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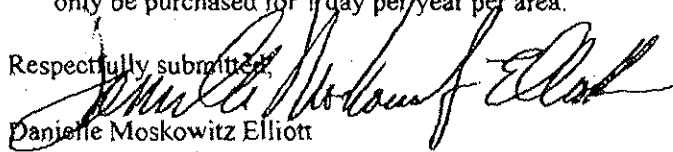
Honorable Members,

After many years, I am gratified that this Ordinance will finally see the light of day. For far too long the public has been subject to Valet Operators who are not licensed and valet companies that do not have business permits or insurance. These companies operator's park on our residential streets creating a hazard for the residents as well as fraudulently park in private lots by providing false documentation.

From an interview with myself, KNBC TV Reporter Ana Garcia, found the above practices and more that I brought to her attention to be true. As the community expert on this issue, I urge the committee add the following items to the Valet Ordinance as enforcement measures to protect the public from unscrupulous Valet Companies:

1. The valet company must be current with all City Taxes and fines prior to the issuance of the permit.
2. The valet company or any DBA used within the last 12 months must not have any violations, pending lawsuits or judgments.
3. The lot used by the valet service must be contractually authorized by the owner or legally designated representative who can enter into contracts on behalf of the owner only.
4. Owners or legal representatives must disclose under penalty of perjury all leases and all valet services which are allowed current use of the lot.
5. City must establish a DATABASE of all lots and the valet company's contracted to use them.
6. Permits issued are valid thru the term of the lot lease.
7. Proceeds from the permit program will be deposited into a fund that is used to ENFORCE THE PROGRAM AND IS NEVER TO BE USED FOR ANYTHING ELSE. Any surplus funds are to fund street improvements in the communities which are directly impacted by the valet services that operate within them.
8. LAPD traffic division is to continue to ticket valet violations and after 3 violations, the Police Commission will *automatically* revoke the valet license.
9. Valet service is to provide current leases and the license renewed only if the lease is valid.
10. Any lot lease that is not automatically renewed renders the permit invalid.
11. Any individual or business that hires an unlicensed Valet Company will be fined and held equally financially liable for the Valet Company's actions.
12. Valet company's operating without a license should be fined \$5,000 and their owners serve 6 months jail time.
13. Valet companies that park on residential streets to service private resident events must have temporary day permits in permit only areas. These must be acquired by *the contracting resident* and then placed on the visitor's vehicle windshield. These permits are valid for only a few hours on the day of the event and can only be purchased for 1 day per year per area.

Respectfully submitted,



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