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Fwd: Preferential Parking District No. 260 for South El Sereno

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Carol,

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To Councilmember Jose Huizar,

The purpose of this letter is to share my thoughts and concerns on the proposed Preferential Parking District No. 260. Please include this letter as part of the public comments record for the proposed Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 260 for South El Sereno (a.k.a. University Hills). There are several important concerns that must be addressed before any council action is taken on this matter.

While I understand that parking around California State University, Los Angeles is a very real concern for local residents, parts of the proposed PPD No. 260 has the actual potential to negatively affect other residents of El Sereno, as well as residents of unincorporated East Los Angeles/City Terrace.

While only a few blocks in the area being called "University Hills" will have parking permits for residents, the wording states that the other street can become parking permit only as long as 75% of residents sign a petition and that no future public

hearing or meeting is needed. The PPD was created because a small group of people asked for it, not the majority of residents. This is a concern because if and when these streets become permit parking only, it will mean students, and those persons living in their cars, will have to find a new place to park. Let's be realistic, making these streets parking permit only will not change the fact that students and people living in their cars will still find a place to park. People will simply begin to park at nearby non-permit required streets.

The creation of this open-ended PPD No 260 means that other areas in El Sereno and East LA/City Terrace will be flooded with students who are willing to walk because they can't afford a parking permit. In addition, those unfortunate people who are living out of their cars will be forced to move. Where exactly will these homeless persons move to? We are already experiencing a parking shortage in the streets along Alhambra Avenue, Eastern Avenue, Brawley Street, Endicott Avenue, and parts of Valley Blvd because homeless people living in motor-homes have taken up residence along these streets. Some of these motor-homes used to park along Valley Blvd adjacent to the proposed PPD No.260, but, again, a few residents requesting parking restrictions along a stretch of Valley Blvd and now everyone else is dealing with this parking issue.

This is truly unfair. You are creating a favoritism-no parking zone that benefits a few residents, while creating a mess for everyone else. If the concern is Cal State LA students taking up parking on residential streets, why is the PPD being implemented on weekends, when Cal State LA has very little to no students? Again, you are unfairly granting parking privileges to a whole area at the request of a few residents, while making everyone around deal with worse parking.

There is also the issue of lack of transparency about how this PPD came about. There were never any public meetings announced, nor was everyone invited to give their input. There seems to be a double standard in El Sereno. On the one hand, some things are done simply by the request of a few community members, without any community input or community meetings, such as this PPD. Then, there are required community meetings when other residents make request, such as the request for 2-hour parking along Alhambra Ave. We also had a few community meetings concerning traffic and quality of life improvements on Alhambra Avenue. Why is this double standard allowed for a few things when it affects the community at large?

The PPD was never taken to the El Sereno (LA-32) Neighborhood Council, nor were there public forums to allow residents to give input. What's the point of having a neighborhood council when it is frequently and so easily circumvented? Both students and employees of Cal State LA are genuine stakeholders of El Sereno (LA-32) Neighborhood Council, and by circumventing the neighborhood council, you unfairly shut out these people's voices. Again, special attention was given to a few, while the larger community was left without a say.

Will my neighbors and I get the same privilege from your office when we request to have a PPD in our part of El Sereno because of parking concerns?

It is also important to point out that there is a severe parking concern among a section of Boyle Heights that borders the ever-expanding USC Health Science Campus. For years, as USC expands its Health Science Campus, there continues to be a severe shortage of parking along residential streets, primarily Lancaster Ave, Ricardo Street, Alcazar, Soto Street, San Pablo, Tremont, and Medford, to name a few. I know this for a fact because I have family and friends that live on these streets. I am also aware that residents have gone to City Council Committee meetings concerning the ever-expanding USC Health Science Campus and that this parking concern has been repeatedly shared with CD14 staff and USC. When can residents of this part of CD14 get a meeting with your staff in order to create their own PPD? I can organize at least 15 neighbors that are willing to create their own PPD in this part of Boyle Heights. This is more than the number of residents that attend the "University Hills" meeting.

I would like to see changes to the proposed PPD in South El Sereno. One of the changes is to not restrict overnight or weekend parking. Another requested change, any future PPD streets in South El Sereno should be mandated to have open and announced community meetings BEFORE any PPD is implemented so the public is aware of the proposed changes. Furthermore, I am requesting a meeting for residents along streets bordering the USC Health Science Campus in order to create a PPD to help alleviate the lack of parking caused by USC students parking along these streets.

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Sincerely,

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