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**RE: MOTION RESIDENTIAL VALET PARKING #14-0020**

**Background:** In the fall of 2012, LAFD and DOT changed parking restrictions on many streets in Bel Air to “No Parking.” As a direct result of that change, valet companies, hired by Bel Air hosts, arranged pick-up of guests in the Holmby Westwood neighborhood. Party hosts specifically instruct their guests to park on streets in HWPOA. The valet companies then provide shuttle service to transport these guests to parties in adjacent communities. It is not uncommon for HWPOA to host as many as 100 or more cars for any single event and these events occur on a regular basis. The council office has been working with DOT to provide temporary parking waivers for Bel Air homeowners who seek them and who live on streets that are wide enough for emergency vehicles to pass safely. While this has helped, it is not a permanent solution to this problem nor has it eliminated the practice

**RESOLUTION HWPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: RESOLVED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

The board of HWPOA has voted and wishes to convey, it’s strongest objection to valet parking companies and/or any other businesses from taking over entire sections of HWPOA in order to transport guests to functions in neighboring communities.

Our residential streets should remain available to our residents or other individuals that are parking within the posted restrictions. It is unconscionable for any business to turn these streets into their own parking lot and to, on a regular basis, disturb the peace in this otherwise quiet residential neighborhood. As film companies are required to seek permits to take over public streets, there is no precedence for a business to conduct such activity in this manner.

The city council recently acknowledged the importance of this issues in the recently enacted valet ordinance which states: *wheras, the use of public streets and public rights-of-way for valet parking may provide a benefit by making parking more convenient, but it may also impeded travel, interfere with the rights of others using the streets and public rights-or way, and may affect the public safety and create a public nuisance....*

Efforts by Council member Koretz and his staff to temporarily relax some parking restrictions in Bel Air have been helpful but have not resolved the problem, nor is this a permanent solution. Changing the posted parking restrictions on any one street or streets within HWPOA will simply migrate valet use within the tract and pass the problem to other neighbors. The solution, we suggest is enact a focused ordinance to solve a problem specific to our neighborhood.

We seek to prohibit the use of shuttle vans, cars or buses from picking up passengers for the purpose of transporting them to events outside the HWPOA boundaries. The boundaries are defined as Wilshire Blvd. on the south, Sunset Blvd. on the north, the west side of Malcolm Ave. on the west to the Beverly Hills City limit on the east. Los Angeles Country Club is exempt.

We ask this committee to endorse this permanent resolution. It is fundamentally wrong for residents to be robbed of their peace and ability to use streets in front of their own homes in order to benefit valet companies and their employers who have other more appropriate options which would provide parking for their guests when not possible on their own streets without degrading the quality of life in another neighborhood.

The families that reside in the 1100 single family homes within the Holmby Westwood Property Owners Association support motion # 14-0020 which is before this committee. We urge your support and that it be sent forthwith to City Council for their consideration and approval.

Thank you for your consideration.

HWPOA Board of Directors