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Local residents, especially the students, parents, and staff at Los Feliz Elementary School have long endured their share of the obstruction caused by an abandoned underground pedestrian tunnel located on the corner of Hollywood Blvd. and New Hampshire Ave. This tunnel that was once utilized over a decade ago is now locked up by gates put up by the City. Furthermore, this tunnel merely remains as a hindrance after the implementation of a traffic light allowing students and pedestrians to cross on Hollywood Blvd. In all, safety issues, criminal activities, the homeless, and blight are all concerns that continue to plague the school's community because of this tunnel.

As the tunnel entrance overwhelms a large corner on New Hampshire Ave., it currently blocks part of the sidewalk located on the route to school. Pedestrians have voiced their complaint as they cannot fully access the sidewalk. This tunnel has become an eyesore, a possible hazard and a location of numerous break-ins and homeless encampments. Both the principal of Los Feliz Elementary School as well as the local community have expressed support for the permanent closure of this pedestrian tunnel.

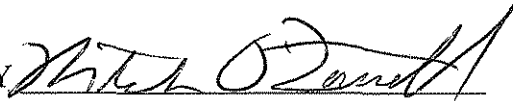
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), Bureau of Street Services (BSS), Department of Transportation (LADOT) and other affected City agencies be authorized and instructed to immediately close the pedestrian tunnel located on the corner of Hollywood Blvd. and New Hampshire Ave. on a permanent basis.

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