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RE: Temporary Closure of Three Walkways Northeasterly of Sharp Avenue between San Fernando Mission Boulevard and MacNeil Street – Extension Request – Council File No. 12-0398-S1

Dear Mr. Yew:

A recent review 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. This review 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 an increase of homeless encampments in the walkway and along the freeway embankment in which access is gained through the walkway.

Over the last several years, property crimes, such as residential burglaries and burglary/theft from motor vehicles, have been the most prevalent in that area. A nearby business, Bohan's Auto Repair, located at 14724 San Fernando Mission Boulevard, has had ongoing issues with individuals entering the property via the walkway, during overnight hours and customers vehicles being broken into. Both the 14700 block of Hagar Street and the 14700 block of Maclay Street continue to have issues with burglary/theft from motor vehicles.

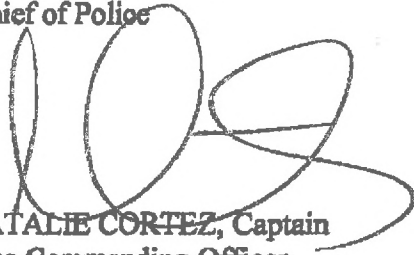
It should be noted that several years ago, the southside of the pedestrian walkway, from MacNeil Street to Brand Boulevard, was closed and fenced off due to similar issues. Since its closure, the area has seen a major improvement with no reported crimes in the past two years. Therefore, the Los Angeles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

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If you have any questions, or need any further information please contact Senior Lead Officer Phil Ruiz, Mission Area Senior Lead Office, at (818) 838-9860.

Very truly yours,

MICHEL R. MOORE
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Cortez', written over the printed name of Natalie Cortez.

NATALIE CORTEZ, Captain
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