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Mr. Edmond Yew
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Dear Mr. Yew:

Careful consideration and research was conducted regarding the temporary closure of walkways northeasterly of Sharp Avenue between San Fernando Mission Boulevard and MacNeil Street, by Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Philip Ruiz. The research revealed undesirable quality of life issues as well as discouraging crime statistics.

Quality of life issues stem from graffiti, loitering, drinking in public, illegal drug use including discarded drug paraphernalia, and homeless encampments. SLO Ruiz receives citizen complaints on a daily basis regarding these issues. Over the last two years, property crimes such as residential burglaries and burglary/theft from motor vehicles have been the most prevalent in that area. Specifically, in the 14700 block of Hagar Street, due to the adjacent walkway, and the 14700 block of Maclay Street.

It should be noted that several years ago, the south side of the pedestrian walkway, from MacNeil Street to Brand Boulevard, was closed and fenced off due to similar issues. Since its closure, the area has seen a major improvement with no reported crimes in the past two years. Therefore, the Los Angeles Police Department, Mission Area, supports the temporary closure of walkways northeasterly of Sharp Avenue, between San Fernando Mission Boulevard and MacNeil Street.

Should you need further information, please contact Sergeant Julian Munoz, Officer in Charge, Mission Area Community Relations Office, at (818) 838-9941.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Chamberlain".

TODD C. CHAMBERLAIN, Captain
Commanding Officer
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