

COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE relative to allowing the issuance of permits for posting of restricted parking for food truck events.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Englander – Bonin):

REQUEST that the City Attorney prepare an ordinance to revised the City's Special Events Ordinance to allow the issuance of permits for posting of restricted parking for food truck events.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On October 4, 2013, Council considered Motion (Englander – Bonin) relative to authorizing a special events pilot program for the weekly Granada Hills Food Truck event. Motion states that the City's Special Events Ordinance does not include provisions to enable City departments to respond quickly and efficiently to a single City service request, such as a lane closure or a posting of restricted parking. In addition to off-street construction and filming, which require special provisions for reserved parking, there are a number of events that occur citywide where only the curb lane is closed and/or no parking is posted. This is particularly true for organized food truck events, which have become very popular in the City.

Motion goes on to state that during food truck events, the roadway remains open for through traffic and the food trucks park in curbside parking spaces. One example is the Granada Hills Food Truck event that occurs every Friday night between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. where about 30 food trucks gather along Chatsworth Street between White Oak and Zelzah Avenues. The need to secure parking spaces for the food truck has led to operators using "scout vehicles" to park in the on-street parking spaces many hours prior to the food truck event. This practice has deprived the general public and customers of surrounding businesses of the use of on-street parking. Unfortunately, the City's inability to effectively regulate parking for food truck events is creating issues among food truck vendors, local business, and the communities where the events take place.

Motion movers believe that the existing Special Events Ordinance should be revised to allow for the issuance of permits to provide for the posting of restricted parking where a street closure is not required. LADOT could post parking allowances similar to those used citywide at Farmers' Markets. These postings could be permanently installed to allow parking of oversized vehicles for certain days at specified times. This would eliminate the need for any scout vehicles to reserve parking on the days of the events, and result in additional parking opportunities for the adjacent businesses. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At the Transportation Committee meeting held December 11, 2013, Committee members discussed this matter with LADOT staff. Department staff recommended that the Motion's instruction be revised to request that the City Attorney draft the ordinance necessary to amend the Special Events Ordinance to allow for the posting of restricted parking when a street closure is not required. A representative of the 12th Council District Office expressed support for the Motion and the amended recommendation. The

Committee members recommended that Council request that the City Attorney prepare the necessary ordinance, as discussed above, substantially pursuant to Motion (Englander – Bonin).

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	ABSENT
LABONGE:	YES
PARKS:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	YES

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