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**PROJECT: Temporary closure of cul-de-sac walkway at Woodbine Street, northeasterly of Manning Avenue**

August 6, 2019

**Honorable Los Angeles City Council**

Attn: Public, Works and Gang Reduction Committee  
200 North Spring Street, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

To Whom It May Concern:

Our family resides on Manning Court, and we use the gated passageway off Manning Avenue multiple times per week for family walks and exercise. Having the gate closed off from pedestrian usage would be very unfortunate and upsetting.

The gate allows our family (friendly dog and a one year old baby) safe passage from Manning Avenue into the Cheviot Hills neighborhood. Without the ability to use this gate, we will be subjected to walk longer along Manning Avenue which often has very busy traffic.

It is very disappointing that the HOA of Cheviot Hills feels this one small entrance is a gateway for burglary, etc. when in actuality it is a much appreciated walkway from a very busy street to a quiet neighborhood walk. Considering our house is only steps from that gate it is upsetting to be considered part of the 'riff raff' that supposedly enters through this very gate.

We hope that you will make the right decision and keep the walkway open to all. We feel that the neighborhood should embrace an inclusive and welcoming attitude as opposed to an exclusive one.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rachel + Russ Cohn

Owners of 3384 Manning Court, Los Angeles 90064