CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT, and RESOLUTION relative to expanding Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 51 in the Valley Vista Neighborhood of Studio City.

## Recommendations for Council action:

- FIND that the residents of the Valley Vista neighborhood of Studio City need immediate relief from the lack of residential parking on their blocks, which is the result of the thriving businesses along Ventura Boulevard.
- FIND that the expansion of PPD No. 51, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.58.d, 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 accompanying RESOLUTION to expand PPD No. 51 boundaries, pursuant to the City Council's March 16, 2016, Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts, to include Valleyheart Drive between Longridge and Coldwater Canyon Avenues, Coldwater Canyon Avenue between Valleyheart Drive and Ventura Boulevard, Ventura Boulevard between Coldwater Canyon and Goodland Avenues, Goodland Avenue between Ventura Boulevard and Halkirk Street, Halkirk Street between Goodland and Coldwater Canyon Avenues, Coldwater Canyon Avenue between Halkirk Street and Van Noord Avenue, Galewood Street between dead end and Ethel Avenue, Ethel Avenue between Galewood Street and Longridge Avenue, Longridge Avenue between Ethel Avenue and Valleyheart Drive, Greenleaf Street between Hazeltine Avenue and Van Nuys Boulevard, Stansbury Avenue between Greenleaf Street and Roblar Road, Van Nuys Boulevard between Greenleaf Street and Ventura Boulevard between Van Nuys Boulevard and Hazeltine Avenue.
- 4. AUTHORIZE the following parking restrictions for use on the residential portions of all streets in PPD No. 51:
  - a. NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM to 6 PM DAILY; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 51 PERMITS EXEMPT
  - b. NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 51 PERMITS EXEMPT
  - c. NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 51 PERMITS EXEMPT
  - d. 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 51 PERMITS EXEMPT
  - e. 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 51 PERMITS EXEMPT

- 5. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to:
  - a. Initiate the necessary procedures for the preparation and sale of parking permits to residents within PPD No. 51, as specified in Section 80.58 of the LAMC.
  - b. Post or remove the authorized parking restrictions in the residential area enumerated above, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited in the interest of traffic flow or public safety.
  - c. Post or remove the authorized parking restrictions upon receipt and validation of petitions containing signatures from at least 75 percent of the dwelling units, covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on a street segment requesting installation or removal of the parking restrictions set forth above, without further action of Council.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The LADOT reports that revenue from the sale of permits will cover the cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing PPD No. 51. Violations of the posted parking restrictions may result in citation fines deposited into the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## <u>SUMMARY</u>

In a report to the Board of Transportation Commissioners dated August 8, 2019, LADOT recommends approval of various recommendations relative to expanding PPD 51. LADOT received a letter from Councilmember Krekorian on February 16, 2018, and a letter from Councilmember Ryu on April 24, 2018, requesting the expansion of PPD No. 51 boundaries to include the blocks enumerated above. Councilmember Krekorian states that residents of the Valley Vista neighborhood of Studio City are seeking immediate relief from the parking issues caused by the businesses along Ventura Boulevard. Both Councilmembers, LADOT, and the residents of the neighborhood believe an expansion of PPD No. 51 would provide needed parking relief. The LADOT report included a map of the proposed expansion.

LADOT conducted a parking study on Monday, February 11, 2019, and found that at least 85 percent of the parking spaces on the following two blocks were occupied, thus satisfying the parking study criteria set forth in the Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts: Valley Vista Boulevard between Ventura Boulevard and Dickens Street, and Van Noord Avenue between Ventura Boulevard and Dickens Street.

On August 8, 2019, the Board of Transportation Commissioners approved LADOT's recommendations relative to this matter.

At its meeting held August 28, 2019, the Transportation Committee considered LADOT's proposed expansion of PPD No. 51. During the public comment period, a local resident expressed support for LADOT's report, stating parking congestion caused by non-residents has worsened. Committee recommended that Council approve LADOT's recommendations, as recommended by the Board of Transportation Commissioners.

## Respectfully Submitted,

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES MARTINEZ: YES KORETZ: YES

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