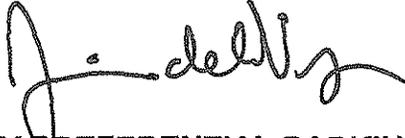


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: September 11, 2013

To: The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Jaime de la Vega, General Manager
Department of Transportation 

**SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING
DISTRICT NO. 181 FOR SOLAR DRIVE NORTH OF RUNYON CANYON
PARK**

SUMMARY

This report recommends the establishment of Temporary Preferential Parking District (TPPD) No. 181 for Solar Drive within Nichols Canyon.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FIND that an adverse parking impact affecting fewer than six blocks exists, from which the residents deserve immediate relief, in the residential area North of Runyon Canyon Park in Council District 4.
2. ADOPT the attached RESOLUTION establishing TPPD No. 181 pursuant to Section 80.58.d of the L.A.M.C. for the residential portions of Solar Drive between Astral Drive and the dead end North of Astral Drive.
3. AUTHORIZE the use of "NO PARKING ANYTIME; DISTRICT NO. 181 PERMITS EXEMPT" restriction throughout TPPD No. 181.
4. INSTRUCT the LADOT to initiate the necessary procedures for the preparation and sale of parking permits to residents within TPPD No. 181, as specified in Section 80.58 of the L.A.M.C.
5. DIRECT the LADOT to install or remove "NO PARKING ANYTIME; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 181 PERMIT EXEMPTED" signs within TPPD No. 181 after receiving and verifying signatures from residents representing at least 67 percent of the dwelling units covering at least 50 percent of the developed residential frontage of each block.

DISCUSSION:

On February 21, 2013, representatives from the Parking Permits Division, the Council Office and residents of the area north of Runyon Canyon Park met to discuss parking problems in the area caused by Runyon Canyon Park visitors. The north end of Runyon Canyon Park is a popular park immediately adjacent to Solar Drive. The park has become a very popular place for non-resident park goers to take their dogs and for individuals to meet and exercise. This has become a problem for the residents as the people accessing the park leave their vehicles on the nearby streets and cause a lot of noise, leave debris and illegally access the park during its nightly closure. The situation is complicated by the narrow width of the street. Runyon Canyon can still be accessed by hikers through gates at the end of Solar Drive or via the designated parking lot at Mulholland Drive and Desmond Estates Road. Currently, there are no other restrictions posted on Solar Drive between the dead end and Astral Drive. The sheer volume of vehicles parked on Solar Drive by the users of Runyon Canyon has inconvenienced the residents by limiting access to their property for them and their guests.

Alternative measures to solve these parking problems have failed to ameliorate the problems and the recommended solution is the establishment of a TPPD on Solar Drive between Astral Drive and the entrance to the park. Residents requested the TPPD to prohibit park users from using residential streets for parking, while exempting residents and their guests from the posted restrictions. In addition, LADOT received a letter on July 3, 2013, from Councilmember LaBonge of Council District 4, in support of establishing a temporary preferential parking district in this area.

On June 19, 2013, the LADOT received valid petitions from residents of Solar Drive which qualifies it for posting of the requested parking restriction once Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 181 is established.

BACKGROUND:

The establishment of TPPD No. 181, pursuant to 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 as the parking use will remain unchanged and the circulation and distribution of the vehicles will be minimal and will not result in increased circulation of vehicles.

The City Council has the authority, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.58.d, to establish TPPDs by resolution "to provide relief for residents who suffer an excessive parking impact...as the result of any conditions which impact fewer than six blocks and which, in the judgment of the Council member of the District and after consultation with the Parking Administrator, deserve immediate relief until a permanent solution can be found."

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Revenue from the sale of Preferential Parking Permits will cover the cost of implementation and administration of TPPD 181. The City will gain additional General Fund revenue from the issuance of parking citations to violators of the District's parking restrictions.

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Attachments:

Resolution

TPPD Map

Request Letter from Council District 4

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 181 FOR SOLAR DRIVE NORTH OF RUNYON CANYON

WHEREAS, the establishment of Preferential Parking Districts is an effective tool in restricting excessive numbers of nonresident vehicles from parking in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Solar Drive are adversely impacted by the daily intrusion of non-resident vehicles parking in the neighborhood while using the Dog Park and other facilities at the North end of Runyon Canyon Park, causing traffic congestion on the narrow streets and adversely impacting the residents' ability to access their properties or park in front of their own homes; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Councilmember Tom LaBonge submitted a letter to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) requesting the creation of the Temporary Preferential Parking District (TPPD) at Solar Drive between Astral Drive and the dead end North of Astral Drive; and

WHEREAS, the LADOT received petitions from residents of Solar Drive requesting the establishment of a preferential parking district with a posted restriction of "NO PARKING ANYTIME; DISTRICT NO. 181 PERMIT EXEMPT";

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.58.d provides for the establishment of TPPDs by resolution, and allows for their annual renewals until either a permanent solution is found or the problem ceases to exist.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.58.d, hereby establishes TPPD No. 181 at Solar Drive between Astral Drive and the dead end North of Astral Drive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of TPPD No. 181 through the adoption of this resolution, and except for the segments currently posted with "TOW AWAY; NO STOPPING ANY TIME" and "TOW AWAY; NO PARKING ANY TIME", the LADOT be authorized to post or remove "NO PARKING ANYTIME; DISTRICT NO. 181 PERMIT EXEMPT", restrictions on street segments within TPPD No. 181, without further action by City Council, upon receipt and verification of requisite petitions as provided for in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking District" adopted by the City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LADOT be directed to take the appropriate steps to prepare, issue, and require payments for permits from the residents of TPPD No. 181 in accordance with Section 80.58 of the LAMC.



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July 3, 2013

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RE: REQUEST FOR A TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT
IN NICHOLS CANYON FOR SOLAR DRIVE

Dear Mr. de la Vega:

Back on June 22, 2005, I sent a letter to the Department of Transportation acknowledging that parking problems impacted the Runyon Canyon area which resulted in the establishment of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 38.

However due to the popularity of Runyon Canyon, the residents of the above referenced street are experiencing a daily intrusion of vehicles attempting to park in the neighborhood and are unable to find parking or access their driveways.

Without the establishment of another Temporary Preferential Parking District, the situation has resulted in an excessive parking impact upon the residents of this street, for which immediate relief is sought:

Street:
Solar Drive between Astral Drive and Runyon Canyon Park

Requested Sign Posting:
"No Parking Anytime"

I request that the Department of Transportation proceed with the creation of this Temporary Preferential Parking District for the next year until other parking solution can be established.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

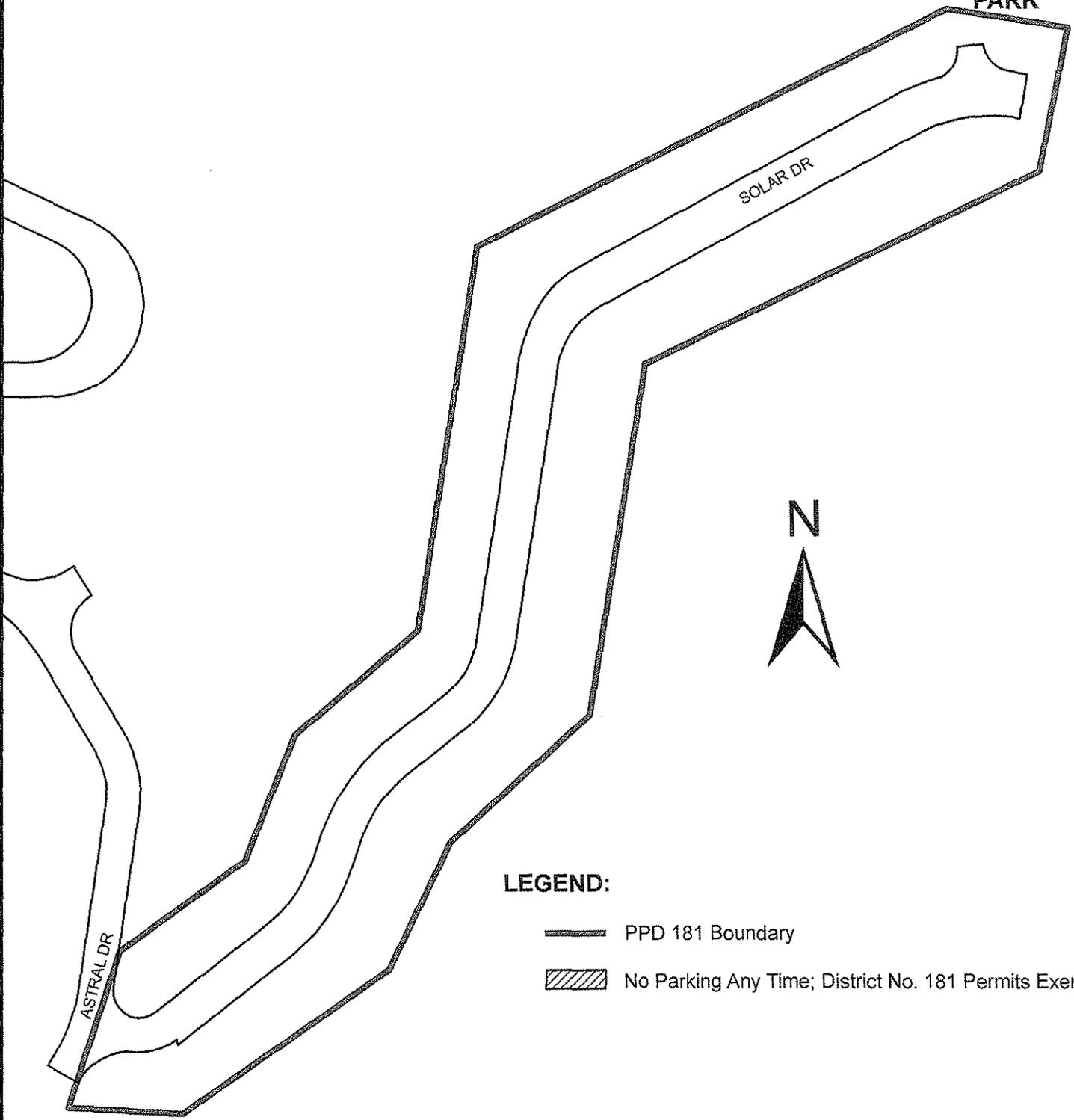
Sincerely,

TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

CC: Felix Valde, DOT Parking Permits Division

PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 181
COUNCIL DISTRICT 4
TEMPORARY

**RUNYON CANYON
PARK**



LEGEND:

- PPD 181 Boundary
- ▨ No Parking Any Time; District No. 181 Permits Exempt.