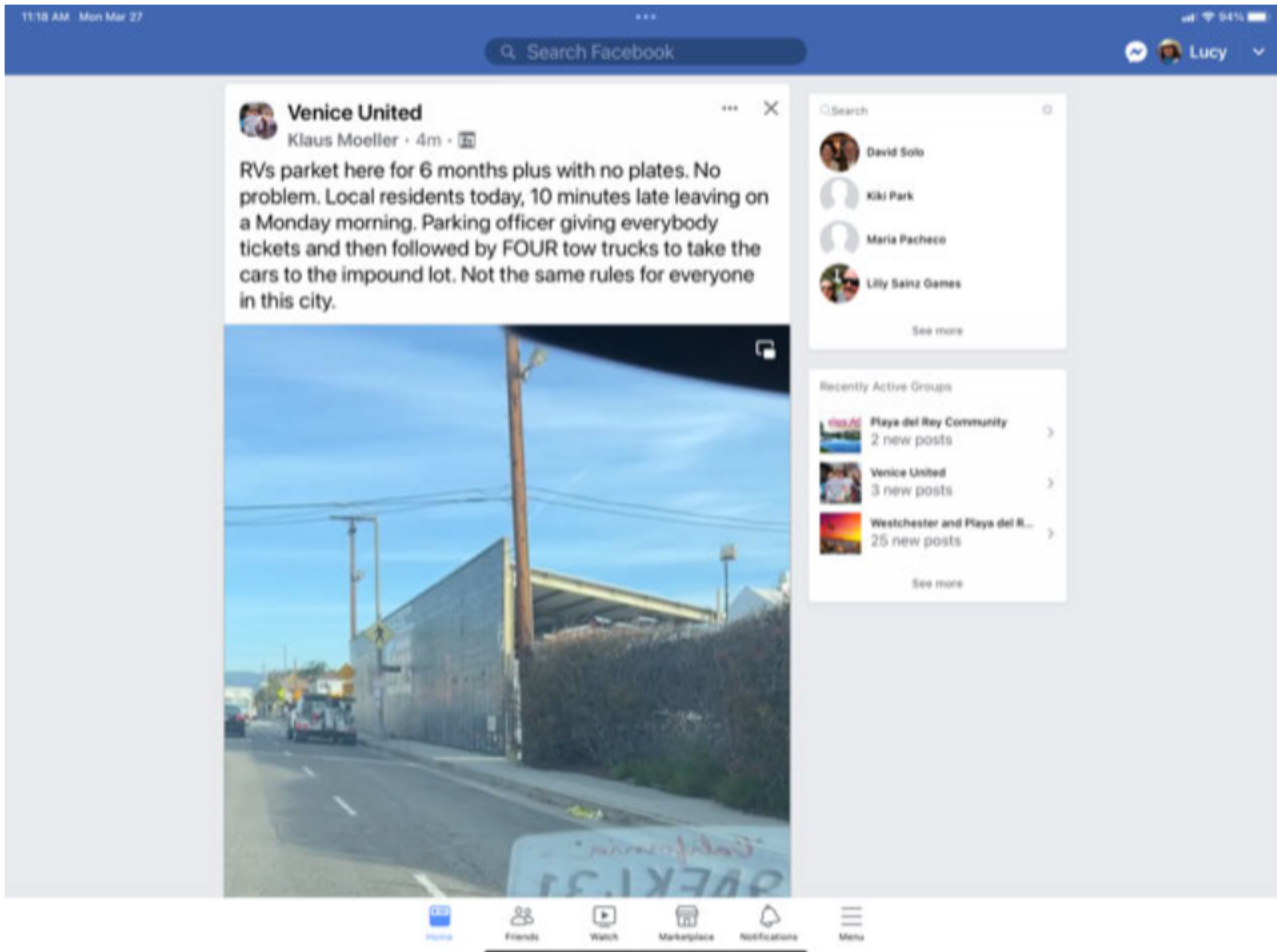
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To: Lucy Han <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>
Sent: Thu, Mar 30, 2023 2:48 pm
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As for the RV dwelling issue at the Ballona Wetlands, it continues to be one of our greatest concerns and priorities as an office. Councilwoman Traci Park has met with Senator Ben Allen, Mayor Karen Bass, and other state and local colleagues to discuss ways to mitigate the impacts on the local ecosystem. Since taking office, we have proactively worked with LASAN and the Environment to address the public health crisis at the wetlands. We have scheduled bi-weekly CARE+ clean-ups, collected over 50 tons of trash, including hazardous waste, and issued 27 notices to comply and 4 infractions to gray water violations. We have been in constant communication with the Ballona Wetlands Conservancy on ways to further advance support and efforts to restore the ecosystem.

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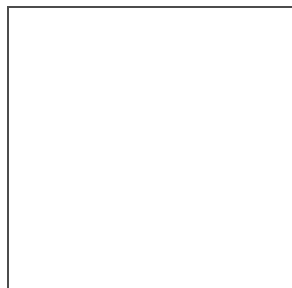
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Thank you all for your time, have a wonderful day.

Best,

Team Park

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It's good to know Councilmember Parks isn't giving up.

Very best,
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Captain Applegate about the feasibility of making this happen. As you can imagine, LAPD is experiencing staffing setbacks, and while we want to encourage a drop-in center at either of these sites, these are decisions that the LAPD will discuss internally, and notify us of the outcome.

As for the RV dwelling issue at the Ballona Wetlands, it continues to be one of our greatest concerns and priorities as an office. Councilwoman Traci Park has met with Senator Ben Allen, Mayor Karen Bass, and other state and local colleagues to discuss ways to mitigate the impacts on the local ecosystem. Since taking office, we have proactively worked with LASAN and the Environment to address the public health crisis at the wetlands. We have scheduled bi-weekly CARE+ clean-ups, collected over 50 tons of trash, including hazardous waste, and issued 27 notices to comply and 4 infractions to gray water violations. We have been in constant communication with the Ballona Wetlands Conservancy on ways to further advance support and efforts to restore the ecosystem.

Recently, in partnership with the Office of the City Administrative Officer, we applied for the [ERF grant](#) specifically for the Ballona Wetlands RV encampment. This is the only application the CAO submitted, to maximize our chances of being selected and finally bringing much-needed relief to this region. If selected, our office will mobilize our partners and put into effect our proposal.

The city faces many challenges, and vehicle dwelling is at the forefront of those issues. The vehicle dwelling policy in the City of Los Angeles, better known as LAMC 85.02 sunset at the start of 2020. Since then, the City Council has yet to adopt a policy in which vehicle dwelling is allowed and regulated. Councilwoman Traci Park is working with her colleagues and the Mayor to bring forth a policy that will designate where people can dwell in their vehicles with minimal impacts on our surrounding communities, however, this extensive process still needs to go through the legislative channels.

The Office of the City Administrative Officer issued a report on how the City can move forward with vehicle dwelling, which was dually referred to the Transportation Committee and the Homelessness and Poverty Committee. It went to the full city council vote, where it passed. The document is attached. Although comprehensive, the report is still in its infancy stage and it would not deliver much progress on locations like the Ballona Wetlands. We are counting on the ERF grant to help us fund tangible solutions.

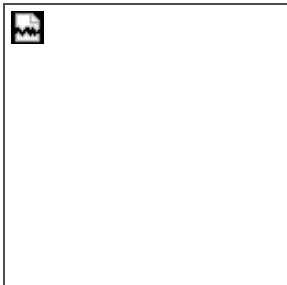
So while this location is at the top of our priority list, we have to wait until our tools are properly in place before we can take action. Councilwoman Park has communicated her intent and will deliver on her promise when all factors are in place. We want to be thoughtful about our delivery and ensure positive outcomes for everyone involved. We thank you for your ongoing engagement and patience and look forward to our growing partnership.

Thank you all for your time, have a wonderful day.

Best,

Team Park

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Gabriela Medina | District Director

Office of Councilwoman Traci Park • 11th District

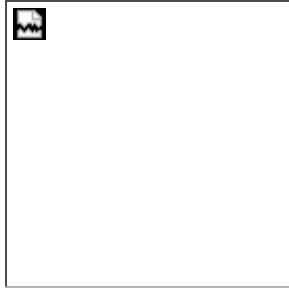
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Nuestra oficina seguirá operando normalmente, pero, por la directiva de el Alcalde Eric Garcetti sobre el caso de Coronavirus (COVID-19), nuestras oficinas estarán cerradas para el público sobre las próximas semanas. Para prevenir el riesgo de contraer el virus y hacer todo lo posible en dar la información más reciente sobre lo que la Ciudad de Los Ángeles y el Distrito 15 están haciendo para combatir esta pandemia, por favor de llamar a nuestra oficina o mandarnos un correo electrónico. En nuestro esfuerzo de prevención, solamente tendremos juntas por teléfono o videoconferencia. Muchas gracias por su colaboración y paciencia!

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Abandoned Vehicles: 1-800-ABANDON (222-6366)

Sanitation (missed trash pick-up, broken container): 800-773-2489

Traffic control (broken traffic signal): (818) 374-4823

Dept. of Water & Power: 800-342-5397

To request outreach services for people experiencing homelessness LA HOP

Other City issues: 3-1-1

Subject: Ballona follow up

From: Walter Lamb <[REDACTED]>

Date: 4/7/2023, 5:38 PM

To: sean.silva@lacity.org

Hey Sean,

Thanks for taking the time to speak with me on the phone about the Ballona Wetlands. I understand the focus on the RVs and I think everyone will be glad to see those folks provided with an alternate location that is safer and more sanitary for them and also less environmentally sensitive than the freshwater marsh and adjacent ecological reserve. At the same time, I think there is considerable benefit to CD11 to increase community involvement in projects that will increase the aesthetic, ecological, and educational value of the ecological reserve in the near term. There are virtually unlimited opportunities for such near term stewardship across all three areas of the reserve.

With regard to the initial sequencing of the larger restoration project, our organization isn't asking CD11 to take a position against that. I'm just letting you know, based on almost two decades of monitoring a circular planning process, that it is very unlikely that this work will ever actually take place. Similarly, with regard to the Friends, we aren't asking you to minimize your relationship with them in any way. We are asking that CD11 find ways to partner with other organizations as well in areas in which the Friends have not historically been active, such as in any area north of the creek and also large areas south of the creek.

I appreciate your comments about not having the time to become familiar with the botany of the area. I do think it is important from a policy perspective to have a general understanding of where the highest concentrations of invasive weeds are, since that vegetation can have an impact on aesthetics, ecological function, and fire danger. The best place for us to meet for an in-person intro would be at the palm tree on Jefferson right behind the main line of RVs. Some time in the next week or so would be ideal, as observing the seasonal wetlands before they dry up for the summer will help put our discussion in context.

Just let me know a time that would work well for you. I think 15 minutes would be enough time to discuss the most relevant points. From there, perhaps CD11 can work on facilitating a larger stakeholder meeting to seek common ground and collaboration.

Thanks again,

Walter

Walter Lamb
Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
310-384-1042

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Subject: From Nextdoor
From: <[REDACTED]>
Date: 4/7/2023, 8:20 AM
To: "Sean Silva" <sean.silva@lacity.org>



Lisa Farris

Playa Del Rey West • 16 hr ago • 🌐



The encampment mess that's been allowed to persist in Ballona wetlands was highlighted today on a Dr. Phil episode around free drug needle programs. The excuse for not enforcing overnight parking was COVID. Here we are in April 2023 - no change except for more trash and pollution in our wetlands and additional tax payers costs for inefficient clean up and more crime.



Margaret Stearns • Playa Del Rey Southeast



Hi Lisa I did not to see the Dr. Phil episode to know all about that area.Recently I have been in contact with Traci Park's office in this regard. She will not make this area a priority because she does not want the RVS to move into other areas of CD 11. I'm very disappointed in her policy. If you want to discuss this further please private message me. Thanks

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Lisa Farris *Author* • Playa Del Rey West



That an disappointing new stance. Traci was once very concerned about the encampment and crime here for several reasons. Curious if that's the same stance for the seven to twelve tent on the beach. (edited)

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Dewey W. • Westdale Trousdale - Mar Vista



Margaret Stearns Traci Park makes an excellent point. There is no good option here, keeping them in the Wetlands and away from the rest of us is the best option we've got.

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Nadene Mcintyre • Playa Vista



Dewey that does not keep them away from the rest of us.

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Amy Fadhli Raymond • Westchester-West



Dewey how about enforcing the laws regarding overnight dwelling in vehicles on public streets? There are so many city owned lots on commercial areas they could be moved to but alas, the people who have the power to make this happen are accepting this filth and crime as status quo

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Tom Belli • South Del Rey



@Margaret shocking. Traci park won't do anything

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Martha Lennon • Venice, CA



Margaret

So, in reality this will never stop. Just great!

11h Like Reply Share



Jonelle Berment • Playa Vista



Dewey doesn't keep them away from us in PV

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Rick Pine • Central Del Rey



Dewey except they're not away from all of us, they might be away from you but they're not away from me, and I know for a fact they commit crimes in my neighborhood.

30m Like Reply Share



Deborah Deets • El Segundo South



Margaret why be "private" with such open digressions?

From these posts, and by her actions we can conclude she's not an environmentally conscious Council member?

16m Like Reply Share



Margaret Stearns • Playa Del Rey Southeast



I'm really unhappy about it. In my opinion and what I've learned from the department of transportation, LAPD traffic enforcement and City Attorney she controls what goes on with getting the RVS and vehicles out of there. She is under pressure from other residents in the area who have convinced her that the RVS and vehicles will go to their neighborhood. They have no concerns regarding the environment and it is shameful. I've expressed my strong feelings about this to her staff. Please call her and talk to her staff.

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Lisa Farris Author • Playa Del Rey West



What happened to the parking lot to be allocated in commercial areas around LAX car rental parking, with security and DWP services? That is if these RV's are even operable to move.

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↳ See 4 more replies



Tim Campbell • Westchester-West



The City has boxed itself into a corner with these RV's by allowing the advocate lobby to define them as "homes". As you know, a government entity can't take your home without due process. That's why it takes multiple visits from outreach teams to encourage them to move, which obviously they don't. Meanwhile the community and the environment suffer.

<https://www.citywatchla.com/index.php/cw/los-angeles/26705-we-need-un-homeless-not-un-housed-la-keeps-creating-policies-for-un-housed-that-infringe-on-everyone-s-rights>

Oddly enough, we were walking the bluffs a few hours ago and there was a guy in a LAHSA shirt looking down at the encampment and chatting with someone on his phone. One must wonder why he was a half-mile away from the encampment.

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Martha Lennon • Venice, CA



Tim

Change the law! That says RV's must go into a RV's's park and pay a little something. No camping on the streets. It worked years ago. Careful who you bite for. It's gone wrong for a long time now.

11h Like Reply Share



Margaret Stearns • Playa Del Rey Southeast



Don't wonder too much Tim. The last time they were there the very angry woman who "lives there" went ballistic. Who is talking about taking a home. We are asking that they leave an environmentally sensitive are. Seems to me folks would rather they stay there than move them somewhere else. NIMBYism in our own district right?

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Tim Campbell • Westchester-West

Margaret Stearns I agree--as long as they aren't in Venice or Brentwood or the Palisades, its not a problem. Another sad consequence of the City's poor polices--turning neighborhoods against each other.

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Robert Reeves • Culver West

@Margaret I'm beginning to think that we (including the environment) might have been better off by letting Playa Vista develop this last little piece of wetlands. Which is a horrible thought unto itself.

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AI Campbells • Venice - Canals/Silver Triangle

Disgusting. These vile human beings needs to be moved.

15h Like Reply Share 4

Dewey W. • Westdale Trousdale - Mar Vista

AI Campbells Where?

13h Like Reply Share 1

Nanci B Ward • North Venice Beach

AI bile human beings? how can they be both bile and human beings? they must have a place in our world. (edited)

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Martha Lennon • Venice, CA

Dewey

Change the law and go from there. I don't think it should be that hard to do.

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Dewey W. • Westdale Trousdale - Mar Vista

Martha It's much harder than you think it is.



Al Campbells • Venice - Canals/Silver Triangle



Martha the law is already there. The powers that he choose not to enforce it. These disgusting RVs are all illegally parked in a nature preserve and can legally be towed. They choose not to because of insane politics that rob our community of important community amenities and infrastructure.

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Martha Lennon • Venice, CA



Al

I know but enforce the laws. Nothing will change if they don't. We the people need to get mad and make them. San Francisco is starting to do it change is... See more

9h Like Reply Share



Martha Lennon • Venice, CA



Dewey

Doesn't have to be if the politicians work at it and everyone follows in line. People make it hard.

9h Like Reply Share



Margaret Stearns • Playa Del Rey Southeast



Folks please we need that area on Jefferson at Ballona cleared up not just cleared up as maid service. It is so awful to see have no one including the school kids can enjoy that area. It is shameful and heartbreaking. Please call Traci and ask her to make it a priority for parking enforcement. Thanks

15h Like Reply Share



Sandra A. • Marina Del Rey-East Bank



Margaret I have & emailed her over & over


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Dewey W. • Westdale Trousdale - Mar Vista



Margaret Stearns Meh. No one ever went to that area before, so no great loss that no one goes there now.


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Robert Reeves • Culver West

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@Dewey oh contraire mon frere. My wife and I used to enjoy walking there. Now the sidewalk is impassable.

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Dawn McGlynn • Los Angeles, CA

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Dewey not true

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Amy Fadhli Raymond • Westchester-West

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Dewey for your information, elementary schools used to take the kids there for walking field trips
They won't dare risk the health & safety of young children now
Who loses out? Yep, the kids
It's that attitude that has enabled the continued degradation of areas once pristine & thriving. Do you not care about the environment or species of birds & wildlife who depend on that area? Because they too are suffering from this ridiculous policy

12h Like Reply Share




Martha Lennon • Venice, CA

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Dewey
There use to be field trips there. Many in my day over and over. Plus it's an eye sore. It's nothing short of disgusting.

11h Like Reply Share







Dave C. • Marina Del Rey - Marina/Mothers' Beach

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It's funny that anyone actually thought Traci Park was going to be able to fix this. She said what she needed to say to get elected and voters fell for it.


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 **Don N.** • Venice-West Ballona 
Dave
She's done more in 4 months than Little Mikey did in 8+ years.
15h Like Reply Share   +1 21

 **Nanci B Ward** • North Venice Beach 
Dave no it did not get in this situation in a short amount of time. it will take a longer time to clean it up. breathe!!!
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 **Chris Jones** • Playa Del Rey West 
Dave - Before she was elected she said the problem was simple; now she says it's complicated. Amazing how education can change a person's perspective.
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 **Margaux L.** • Playa Del Rey Northeast 
Chris Jones we should all remember this come election time. I never vote for the incumbent unless I am REALLY happy with their performance.
10h Like Reply Share  +1 1

 **Don N.** • Venice-West Ballona 
Margaux
She's been in office less than 6 months; enough with the hysterics.
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 **Dewey W.** • Westdale Trousdale - Mar Vista 
Don Correct!
10h Like Reply Share

 **Dewey W.** • Westdale Trousdale - Mar Vista ⋮

Don Correct!

10h Like Reply Share

 **Ashley Alvarado** • Westside Village - Rose/Glendon ⋮

Chris it's all political. She's done more than I have seen prior to her election... so I'm sure whatever she's not doing is bc her hands are tied by those with heavy hands aka \$\$\$

8h Like Reply Share

 **Sandra A.** • Marina Del Rey-East Bank ⋮

DISGUSTING

15h Like Reply Share



 **Steve Edler** • Venice-Windward Circle ⋮

Playa Vista was not allowed to build nice looking homes there for people that are willing to work and pay taxes, but this type of pollution seems to be totally acceptable. Of course, the city is trying to build very expensive homes for the homeless at the end of Venice Blvd. near the ocean so they can support themselves by begging from the tourists visiting Venice Beach, but no one wants them there either.

14h Like Reply Share



 **Patricia Powell** • Westside Village-Palms/Sepulveda ⋮

Steve Edler That is absolute nonsense.

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 **Jo Gawboy** • Venice - Canals/Silver Triangle ⋮

Patricia I think it is true they weren't allowed to build homes and we fought hard to keep the wetlands. And now they're trying to build homes in a very small city Venice I think they should find a little bit more space a little bit and then I may be create trailer parks or parking spaces where they could park the vehicles there.

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Margaret Stearns • Playa Del Rey Southeast



Call Traci's office get Gabby Medina on the phone and raise heck over this continuing pollution of the Wetlands Marsh area.

14h Like Reply Share



Max Goldman • Los Angeles, CA



Margaret she won't do anything, she literally got into office bringing light to this sort of stuff.

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Rachel Sunday • Westchester Westport Heights



Margaret gabby was so disrespectful to me over email. I would never email their office again.

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Regan Kibbee • Venice - Canals/Silver Triangle



Rachel, disappointing. If you don't mind sharing, what did your email/s to her say and what did she write back in reply?

33m Like Reply Share



Peter S. • Marina Del Rey - Marina/Mothers' Beach



I remember when Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve was in pristine condition with NOBODY parked along the street unless they were enjoying a walk or guided tour through the reserve. God only knows what's going on there now in addition to the parked RVs, trash, and human waste. Who would want to go there now, especially school children? What a disgrace that our "city leaders" have allowed this to happen!

14h Like Reply Share



Tim Campbell • Westchester-West



Peter S. I'm amazed the state water quality control board hasn't fined the city for knowingly allowing an ongoing violation of the Clean Water Act to continue for two+ years.

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David Lindner • Santa Monica, CA



Peter S. you stood by watching- and instead of stopping any of it your contribution is to be the guy that goes, back in my day...? Can I interest you in some fresh home made chocolate covered pretzels? Thanks Neighbor

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Ashley Alvarado • Westside Village - Rose/Glendon



Peter it's so sad. Why can't they treat it like Bel Air? Oh, that's right because it's not giving back \$... such a shame.

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Jo Gawboy • Venice - Canals/Silver Triangle



Peter and also I think of the poor animals having to deal with the noise on the lights in the evening which is not conducive to their lives there which is one reason that we had the Ballona wetlands so protected

7h Like Reply Share



Ron Battan • Kentwood North



I remember the same.. would bring coffee early weekends enjoy a brief walk see the wild birds & ducks there before going to home depot.... cant even go there now and the wetlands now a real wet sewer land ... dont see any change anytime soon.. anything goes these days.. trailer folks now go to busy intersection asking for \$\$\$

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Karen W. • El Segundo North



The number of RV/ cars there went down a little over a month or so ago, but I droveby last weekend and noticed it is a quite a lot more than before!

14h Like Reply Share



Lisa T. • Playa Del Rey West



Karen I agree. And actually closer to Culver I see more cars....

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Kristen Holleran • Playa Del Rey West



The wetlands have been destroyed it's such a tragedy

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Lisa Farris Author • Playa Del Rey West



Where are all the activists who used to dress up like birds when developers were building across the street?

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Ashley Alvarado • Westside Village - Rose/Glendon



Lisa I mean I would be willing 😂 I didn't know they did this 😂

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Margaret Stearns • Playa Del Rey Southeast



Los Angeles including an environmentally sensitive area have been hijacked by the homeless. Nice going Garcetti, Bonin and all the rest.

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Carol Elmen • El Segundo Northwest



At some point the community should take Control of this if the elected officials will not

It has been there way too long

These people will live like this anywh... See more

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Kristen Holleran • Playa Del Rey West



Where the heck are they?

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Kristen Holleran • Playa Del Rey West



Protesting Dreamworks and now this



Max Goldman • Los Angeles, CA



The excuse is not "Covid". Police don't want to be involved in this stuff so they ignore it no matter how many calls come in. They are understaffed, they aren't underpaid.

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Lisa Farris Author • Playa Del Rey West



LAPD - Another area and city service that was promised to be supported and properly resourced in the last election.

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Steven Vant • Playa Del Rey West



The city is not concerned about the wetlands because there is a proposal to destroy it due to the natural gas processing that is on the back of the land up against the hill. I was the one who confronted the State Senator on the show. There are also old buses on that strip that were supplied by the City to move people into so they could declare it a home.

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Jo Gawboy • Venice - Canals/Silver Triangle



Steven yeah, I agree. But who could claim a home and be parked just anywhere? Then it's a Home on wheels so we're not taking their home if they're asked to move. I just don't get it claiming a home and he could park anywhere. I want to live in Belair, should I just move my car there and claim it a home and then they can't move me? For example.

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Dewey W. • Westdale Trousdale - Mar Vista



Would you like them to park in front of your house? Or maybe we should just lock them up? Ship them to the desert? Everyone has a gripe, no one has a good solution.

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Lisa Farris Author • Playa Del Rey West



Your ignorance has no place in this discussion about natural resources that have been compromised and those who elect to camp there and ignore the city parking requirements have zero respect for the land they are squaring on. If they cared for their surroundings it would be far less egregious.

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Michele Bond, M.S. • Cameo Plaza



Dewey W. Um, that is WHY we elect officials!!! This is NOT about people parking in front of our homes instead. It's about the pollution they make. Period. It's infringing on everyone else. I know homeless people who are neat and clean. This is WAY beyond a 'gripe' as you say. This is dangerous and serious infringement on ALL of us for SO many reasons. I know what I am talking about. I have worked on an RV/homeless project for 2 years now and the area by St. Augustine Church is simply dangerous with pollution going to OUR ocean and dangerous folks committing crimes, etc. Your comment is simply "ignorant". I'm sorry, but it is. I have WONDERFUL ideas, but the officials don't listen to me....

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rosa moran • Central Del Rey



Dewey W. I have a solution but can't put it in print 🙄

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Jon Dino • Venice-Zanja/President's



rosa why not Rosa?

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rosa moran • Central Del Rey



Jon Dino because is not nice

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Jon Dino • Venice-Zanja/President's



rosa I don't find it funny.

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Jon Dino • Venice-Zanja/President's



rosa you've stated that you wish they would disappear and that you have a solution with a ghost emoji. Elaborate please.

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Chris Jones • Playa Del Rey West



rosa - Is it also illegal?

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Dewey W. • Westdale Trousdale - Mar Vista



Lisa News flash: They don't "elect" to camp there. They have no other place. You're the ignorant one. You have no answers, just more gripes and grievances.

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Dewey W. • Westdale Trousdale - Mar Vista



Michele We're listening here. Please share your great "solutions."

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Dewey W. • Westdale Trousdale - Mar Vista



rosa Then that's not a solution.

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Martha Lennon • Venice, CA



Dewey

Of course there's a solution. There's land everywhere. Make it a Community of their own. Build bathrooms and and make it just like a Mobile home park. Give them laws to obey. Just like us tax payers. Stop letting them live for free.

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Dewey W. • Westdale Trousdale - Mar Vista



Martha They often have no money. So when you say you want them to stop "living for free" — tell us how THAT works!



Martha Lennon • Venice, CA



Dewey

Where do they get money for their drugs., etc. put them to work. Charge them a minimal price for whatever. Give them a piece of land. It's better than ehTs going on now. They should have to obey the laws too. Heck, maybe half will leave calisthenics.

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Ashley Alvarado • Westside Village - Rose/Glendon



Dewey bring back the mental hospitals... That's a good start...

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Jo Gawboy • Venice - Canals/Silver Triangle



Dewey they need to work on finding a place to move the vehicles. Yes they are people we can't just make them disappear. But work on finding an optional optional... See more

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Dewey W. • Westdale Trousdale - Mar Vista



Ashley Alvarado I agree. That would be a good first step.

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Mark Ryavec • Venice-Windward Circle



Unfortunately, Traci has already walked away from several of her campaign promises. I am chagrined that I raised over \$25,000 for her campaign. If she is worried about the RVs and campers going to other areas in PDR, or Playa Vista or Westchester, just post those areas with OVO No Oversize Vehicles 2-6AM signs. And enforce them. This is silly; all our surrounding cities - BH, CC, SM, Malibu and unincorporated Mdr legally ban oversize vehicles citywide.


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Margaret Stearns • Playa Del Rey Southeast



Mark She won't do it. Call her office and they will tell you so.


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Margaret Stearns • Playa Del Rey Southeast




Mark She won't do it. Call her office and they will tell you so.

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Steven Vant • Playa Del Rey West




Mark they're politicians. As soon as they open their mouths they all lie.

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Ayesha Tr • Los Angeles, CA




Margaret what is the reason they say? The last I heard from Gabby Medina, a code had expired so they couldn't do anything about these RVs until it was reinstated

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Margaret Stearns • Playa Del Rey Southeast




Ayesha hi yes Gabby mentioned something about that however if Traci wanted to she could get parking enforcement to ticket and tow the vehicles. Traci is worried about a law suit of some sort. I see it this way and I'm not alone in this, ticket the vehicles pursuant to the parking restrictions on the books in that area and force the homeless advocates to argue that polluting that environmentally sensitive area is ok. You have to make a move Traci. Come on!!

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Rick Fitzgerald • El Segundo North



Mark Ryavec Another politician making promises that they know can't fulfill. If she doesn't even deal with an obvious desecration of one of the last somewhat natural spots left than her agenda has become clear. It is to get elected pure and simple.

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Carolyn Clites • Kentwood North



Mark you were voting for the less of two evils. Parks or Darling and yes I know I'm gonna get a lot of backlash on this comment

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Wendy Berger • South Del Rey



Mark we had to do this down our street in south del Rey. It worked.

11h Like Reply Share



Sylvia Sandela • Venice, CA



Steven exactly they all lie

41m Like Reply Share



Rob T. • El Segundo Northeast



Tax payers unite! Burn it all down.

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Robert Reeves • Culver West



@Rob Nah. We'd go to jail and the displaced would be martyred. Possibly given our homes since we wouldn't be using them anymore.

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Damon B. • Venice-West Ballona



Still nowhere near the bottom of this downward spiral. It will continue to get worse.



















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Michele Bond, M.S. • Cameo Plaza



I hear ya!! WOW - on Dr. Phil!! I hope something gets out there so this can get cleaned up.

-  **Penny Muck** • Venice-Zanja/President's ⋮
Tracey Park needs to step in here.
12h Like Reply Share   2
-  **Melissa Smith** • El Segundo North ⋮
Penny Muck None of them do, they just collect the federal dollars that are supposed to go to fix this mess. Drugs and prostitution happen in these encampments and they could care less.
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-  **John Loizeaux** • Kentwood South ⋮
The RVs block the bike path on Jefferson - very dangerous to ride there.
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-  **Steven Barlevi** • Venice - Canals/Silver Triangle ⋮
Total disgusting and reprehensible filth.
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-  **Sandra A.** • Marina Del Rey-East Bank ⋮
Dewey grow the F up
What an ignorant remark
12h Like Reply Share  3
-  **Lisa Farris** Author • Playa Del Rey West ⋮
He's easier to simply mute
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-  **Sandra A.** • Marina Del Rey-East Bank ⋮
Lisa done
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-  **rosa moran** • Central Del Rey ⋮
I am so sick of all those low life vagrants I wish they can disappear 😡
12h Like Reply Share   2



Kristen Holleran • Playa Del Rey West



I get a parking ticket for not having my wheels curbed and there is nothing being done for years of junkers and junkies clogging up and ruining our beautiful area. I'm done

12h Like Reply Share



Jo Gawboy • Venice - Canals/Silver Triangle



Kristen sooo sorry! I'd feel terrible and hopeless if that happened to me.

7h Like Reply Share



Mark Ryavec • Venice-Windward Circle



Again, unfortunately, it is turning out she is not up to the job (though Erin Darling would have been far worse). I should have run but at 71 it seemed overwhelming.

12h Like Reply Share



Wendy Berger • South Del Rey



Mark Our councilperson needed to be an attorney like Traci Park. She's got municipal experience and can collaborate with the existing elected officials. Let's just get active and communicate these grievances at the neighborhood council meetings.

10h Like Reply Share



Don N. • Venice-West Ballona



Mark

So easy to armchair QB, then say "I should have run", then make an excuse why you didn't. Weak.

10h Like Reply Share



Sandra A. • Marina Del Rey-East Bank



Don weak is your comment



9h Like Reply Share






Monica Rumsey • Del Aire







C19 is no excuse for anything. Whoever said that needs to be fired.

 **Ron Washington** • View Park ⋮
Kristen- It's pretty much discrimination!
Responsible, working, tax payers are held accountable. Homeless do whatever they want and are left alone. If they won't ticket and tow... See more
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 **Kristen Holleran** • Playa Del Rey West ⋮
Exactly my point.
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 **Laura Lynch** • Santa Monica, CA ⋮
Send this picture to Karen bass s office
11h Like Reply Share

 **Melissa Smith** • El Segundo North ⋮
Laura Lynch She knows those encampments are there, she could care less. How long has this been going on and how long has she been in office. If she cared, this would have already been taken care of on her first day of office. But fixing the problem would stop those federal dollars from coming into this state. And ironically LA county in has a "shortage" in the budget this year, hence closing down libraries. The people that run LA are a joke.
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 **Linda Brookma** • North Venice Beach ⋮
There has been a fire here, a murder, and a persistence of poor sanitation, which leads to disease, and yet.....
11h Like Reply Share  +1 6

 **Jo Gawboy** • Venice - Canals/Silver Triangle ⋮
Linda oh !! So sad
7h Like Reply Share



Martha Lennon • Venice, CA



Many come here from other states to live this way. Why do we have to support them. Many take advantage of our sanctuary state that is dying. The underpass in Brentwood is so bad , their junk flows into the lane. The politicians just get richer. No reason for this to happen.

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Sylvia Sandela • Venice, CA



There is a mess for years behind the Rite Aid and Ralph's market in Venice East of Lincoln Blvd. and now mess is starting to pile up onto the grass area on Lake St. east of Lincoln Blvd on the corner. They need to remove all those parked cars and Rv's to street clean that street. It's a damn mess.

11h Like Reply Share



Sharon Nassif • Kentwood North



Remember when people protested the development in Playa and went on hunger strikes and stayed on the corner of Jefferson and Lincoln? I wonder what those same people would think about this mess.

11h Like Reply Share



Dewey W. • Westdale Trousdale - Mar Vista



Sharon Maybe they're the ones living in the RVs ...

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Jo Gawboy • Venice - Canals/Silver Triangle



Dewey lol. I'm sure they don't like it!

7h Like Reply Share



Tina Smith • Venice-Windward Circle



Sharon Nassif you are so right, where are all those so call environmental people that rejected the Playa Vista development? now accepting a total destruction of the Ballona that full of garbage. All those environmental people starting with Al Gore, Greta Thunberg or John Kerry (many more) are selfish bunch of narcissist that making millions of dollars waving the flag of "environmental" but doing nothing about it except destroying it so they can make more money. When can we demonstrate in-front of encampment on Jefferson to remove them?

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Jo Gawboy • Venice - Canals/Silver Triangle



Tina Maybe they've given up but I'm sure they don't like it I mean that's their environment they fight for getting ruined.

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Wendy Berger • South Del Rey



It sucks!

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Vanya T. • Westchester Triangle



They should have left them at playa del rey Beach parking lots.

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Dewey W. • Westdale Trousdale - Mar Vista



Vanya Nope. We need to use the beach. Let them stay in the wetlands where they don't bother anyone.

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David Thom • Kentwood North



Guess where all of the fecal matter laced black water goes from those RV's. So much for environmental Wetland concerns.

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Laurel Tevolitz • Playa Del Rey Southeast

Keep voting "harder". They don't care.

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Melissa Smith • El Segundo North

It is weird that no one on the environmental end has pointed out that surely this is some sort of violation of wildlife and environmental laws. I guess those people are no longer around? PETA never got tagged? Or Heal the Bay. The mom groups of Playa Vista? Where is everyone? Weird.....

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CLARK JARRETT • Venice-Zanja/President's

I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU, on all points.

9h Like Reply Share



WILL H. • Venice Walk Streets

Our Once Beautiful Wetlands are now a swamp of Defication and Urination with Trash, Needles, and who knows what!!!Let's give them 50 Acres out in Lucerne Valley where they can create their own community and encampment zone 😎👍
🙏🙏🙏 Paying Taxes or Overnight usage??? Uhhhhhhhh NO 😞😞😞 (edited)

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Michele Bond, M.S. • Cameo Plaza

WILL yep... This was my idea for sure as well- Have some land -piping some water, treatment and electricity... It'll be certainly cheaper than what we're doing now... This way you can send doctors psychologists and everybody else to one central location and try to rehabilitate people from there... I think it's the best idea. Glad you said it

9h Like Reply Share



Ximena Crosby • West Century Blvd

Same thing is happening at the corner of La Cienega and Century by the Chevron Gas Station!!! The trash in unbelievable!!!



Rick Garcia • Emerson Manor



That's utterly DISGUSTING!!!

9h Like Reply Share



Gerard Belliveau • Los Angeles, CA



And regular upright tax paying citizens are still getting illegal red light tickets and pulled over for minor traffic violations. Also, I am a victim of identity theft and loan... See more

8h Like Reply Share



Sajid Mulla • Westside Inglewood



Well eventually the drugs contaminated with fentanyl will solve the issue, but doctors keep fixing them so it's a perpetual society issue that tax payers pay.

6h Like Reply Share



Craig Anthony • Venice, CA



Send this to Traci Parks office

5h Like Reply Share



lisa mcdannold • El Segundo North



Disgusting but you get what you vote for and, unless the process was unfair somehow, Ca residents have voted for Newsom, sadly, not once but twice.

3h Like Reply Share



Janis Sim • El Segundo Northwest



Remember the Save The Wetlands organization ?

2h Like Reply Share



Carol Elmen • El Segundo Northwest



Absolutely pathetic!!!

Should never been allowed to become this disgusting mess

Don't blame the pandemic or the storms!!!

1h Like Reply Share





Ed Dewees • Kentwood North



This is a political hot potato that our leaders, including Park, lack the backbone to fix.

1h Like Reply Share



Monica M. • El Segundo South



I am perplexed. Why has this issue has been allowed to continue? The longer it continues, the more it's going to grow out of hand. The RV dwellers need to be told to clean their crap up. Clearly, it's a health hazard. I'm sure there are rats everywhere. Playa Del Rey citizens need to ban together, establish and form their own township government. It's treated like brackish waters and nobody wants to take responsibility. This is a pure insult and indicative of poor government management. Do you know who pays for poor government management? Taxpayers. I believe the vehicles should be subject to inspection. I believe they are subject to rules that clearly are not being enforced in any way. Citizens raising hell is going to be the only thing that changes here.

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Charles DaCosta • Venice, CA



Where is TRACI PARK and Mayor Smiley?

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Monica M. • El Segundo South



Charles I tried to contact her to tell her how we handled it in Charlotte and that I would be happy to be on a committee. It takes a little bit of police involvement, and if there is a community coordinator that I can speak with, I can have him connect with the community coordinator at the Charlotte police department. He's a super nice guy and he's on my phone contacts. He's been with the department for years maybe like 20 years. Once we started mobilizing the police roll calls in the areas where we had issues, they started disappearing, overnight. Literally overnight. (edited)

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PAUL ABASCAL • North Venice Beach



Part of what got a lot of these nomads to where they are is they decided not to follow the rules and live without a reasonable amount of discipline. Society functions with both those principals, without them things fall apart. To fix this problem, the city has to enforce the law and make these people move to an appropriate place and live with in the accepted parameters of a society. If they are unable to do that on their own, then the government needs to intervene. To allow this to continue is unacceptable. Enough already.

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Monica M. • El Segundo South



Dewey do you litter like that Dewey? I love living in a free country, but that comes with rules and orderly society. RV dwellers should have to follow rules as well. For starters, they can clean up their crap. Maybe they'll get outside and get some sunshine and exercise. That's a health hazard and it's disgusting. And yes, I think the Mojave desert is a great solution! Another sensible solution is government involvement and providing the help that they need and those who don't want help can move on. Period! They're not paying to live on that land and they're not paying ad valorem vehicle costs. It's not safe for them and it's not safe for surrounding residents. I think signs need to be posted outside of that RV encampment area. Meetings should take place with all of them, and they will be told that they have a deadline to clean everything up and move along or take advantage of the resources that are offered to them. Since there have been so many fires, I think the vehicles need to be inspected inside. After all, it's for their own health and safety. The government allowed this issue and the government needs to clean it up. This is unbelievable that this is happening in California. We pay more to live here and get less and taxpayers have to absorb the maintenance and unacceptable living standards.

I'm happy to talk to anybody privately about how we solved this issue in Charlotte. We had large encampments on private property and we couldn't allow it. They basically disappeared overnight though, so it was a great solution. (edited)

29m Like Reply Share



Moe L. • Playa Del Rey West



100% agree. Enough is enough. Clean this mess up.

40m Like Reply Share



John Loizeaux • Kentwood South



I agree with the Mojave desert solution. Someone mentioned it earlier, but the vast majority of these people come from other states. They like the weather, can get billions of dollars in services each year and as a bonus can smoke weed legally.



Helen Jorna Weiss • Playa Del Rey Northeast



During Covid my husband I walked down to lower playa with our girls and entered the wetlands behind señor Gs. We literally got yelled at by someone giving a tour to people to get out because we are in a protected area. Where are these people now?

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Subject: Fwd: Last week's Better 11 Update

From: Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>

Date: 4/13/2023, 12:27 PM

To: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>, Traci Park <traci.park@lacity.org>



Sean Silva | Field Deputy Westchester and Playa del Rey | Planning

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Date: Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 12:04 PM

Subject: Last week's Better 11 Update

To: Jamie Paige <jamie.paige@lacity.org>, Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>

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Thank you again,

--scott

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Subject: Re: Last week's Better 11 Update

From: Scott Culbertson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 4/13/2023, 12:35 PM

To: Jamie Paige <jamie.paige@lacity.org>

CC: Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>

We're here to help and support. You can count on the Friends!

On Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 12:27 PM Jamie Paige <jamie.paige@lacity.org> wrote:

Thank you for reaching out, Scott. We appreciate your email --and most of all the countless hours you have spent on this issue! We will continue to move forward together.

Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,
Jamie Paige

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Subject: Inquiry regarding Traci's update

From: Patricia Morris <[REDACTED]>

Date: 4/15/2023, 8:11 AM

To: sean.silva@lacity.org

Hey there. Saw Traci's Better 11 update and wanted to inquire about the oversized vehicle ordinance and how that will impact the removal of the RV encampment on Jefferson. To that end, what is the update on having that completely cleaned up?

While I am sensitive to the homeless situation, these RVs are destroying our Ballona Wetlands and we all are aware of the criminal activity going on there.

Thanks in advance for the information.

Patricia Morris

Playa Del Rey resident

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Fwd: Press Inquiry- Urgent
From: Jamie Paige <jamie.paige@lacity.org>
Date: 4/17/2023, 12:55 PM
To: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>, Kevin Brunke <kevin.brunke@lacity.org>

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From: **Jamie Joseph** <jamie.joseph@epochtimesca.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 17, 2023 at 12:31 PM
Subject: Press Inquiry- Urgent
To: Jamie Paige <jamie.paige@lacity.org>

Hi Jamie,

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3. What will be the penalty for vehicles breaking the new policy?

Warm regards,



Jamie Joseph
Reporter

Southern California

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Date: 4/17/2023, 4:20 PM
To: Jamie Joseph <[REDACTED]>

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"This is an important step to improve traffic safety and uniform parking enforcement, which is a concern I have heard loud and clear from our community."

Background: The motion passed unanimously on the floor. The signs will be posted 2 a.m. - 6 a.m. DOT will be able to site anyone in violation.

What about the parked RVs along the Ballona Wetlands? Does the motion include a restriction in this area?

On background: While we are aware of the challenges and actively working with the mayor's team and appropriate departments to address the Ballona Wetlands, this prohibition is for overnight oversized parking restrictions mentioned in the resolution.

What will be the penalty for vehicles breaking the new policy? On background: A citation will be handed out to anyone in violation.

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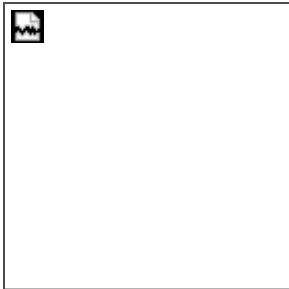
Subject: Re: Superior Ave. Petition for Posting of No Oversize Vehicle Parking Signs, dated 2/5/2020
From: Kevin Brunke <kevin.brunke@lacity.org>
Date: 4/17/2023, 1:17 PM
To: Ashley Lozada <Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org>

Hi Ashley, this was approved on Friday. Please let the petitioner know.

On Fri, Jan 20, 2023 at 2:29 PM Ashley Lozada <Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello,

Please find attached a petition for No Oversized Vehicles.



Ashley Lozada, MPA | Venice, Mar Vista, Del Rey Field Deputy

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Date: Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 1:12 PM
Subject: Fwd: Superior Ave. Petition for Posting of No Oversize Vehicle Parking Signs, dated 2/5/2020
To: Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org <Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org>

Hello Ashley,

I am forwarding you my original correspondence with Council District 11 regarding our petition for No Oversize Vehicle Parking signs on Superior Avenue in Venice, which has been on hold for *three* years. The last time I communicated with a city representative, in August, I was told that no new signs would be considered until other more ecologically vital areas were addressed, such as encampments and RVs at the Ballona Wetlands. Now that we have a new councilperson I want to make sure our District office is aware that we are *still* waiting for a response to our petition as RV parking continues to increase in our neighborhood. I was told you were the person to contact.

Thanks so much,

Marybeth Fama

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From: **Marybeth Fama** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 1:26 PM

Subject: Superior Ave. Petition for Posting of No Oversize Vehicle Parking Signs, dated 2/5/2020

Dear Mike Bonin and Council District 11 staff,

I am following up on a petition my neighbors and I submitted to Tristen Marler at the Manchester office on 2/5/2020, for posting No Oversize Vehicle Parking Signs on Superior Avenue in Venice, 90291. The pandemic intervened, but now that restrictions are to resume on April 1st, we are anxious to be approved for these signs.

Superior is a one block long street going north from Venice Blvd. to Victoria Ave., with an island at its center, forming a loop with Prospect Ave. It is very narrow. Two cars cannot pass each other, there is parking on only one side, plus numerous driveways. Spaces are *extremely* limited.

We have a newer, large apartment building on the northeast corner of Venice and Superior, and a construction site for another 56-unit apartment building (with only 41 parking spaces) on the northwest corner. These denser dwellings bring many more vehicles to our street, in spite of any underground parking. For example, there is a man named Joshua Monesson in the 1107 Venice Blvd. building who has a business renting recreational vehicles on a website. He stores his fleet of six large camper vans in front of our homes, where he shows them to clients. Here's the link to his rental site page: www.outdoorsy.com/pro/245559.

On the opposite corner, three small bungalows were scheduled for demolition in March to create the site for 1015 E. Venice Blvd. Instead, the buildings underwent salvaging and were then left unsecured. An encampment grew there and we had fires, public drinking, defecation and drug use, a death, all-night mayhem, aggressive panhandling of cars at the intersection, an uptick in petty crimes, and *more* RVs. After 10 months this nuisance was finally fenced off, but it still presents a dead zone that attracts people living in large vehicles chopping up bicycles and dealing meth.

We often have stints of large RVs parking on our street, such as the one for 6 months, 24 feet long, owned by a man with 11 cats, who had several bikes strapped to the rear and would ask residents to move their cars so he could take up three spaces. The huge, mostly empty church campus on the corner of Prospect and Victoria also attracts RVs. We recently had several months where RVs lined Victoria Ave. from Prospect to Lincoln, one with two German Shepherds tied to its rear end in the street. Victoria is a busy thoroughway from Lincoln to Walgrove and these vehicles created obstacles and blocked visibility for hundreds of cars entering and exiting from Lincoln every day. It was an accident waiting to happen. Like me, my neighbor on Victoria, Patrick Lennon, is trying to encourage follow through on this oversize parking problem.

Our neighborhood was built in the early 1900s and the streets were not designed to accommodate vehicles of this size, even without considering the way they add many "neighbors" who pay no rent and property tax, or "business owners" who forgo the expense of a commercial garage. We urge you, respectfully, to consider our petition.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to hearing from you,

Marybeth Fama



Kevin Brunke | Legislative Deputy

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Subject: Part 1

From: Sue Pascoe <[REDACTED]>

Date: 4/18/2023, 9:45 AM

To: Jamie Paige <jamie.paige@lacity.org>

(Editor's note: This is the first part in a three-part series about the City not working to Save the Ballona Wetlands.)

Mayor Karen Bass Celebrating Earth Day, But Not the Ballona

The questions asked by everyone who has driven by the rows of illegally parked RV's that line the Ballona Wetlands is "Why are they allowed to camp there? Why hasn't the city cleaned them out?"

It can be summed up simply, the city is worried about lawsuits.

Officials feel that until they have a place to move the RV's they cannot ask people to move them.

According to a March LA Times column ("The Real and Complicated Reasons Why Los Angeles Still Has So Many RV Encampments"), "Meanwhile, the Ballona Wetlands and adjacent Freshwater Marsh, once prized destinations for bird watching, have taken a beating environmentally, with mature trees cut down, storm drains used as trash receptacles and the entire area doubling as a toilet.

"It's so messy and so bad now," lamented Scott Culbertson, executive director of Friends of the Ballona Wetlands.

The L.A. Times writer said, "Like it or not, this RV encampment, like so many others across Los Angeles, has evolved over the last three years into what can only be called a community. An entrenched one, at that.

"Those who live on Jefferson Boulevard see themselves as residents, the block along the Freshwater Marsh as their neighborhood, and their RVs spread throughout it like houses with addresses and yards."

That means as Earth Day approaches, no one is looking out for wildlife. The wetlands serve as 7,500-mile migratory bird route between northern Alaska and the southern tip of South America. Wetlands, including the freshwater Ballona Ecological Reserve in Playa Vista, provides a vital resting points.

The Ballona is a unique location between salt and freshwater, and these kinds of wetlands shelter more than one-third of the country's threatened and endangered species, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Ballona's estuaries shelter young fish and the area serves as a water filtration system.

The El Segundo Blue Butterfly and the Belding's Savannah Sparrow, which are endangered species, inhabit the Ballona.

Mayor Karen Bass was asked "Does the Mayor think the City should save the Ballona Wetlands and the bird migratory route? If she does, will she move those illegally camping off this sensitive area?"

Her spokesperson, Zach Seidl, replied "The Mayor's priority right now is to urgently help get Angelenos off the street. As Inside Safe continues to scale, we will further develop our strategy to assist Angelenos living in RVs. That work prioritizes not just one of L.A.'s premier ecological reserve's which serves as a water filtration system and groundwater recharge, a flood buffer, a habitat for local wildlife, and a valuable educational resource for community activity -- it will also ultimately save lives. Addressing these challenges require additional resources and a large-scale, organized effort to provide these individuals with critical services and interim and permanent housing."

CTN responded, "Basically the statement says that wildlife and their habitat come second to moving people in RVs, who are illegally camping. Those breaking the law have priority over endangered species and the bird migratory route. Am I summarizing that correctly?"

Seidl responded, "No. We're doing both -- both are important to the Mayor. We will work to protect one of L.A.'s premier ecological reserves while saving lives."

Subject: part 2

From: Sue Pascoe <[REDACTED]>

Date: 4/18/2023, 9:49 AM

To: Jamie Paige <jamie.paige@lacity.org>

Mayor Bass, Earth Day and the Ballona Wetlands

(Editor's note: This is part two of three part series about the Ballona Wetlands.)

The first Earth Day was held in 1970 and marks the birth of the modern environmental movement. Groups that had been fighting individually against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness and the extinction of wildlife united on Earth Day around these shared common values.

The Mayor has not been able to move the RVs that are illegally parked along the Ballona Wetlands because of fears of law suits. There is an idea that unless there is a place to move them, they cannot be asked to leave.

Councilman Mike Bonin in a July 2017 motion, passed by City Council in August of the same year, prohibited oversized vehicles, such as RVs from parking on Jefferson Boulevard "immediately adjacent to the Ballona Wetlands Freshwater Marsh" between 2 and 6 a.m.

"There is an increasing problem with oversized vehicles that are parked overnight on a segment of Jefferson Boulevard immediately adjacent to the Ballona Wetlands Freshwater marsh." The motion asked the Department of Transportation to post signs giving notice of a "Tow away, no parking" restriction.

Those signs are ignored in Ballona.

Over the last four years of illegal camping, fires were common by the wetlands, including this one reported in February "LAFD arrived quickly to the scene of a reported vehicle fire adjacent to the Ballona Wetlands and discovered a burning motorhome parked on the road shoulder.

"During fire extinguishment, a lifeless adult male was discovered in the vehicle. Beyond medical help, he was determined deceased and remains at the scene. No other injuries reported.

"The cause of the fire is under active investigation and will be updated when there is more information."

Residents and Friends of Ballona have repeatedly reached out to officials, including Councilwoman Traci Park, who has begged her fellow councilmembers to pass a resolution regarding RVs illegally camping in Los Angeles.

A bird watcher at the Ballona told CTN. "I personally have called the LAFD twice, but I know of many other fires there.

"They put their camp stoves next to the fence and trees/shrubs and these are the ones that

even bother to use a camp stove,” she said. “I’ve also seen crude fire pits on the ground.”

The Playa resident told CTN, “What the mayor is missing is that we are allowing a multitude of illegal acts to continue, and putting the rights of those living on the streets and in RVs over the rights of tax paying citizens of Los Angeles.”

The resident said she wasn’t alone in feeling like a second-class citizen, while the lawbreakers, the Ballona squatters, have now been elevated to first-class citizens, who don’t pay taxes and don’t have to follow the laws.

“This is an incredibly expensive city to live in and we are continually forced to put up with crime, blight and degradation of all services,” the resident said. “Illegal fires, illegal parking, illegal entry and illegal destruction of property. This mayor will not get another vote from me.”

Subject: part 3

From: Sue Pascoe <[REDACTED]>

Date: 4/18/2023, 9:53 AM

To: Jamie Paige <jamie.paige@lacity.org>

(Editor's note: This is the third part of a three-part series about the Ballona Wetlands, done specifically for Earth Day, which is April 22.)

Mayor Bass Will Not take the Lead in Moving Illegally-Parked RVs

The Ballona Wetlands, located in Playa Vista, is an environmentally-sensitive area. The road is lined by RVs that are illegally camped, despite signs noting there is no camping and that vehicles will be towed.

To do something about those living in RVs that are destroying a bird habitat is seen as insensitive, despite the fact they are breaking the law.

One person, who used to be a regular at the sanctuary, said he stopped going there out of fear. It isn't the homeless that scares him, but the "crazies and the criminals."

"I was walking from my car to the gate one time about three years ago, and there was a guy, half naked sitting on the ground facing the fence, and screaming, as far as I could tell, ... at a bush."

There have been muggings and the police are called to the area frequently because of drug use and crime. He heard a dead body had been found in the lake.

He said, "I normally carry a knife with me, mostly to open packages or whatever else a knife can be used for as a tool. But in the back of my old man's brain, is the possibility that if I was confronted by some violent crazy, it might be called upon for more nefarious, but defensive, purposes."

He said that "about three to four years ago, I was driving past the place and saw someone with a pretty jury-rigged barbeque, with flames reaching pretty high, and too close in my estimation to the shrubs.

I contacted the Ballona wetlands management, and they said they'd contact the authorities to come out and stop it. About a week later (on the other side of the lake), a good chunk of the reserve burned. I'm not saying there was a relation, except that the people living there do not understand, or have the good judgement, to take the appropriate precautions."

He is a photographer and "I always bring my camera, which is expensive," and worries someone might try to take it. But once the RVs started parking illegally, limiting access, "None of my birding/photographer pals want to go there, and I don't really want to go there alone."

He visited a few weeks ago, the first time in about a year, and once he was inside, "I did enjoy visiting the place."

The Playa resident said it wasn't maintained nearly as well as it used to be. "The reeds along the edge of the lake used to be routinely cut back for the health of the ecosystem and you could actually see the lake.

He said that now the reeds had grown in almost everywhere and “The maintenance crews now spend their time and budget maintaining the perimeter of the reserve (fencing and gates) and picking up trash.

“I remember about 10 years ago, when I first started going there, how nice the wooden fence around it was. It’s mostly gone now; burned for firewood. The temporary orange plastic fence now installed has large gaps as does the plant life behind where the fence used to be.”

He said he voted for Bass and still has high hopes for her, but “Given the fragile nature of the wetlands, and the low budget, I wish she would consider Ballona to be worthy of more immediate attention, as it will take many years to restore the damage once the homeless are relocated.”

The resident pointed out that native California plants sleep the first year, creep the second year, and then leap the third year, meaning that they take a long time to take root and flourish.

“Fully functioning ecosystems, even in places where there’s water, can take much longer,” the resident said and added, “the time to fix the problem is now. More developed areas can be cleaned/restored much more quickly.”

Subject: Re: 63.137 (Ballona Wetlands)
From: Valerie Flores <valerie.flores@lacity.org>
Date: 4/18/2023, 9:15 AM
To: "Gita O'neill" <gita.oneill@lacity.org>
CC: Claudia Martin <claudia.martin@lacity.org>, Robert Mahlowitz <robert.mahlowitz@lacity.org>, Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>

Here is suggested language for the Ballona Wetlands signage. GSD can work with the font and prepare a mock up.

BETWEEN DUSK AND DAWN EACH DAY,
NO PERSON SHALL ENTER UPON
THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY
ABBUTTING THE BALONA WETLANDS

Violators are subject to citation, infraction or misdemeanor prosecution. LAMC Section 63.137.

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On Mon, Apr 17, 2023 at 4:34 PM Gita O'neill <gita.oneill@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Gabby,
Per CAO, for this property, you all should contact :Jose Gaxiola at GSD.

On Mon, Apr 17, 2023 at 3:38 PM Valerie Flores <valerie.flores@lacity.org> wrote:

I will work with Bob Mahlowitz on the exact language for the signs but the CAO (likely) is the entity that will prepare a mock up and order the signage. Used to be Brian Buchner, but not sure who to contact now.

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Subject: Re: Inquiry regarding Traci's update

From: Patricia Morris <[REDACTED]>

Date: 4/18/2023, 10:11 AM

To: sean.silva@lacity.org

Following up on the below.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2023, at 8:12 AM, Patricia Morris <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hey there. Saw Traci's Better 11 update and wanted to inquire about the oversized vehicle ordinance and how that will impact the removal of the RV encampment on Jefferson. To that end, what is the update on having that completely cleaned up?

While I am sensitive to the homeless situation, these RVs are destroying our Ballona Wetlands and we all are aware of the criminal activity going on there.

Thanks in advance for the information.

Patricia Morris

Playa Del Rey resident

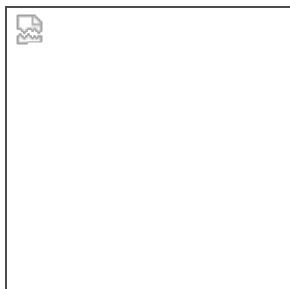
Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Re: Superior Ave. Petition for Posting of No Oversize Vehicle Parking Signs, dated 2/5/2020
From: Ashley Lozada <Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org>
Date: 4/21/2023, 5:00 PM
To: Marybeth Fama <[REDACTED]>

This is wonderful to hear!

Happy to help, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Warmly,



Ashley Lozada, MPA | Venice, Mar Vista, Del Rey Field Deputy
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On Mon, Apr 17, 2023 at 6:09 PM Marybeth Fama <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Yes, I saw it on Twitter the other day! All of the neighbors on Superior and Victoria are very happy about it. It's starting to feel more like normal life in Venice again, which is a huge relief.

Thanks so much for reaching out, Ashley.

Best wishes,

Mary

On Mon, Apr 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM Ashley Lozada <Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Marybeth,

I just wanted to update you on your petition. The resolution for this location was approved on Friday.

Thank you.



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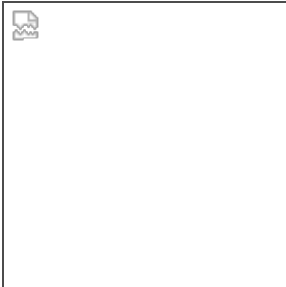
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On Fri, Jan 20, 2023 at 2:36 PM Ashley Lozada <Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Marybeth,

Thank you for sending this over to me. I have forwarded the petition to our legislative deputy, I do know these locations will have to go through council for approval. Once I have more information I will be happy to share it with you.

Thank you.



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On Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 1:12 PM Marybeth Fama <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Ashley,

I am forwarding you my original correspondence with Council District 11 regarding our petition for No Oversize Vehicle Parking signs on Superior Avenue in Venice, which has been on hold for *three* years. The last time I communicated with a city representative, in August, I was told that no new signs would be considered until other more ecologically vital areas were addressed, such as encampments and RVs at the Ballona Wetlands. Now that we have a new councilperson I want to make sure our District office is aware that we are *still* waiting for a response to our petition as RV parking continues to increase in our neighborhood. I was told you were the person to contact.

Thanks so much,

Marybeth Fama

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Marybeth Fama** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 1:26 PM

Subject: Superior Ave. Petition for Posting of No Oversize Vehicle Parking Signs, dated 2/5/2020

Dear Mike Bonin and Council District 11 staff,

I am following up on a petition my neighbors and I submitted to Tristen Marler at the Manchester office on 2/5/2020, for posting No Oversize Vehicle Parking Signs on Superior Avenue in Venice, 90291. The pandemic intervened, but now that restrictions are to resume on April 1st, we are anxious to be approved for these signs.

Superior is a one block long street going north from Venice Blvd. to Victoria Ave., with an island at its center, forming a loop with Prospect Ave. It is very narrow. Two cars cannot pass each other, there is parking on only one side, plus numerous driveways. Spaces are *extremely* limited.

We have a newer, large apartment building on the northeast corner of Venice and Superior, and a construction site for another 56-unit apartment building (with only 41 parking spaces) on the northwest corner. These denser dwellings bring many more vehicles to our street, in spite of any underground parking. For example, there is a man named Joshua Monesson in the 1107 Venice Blvd. building who has a business renting recreational vehicles on a website. He stores his fleet of six large camper vans in front of our homes, where he shows them to clients. Here's the link to his rental site page: www.outdoorsy.com/pro/245559.

On the opposite corner, three small bungalows were scheduled for demolition in March to create the site for 1015 E. Venice Blvd. Instead, the buildings underwent salvaging and were then left unsecured. An encampment grew there and we had fires, public drinking, defecation and drug use, a death, all-night mayhem, aggressive panhandling of cars at the intersection, an uptick in petty crimes, and *more* RVs. After 10 months this nuisance was finally fenced off, but it still presents a dead zone that attracts people living in large vehicles chopping up bicycles and dealing meth.

We often have stints of large RVs parking on our street, such as the one for 6 months, 24 feet long, owned by a man with 11 cats, who had several bikes strapped to the rear and would ask residents to move their cars so he could take up three spaces. The huge, mostly empty church campus on the corner of Prospect and Victoria also attracts RVs. We recently had several months where RVs lined Victoria Ave. from Prospect to Lincoln, one with two German Shepherds tied to its rear end in the street. Victoria is a busy thoroughway from Lincoln to Walgrove and these vehicles created obstacles and blocked visibility for hundreds of cars entering and exiting from Lincoln every day. It was an accident waiting to happen. Like me, my neighbor on Victoria, Patrick Lennon, is trying to encourage follow through on this oversize parking problem.

Our neighborhood was built in the early 1900s and the streets were not designed to accommodate vehicles of this size, even without considering the way they add many "neighbors" who pay no rent and property tax, or "business owners" who forgo the expense of a commercial garage. We urge you, respectfully, to consider our petition.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to hearing from you,

Marybeth Fama
[REDACTED]