

Parking Meters in San Pedro

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Attention: Transportation Commission, City of Los Angeles

Gentlemen:

I am the worship chairwoman for the San Pedro United Methodist Church, 580 West 6th Street in 'old town' San Pedro. I serve on several committees and have the 'ear' of many of our visitors and members.

It is my understanding that there might be a possibility that the meters would be removed from the existing metered spaces here in front of our property.

We have had meters in front of our sanctuary, education buildings, and vacant property *for years*, with only one handicap street space and a small parking lot around the corner near 5th Street, on Grand Avenue, and next to the alley.

On site is a child care center for speech-disabled children. Parents experience a hardship daily, Monday through Friday, dropping off and picking up their toddlers, as the meters are 'on' and won't allow for short uses. There is really no reason for them to 'invest' in [pay for] a large chunk of time, as they are not expecting to be there long enough--yet often get tickets if they wish to quickly sign in/sign out their children and don't have change. The 'meter maids' are relentless! Many parents are lower-income families; they often don't have proper change, credit cards, or--ultimately--money for fines.

Our visitors and members have had similar problems with meter issues. People are discouraged from coming by to the church office or to use the property. The meters are not only a nuisance--they sabotage the 'Open Doors' policy and mission of our church.

I speak not only for my committee but for our congregants in general who have had problems/run-ins with those meters. San Pedro does not feel as welcoming as it could *AND SHOULD*. I urge you to suspend the use of meters in 'Our Town;' let's make it a destination that makes it easier to stay, play, and shop.

Respectfully,

Alma Angeline D'Aleo

SPUMC leader and San Pedro resident for 39 years

Date: 6-22-11

Submitted in Trans Committee

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Deputy: [Signature]

I wish to bring a matter to your attention which has been affecting my business, Maral Designs, 331 W. 7th Street in San Pedro. Ever since the price of the meters has increased, parking along the street outside my place of business has caused many problems for myself and my customers. My customers come to my shop to conduct business transactions and they either have to leave to put coins in the meter or just depart because of the time constraints imposed by these meters. Most of the time they are one minute late and then they get a ticket and never come back. I have lost a lot of business because of the meters so I'm asking that they be removed. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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TO: The City Officials of Los Angeles

Date: June. 21.2011

I have small business in San Pedro. Our business is almost 2 years old and it is a family owned business. We work hard to bring our customers into our beautiful down town San Pedro which our business is located. From the very first day which we open our business door, we have noticed that our customers and business traffic has been affected by one particular parking meters enforcement officer.

I have addressed this issue and my concerns repeatedly in our monthly meeting in San Pedro to the other business owners in down town and find out that all of them are in the same situation as we are and we all have the same concerns and issues.

I have also contacted the office Ms. Janice Hahn's our dear and kind councilwomen which I am personally so proud and fond of, but her written reply Date of 02/02/2011 was "We need to urge our patrons to be in compliance with parking regulations" We have done so and even provide them with the coin-change for the meters & have posted a sign by our business door stating (PLEASE FEED THE PARKING METERS)

My Business has been targeted by one particular parking enforcement officers which he is daily approaches from nowhere as the paid parking go out within second he will give our customers tickets.

This is not fair at all"

I will give two unfair examples from many other situations.

One of customer as she parked her car then she came inside our business to ask for we change to put into the meters, she got a ticket.

One other customer a Mother she just park her car she open the for her 4 years old daughter her kid ran inside our business then she came in after her by the time she came out after just maybe 2 minutes, she got a ticket. We have noticed the customers that were ticketed, did not come back to shop at our business any more.

We are lucky to get two or three customers in one day during our regular business hours and if those customers routinely get ticketed our business is simply dead.

Please with all respect to person in charge in our city listen and understand our concerns and resolve this nonsense parking enforcements and their unfair business targeting.

Please get these parking meters out of the down town business area of San Pedro and limit the time on the parking signs to 1 hour Max.

Sincerely

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