

Assistance League of Los Angeles



September 8, 2016

Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell
City of Los Angeles, 13th District
200 N. Spring Street, Room 480
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell,

On behalf of the staff and members of and the children served by Assistance League® of Los Angeles, I want to express our concerns about public safety in our community.

Over the past year, we have seen an enormous influx in the numbers of homeless on Cole Avenue across the street from our office, between Willoughby and Melrose. Our organization's membership is 99.5% female and our on-site program at our 826 Cole Avenue office serves children K-5. It is very important that the children we serve, our staff and members all feel safe when coming to our office. While we have requested the police to ask the Cole Ave. homeless to move on, they continue to move in, making our Hollywood home undesirable. We request that police are more of a presence to encourage transients to move off this street.

Also, we are experiencing problems related to oversize vehicles (RVs, campers, etc.) that regularly park in the neighborhood for days at a time. This makes for limited street parking available for our members and staff, and also makes for an undesirable and possibly unsafe environment for the children we serve.

To help deal with these issues, I request that No Overnight Parking (2:00am to 6:00am) restrictions be established for oversized vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length or over 84 inches in height, for the following streets in our area:

1. Lillian Way between Santa Monica Blvd and Melrose Ave
2. Cole Ave between Santa Monica Blvd and Melrose Ave
3. Cahuenga Blvd between Santa Monica Blvd and Melrose Ave
4. Eleanor Ave between Cahuenga Blvd and Vine Street
5. Romaine Street between Cole Ave and Vine Street
6. Willoughby Ave between Cole Ave and Vine Street
7. Waring Ave between Cole Ave and Vine Street

Thank you for taking these public safety concerns seriously. We truly would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 323-469-1973, ext. 2024.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Melanie Merians', is written over the 'Sincerely yours,' text.

Melanie Merians, CEO