

December 14, 2009

Honorable Los Angeles
City Council Members
200 N Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Ref: CF 090206 Valet Ordinance Support

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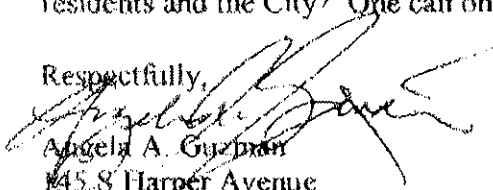
I support this ordinance because I and my fellow residents are personally impacted by the valets. I live in a high density residential area adjacent to the very commercial and trendy 3rd Street between La Cienega and Fairfax in Los Angeles. The valet services on 3rd Street are inconsiderate of other traffic, park in driveways, jockey for spaces (illegal U-turns and all) vacated by shoppers or restaurant patrons and, they do not care about the rights of the residents. There have been accidents and near accidents on 3rd Street in this area. It is not safe to drive, nor is it safe to walk.

As a resident, I am supporting this Ordinance because I wish my quality of life restored. When walking on the sidewalk, past a valet stand, *I have to move* in order to avoid walking into kiosks and valets that *block my right of way*. I have witnessed other residents doing the same. These are daily occurrences, not occasional incidents

I believe there should be some controls in place to monitor the credibility and validity of the valet companies, and their employees. Does anyone know if the "drivers" are properly licensed, insured or bonded? Are the valet companies insured? How often have you blindly entrusted your vehicle to a valet without knowing the answers to any or all of these questions? Who, if anyone, issues permits allowing this situation? Or, was it something conveniently overlooked?

Lastly, why is the City of Los Angeles City Council (again) late to get on board addressing an issue raised by the community, when it should have foreseen the degrading condition long beforehand? Other cities already have ordinances in place... Santa Monica, for instance, and Pasadena. Now, will you take the "initiative", support this ordinance and do what is right for our community, its residents and the City? One can only hope.

Respectfully,


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