


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: February 14, 2017

To: The Honorable City Council, City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Seleta J. Reynolds,  General Manager
Department of Transportation

Subject: **ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT (OPD) NO. 557 ON LA CRESTA COURT IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 13**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) recommends the establishment of an OPD on La Cresta Court in Council District 13.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FIND that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) should have the primary responsibility for the enforcement of the authorized OPD restriction in OPD No. 557, with support from LADOT Parking Enforcement, since the reported problems involve criminal activity.
2. FIND that the establishment of this OPD is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, under Article III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
3. ADOPT the Resolution establishing OPD No. 557, pursuant to Section 80.54 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), to include both sides of:
 - a. La Cresta Court between St. Andrews Place and Western Avenue
 - b. La Cresta Court between Monroe Street and St. Andrews Place
4. AUTHORIZE the "NO PARKING, 2 AM- 6 AM; DISTRICT NO. 557 PERMITS EXEMPT" restriction for use on both sides of the residential portions of the blocks set forth in Recommendation No. 3, except where parking is already prohibited for traffic flow or for public safety.
5. INSTRUCT the LADOT to initiate the necessary procedures for the preparation and sale of parking permits to residents within the boundaries of OPD No. 557, as specified in Section 80.54 of the LAMC.
6. DIRECT the LADOT to post or remove the authorized OPD No. 557 parking restrictions for any of the street segments within OPD No. 557 in accordance with the criteria set forth in the above recommendations, upon written instructions from the Council Office representing the specific street segment requesting the posting or removal of such signs.

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Mitch O' Farrell sent a letter dated July 13, 2016, to LADOT requesting the establishment of an OPD which will restrict parking of vehicles without a permit from 2 AM - 6 AM on La Cresta Court between St. Andrews Place and Western Avenue. Councilmember O'Farrell also sent an addendum dated July 14, 2016, with a request to include La Cresta Court between Monroe Street and St. Andrews Place within the OPD. A second addendum dated November 10, 2016 specifies that the OPD is required due to prostitution and other criminal activity in the area. Additionally, Councilmember O'Farrell submitted petitions signed by residents of the block and a letter from LAPD Captain Cory Palka in support of the establishment of the OPD. Councilmember O'Farrell's letter confirms that the petitions were validated to have met the petition requirements of the OPD program.

Environment Review

LADOT has conducted an analysis and investigation of the proposed parking district and has concluded that, under the State CEQA guidelines, the changes are subject to a Class I Categorical Exemption under Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines and of the 2002 City CEQA Guidelines, Article III, 1.a3., because changes in parking restrictions for this district are operational and will not expand the existing use of the streets or change parking demand, as displacement of other vehicles is expected to be minimal.

COORDINATION

Councilmember O'Farrell and the LAPD, in consultation with LADOT, concluded that an OPD which limits parking by non-residents between 2 AM – 6 AM is the best solution available at this time to provide relief to the residents.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Revenue from the sale of permits will cover the additional cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing OPD No. 557. Additionally, violations of the posted parking restrictions may result in citation fines deposited into the General Fund.

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Attachments:

- Resolution
- Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell Letters
- LAPD Letter
- Map

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT NO. 557 ON LA CRESTA COURT IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 13

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council, by Ordinance No. 176,861, effective September 14, 2005, provided for the establishment of Overnight Parking Districts (OPDs) by Resolution of the Council in each case, under Section 80.54 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.54(c), the City Council may authorize the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to issue overnight parking permits in residential areas with inadequate off-street parking, which exempt residents and their guests from the overnight parking restrictions, with the maximum numbers of permits and the fees therefore specified in the Resolution establishing the OPD; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an OPD is an effective tool to address a variety of public safety and public welfare issues associated with vehicles that have no legitimate reason to be parked overnight in a given area; and

WHEREAS, LADOT received a written request from Councilmember O'Farrell of Council District 13, requesting LADOT to establish an OPD for the street enumerated below and identifying public nuisance problems; and

WHEREAS, LADOT received a letter from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), requesting establishment of the above OPD to address public safety and quality of life nuisance problems associated with the vehicles of non-residents on the street segments, and indicated permits could be issued; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.54, hereby establishes OPD No. 557 consisting of the residential portions of both sides of:

- a. La Cresta Court between St. Andrews Place and Western Avenue
- b. La Cresta Court between Monroe Street and St. Andrews Place

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the establishment of OPD No. 557, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.54, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, under the 2002 City CEQA Guidelines, Article III, 1.a.3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of further instruction from the Councilmember representing the specific street segments, LADOT is hereby authorized to post or remove "NO PARKING, 2 AM TO 6 AM NIGHTLY; DISTRICT 557 PERMITS EXEMPT" signs throughout OPD No. 557, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited at all times in the interest of traffic flow or safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LADOT be directed to initiate the necessary procedures to prepare, issue, and collect payments for overnight parking permits from residents of OPD No. 557 in accordance with Section 80.54 of the LAMC, where the following permit conditions will apply:

- a. Maximum of 3 Resident Permits per dwelling unit at \$15 per year.
- b. Maximum of 2 Visitor Permits per dwelling unit at \$10 per four month period.
- c. Maximum of 25 Guest Permits per dwelling unit per day at \$1 per each day.

- d. Sales of Guest Permits in excess of 25 per dwelling unit per day require written approval of Council District for the affected block.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LADOT shall collect payments derived from the sale of parking permits to residents of the OPD and remit these funds to the Treasury of the City of Los Angeles for deposit into the "Parking Permit Program Revenue Fund" in accordance with Division 5, Chapter 6, Article 3, Section 5.119.5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LAPD shall have primary responsibility for enforcement of the authorized overnight parking restrictions in OPD No. 557, with support from LADOT Parking Enforcement.

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Chair

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and Education
Vice-Chair

Entertainment and Facilities
Member

MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember
13th District

Public Safety
Member

Public Works and
Gang Reduction
Member

Energy and Environment
Member

July 14, 2016

Ms. Seleta Reynolds, General Manager
City of Los Angeles
Department of Transportation
100 S. Main Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

Please accept this addendum to my letter dated July 13, 2016 formally requesting that an Overnight Parking District (OPD) be established for the following street with **"No Parking from 2 AM to 6 AM; Permits Exempt:"**

- Both sides of La Cresta Court, between St. Andrews Place and Western Avenue

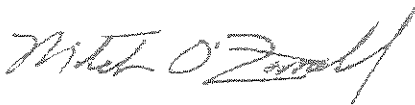
My office has verified that **67% of the residents have signed a petition in support of this OPD.**

Additionally, I request that the OPD be extended to include the following block:

- ~~Both sides of La Cresta Court, between Monroe Street and St. Andrews Place~~

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact my Hollywood Field Deputy, Daniel Halden, at (213) 207-3015 or daniel.halden@lacity.org.

Best Regards,



MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District





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July 13, 2016

Ms. Seleta Reynolds, General Manager
City of Los Angeles
Department of Transportation
100 S. Main Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

My office is formally requesting that an Overnight Parking District (OPD) be established for the following streets with **"No Parking from 2 AM to 6 AM; Permits Exempt:"**

- Both sides of La Cresta Court, between St. Andrews Place and Western Avenue

Residents of the neighborhood have petitioned in support of this OPD. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Hollywood Area, has also written a letter of support for this measure.

Please work to implement this OPD as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact my Hollywood Field Deputy, Daniel Halden, at (213) 207-3015 or daniel.halden@lacity.org.

Best Regards,

MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District



LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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July 11, 2016

Ms. Seleta Reynolds, General Manager
City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation
100 South Main Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Hollywood Area, is formally requesting that an Overnight Parking District (OPD) be established for the following streets with **"No Parking from 2 AM to 6 AM; Permits Exempt:"**

- Both sides of La Cresta Court, between St. Andrews Place and Western Avenue

This area, as well as the Western Avenue corridor, has experienced continuous problems with matters related to public safety, including parking, theft, loitering and other issues. The LAPD has worked with your Department and Council District 13 in the past to address issues along the Western Avenue corridor. As part of our ongoing efforts to provide for the public safety and a better quality of life, the LAPD is now requesting this OPD be established on La Cresta Court.

Residents along La Cresta Court have already gathered petitions of support for this measure, and Council District 13 is also supportive. This new OPD will bring parking relief and a safer overall environment to the residents of this community.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Sergeant Darrell Davis, Hollywood Community Relations Office, at (323) 871-4068 or 32256@lapd.lacity.org.

Very truly yours,

CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cory" with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

CORY PALKA, Captain
Commanding Officer
Hollywood Area

MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember
13th District

November 10, 2016

Ms. Seleta Reynolds, General Manager
City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation
100 S. Main Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

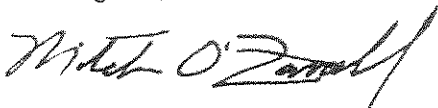
This is an addendum to my letter dated July 13, 2016 regarding **OPD 557**, proposed for both sides of La Cresta Court between St. Andrews Place and Western Avenue.

I can verify the following:

- CD13 validated that the petition we received met the required number of signatures.
- LAPD confirms that the request for an OPD is in fact related to criminal activity in this area, specifically prostitution. A letter of support was previously provided. For additional information, please contact Senior Lead Officer Eddie Guerra at 38136@lapd.lacity.org or (213) 793-0706.

Please have your staff be in touch with me as soon as possible regarding the installation of this OPD. This will greatly improve public safety and quality of life in this neighborhood.

Best Regards,



MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District





Aron Thompson <aron.thompson@lacity.org>

LETTER OF SUPPORT RE: OPD 557

2 messages

Cory Palka <25060@lapd.online>
To: "aron.thompson@lacity.org" <aron.thompson@lacity.org>
Cc: Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 4:21 PM

Dear Mr. Thompson,

This is an addendum to the previous letter of support from LAPD Hollywood Division regarding proposed OPD 557 on La Cresta Court.

Please add the additional block of La Cresta Court, between Monroe Street and St. Andrews Place, to this OPD. This is in addition to the previously requested block of La Cresta Court, between St. Andrews Place and Western Avenue.

THANK YOU

Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>
To: Cory Palka <25060@lapd.online>
Cc: "aron.thompson@lacity.org" <aron.thompson@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 5:12 PM

Thank you, Captain Palka. Aron -- please let me know if this will suffice for what is still needed for OPD 557.



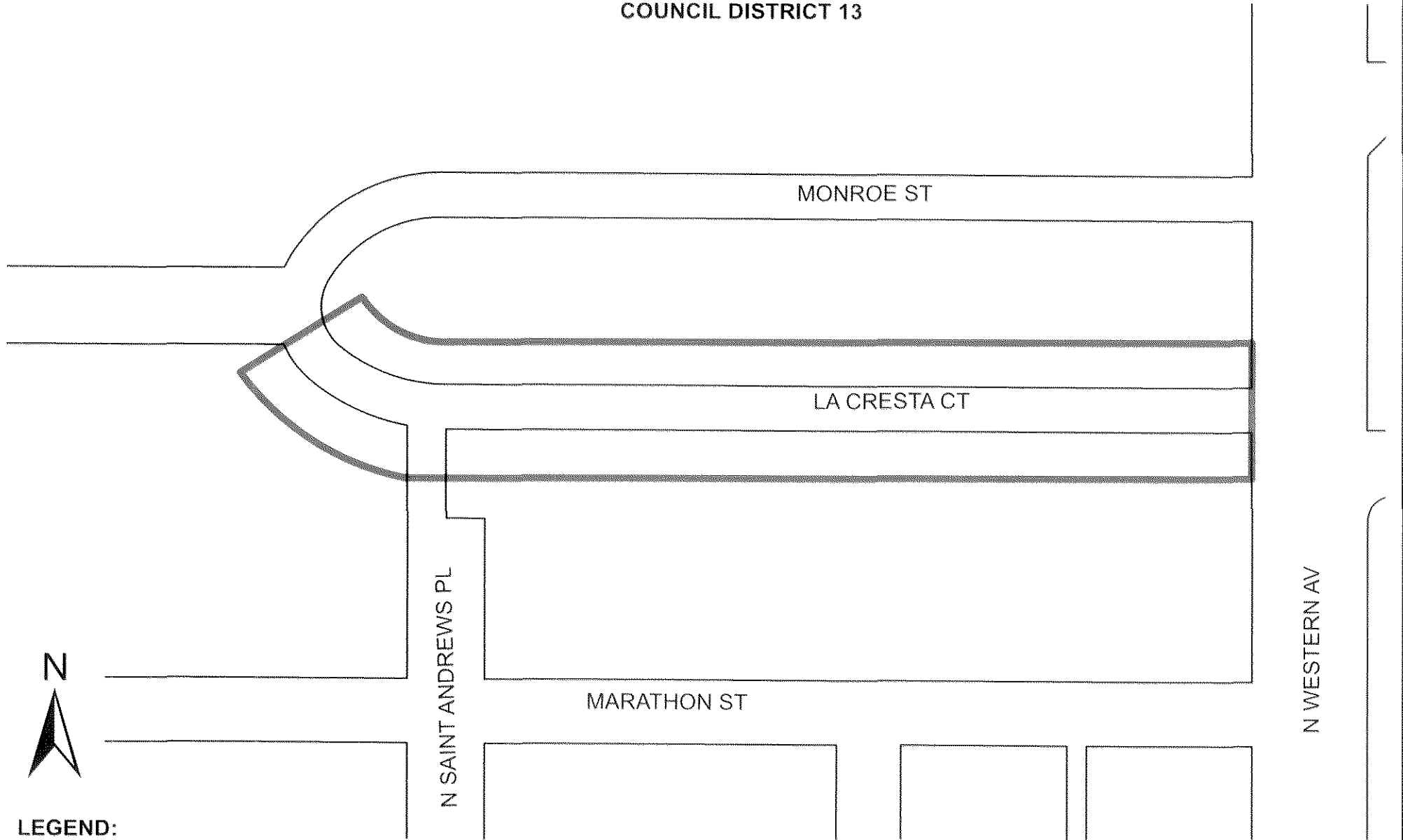
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OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT NO. 557

COUNCIL DISTRICT 13



LEGEND:

 OPD Boundary

PARKING RESTRICTION:

No Parking 2 AM - 6 AM; District No. 557 Permits Exempt.

