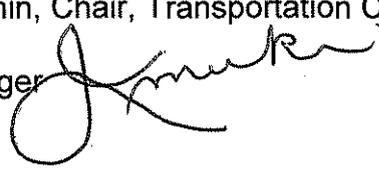


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 2, 2014

TO: The Honorable City Council, City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

FROM: Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager
Department of Transportation 

SUBJECT: **ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT NO. 550
FOR ST. ANDREWS SQUARE AREA IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 4**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) recommends the establishment of the St. Andrews Square Overnight Parking District (OPD).

RECOMMENDATION

1. FIND that the Police Department should have the primary responsibility for the enforcement of the authorized overnight parking restriction in OPD No. 550, with support from LADOT Parking Enforcement, since the reported problems involve criminal activity.
2. FIND that the establishment of this OPD is exempt from CEQA as a Class I Categorical Exemption under III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines
3. ADOPT the attached Resolution establishing Overnight Parking District (OPD) No. 550, pursuant to Section 80.54 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), to include both sides of the street within the area bounded in a clockwise manner: Beverly Boulevard between Ridgewood Place and Western Avenue, Western Avenue between Beverly Boulevard and 3rd Street, 3rd Street between Western Avenue and Wilton Place and Wilton Place between 3rd Street and 2nd Street and Wilton Drive between 2nd Street and 1st Street and Ridegwood Place between 1st Street and Beverly Boulevard.
4. AUTHORIZE the LADOT to immediately post signs upon adoption of the Resolution which state: "No Parking, 2 AM to 6 AM, District No. 550 Permits Exempt" for both sides of:
 - a. Gramercy Place between Council Street and 1st Street
 - b. Gramercy Place between 1st Street and 2nd Street
 - c. Gramercy Place between 2nd Street and 3rd Street
 - d. St. Andrews Place between 2nd Street and 3rd Street
 - e. Manhattan Place between 2nd Street and 3rd Street

5. AUTHORIZE permit sales to all residents of OPD No. 550.
6. AUTHORIZE the "No Parking, 2 AM to 6 AM" parking restriction for any street segment within OPD No. 550 where there is no residential or park frontage on either side of the street.
7. AUTHORIZE posting or removal of "No Parking, 2 AM to 6 AM; District No. 550 Permits Exempt" parking restriction on all residential street segments within OPD 550 upon receiving a written request from the Councilmember for the OPD.
8. INSTRUCT the LADOT to initiate the necessary procedures to prepare, issue and collect payments for Overnight Parking Permits from the residents of OPD No. 550 in accordance with Section 80.54 of the L.A.M.C., where the following permit conditions will apply:
 - a. Maximum of 3 Resident Permits per dwelling unit at \$15 each per year
 - b. Maximum of 2 Visitor Permits per dwelling unit at \$10 each per four months
 - c. Maximum of 25 Guest Permits per dwelling unit per day at \$1 each per day
 - d. Sales of Guest Permits in excess of 25 per dwelling unit per day require written approval of the Council Office.
9. DIRECT the LADOT to post or remove the authorized OPD NO. 550 parking restrictions for any of the street segments within OPD No. 550 in accordance with the criteria set forth in the above Recommendations, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited at all times in the interest of traffic flow or safety, upon written instructions from the Council Office representing the specific street segment requesting the posting or removal of such signs following Council action establishing the District.

DISCUSSION

The St. Andrews Square is an area developed with some single-family and multiple family residential dwelling units; which lack adequate off-street parking, where the residents depend upon being able to park on the street adjacent to their homes and where residents are unable to find overnight parking on the block due to the overnight parking of non-residents.

The Council office sent a letter verifying receipt of petitions, documenting and substantiating support indicating a desire to have those blocks posted with restrictive signs. No additional street segments shall be posted with signs prohibiting parking between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless and until the LADOT receives written request for posting from the Councilmember for the street segment.

On August 3, 2013, between the hours of 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM, the LADOT conducted a parking study for the street segments within the proposed OPD to determine the

extent of the public nuisance parking problem and did not find any vehicles that appeared to be associated with the criminal activity described in the letters from the Los Angeles Police Department and Councilmember LaBonge and which might be forced to park outside this neighborhood once overnight parking restrictions were posted on these additional street segments.

The parking study further revealed that, for the street segments identified by Council District 4 and the Los Angeles Police Department as areas with crime problems, a total of 13 vehicles may be forced to park elsewhere if overnight parking restrictions were posted within this District. Parking on some of the blocks was completely utilized. However, there appeared to be sufficient parking opportunities on other streets.

The Councilmember requested that permits be made available for purchase by residents. Permit quantities are currently limited to three types of Overnight Parking District permits. The permit fees and maximum quantities of the three types of OPD permits shall be as stated under Recommendation No. 8.

Requiring unarmed LADOT Traffic Officers to enforce a parking restriction between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. in order to deter a criminal activity the parking restriction is designed to address (i.e., using a parked vehicle on City streets for living quarters in violation of LAMC Section 85.02) would likely subject the Traffic Officers to confrontations and assaults. Therefore, LADOT recommends that the Police Department have the primary responsibility for enforcement of the authorized overnight parking restriction in the proposed OPD, with support from LADOT Parking Enforcement, because the reported problem is primarily criminal activity and not simply illegal parking.

The City Council has the authority under LAMC Section 80.54(b) to "establish by resolution, Overnight Parking Districts with appropriate boundaries and authorize parking restrictions to be in effect on the streets thereof between 2 A.M. and 6 A.M. The resolution ...shall state the maximum number and type of Overnight Parking Permits that may be issued to any one dwelling. The resolution shall also establish the fee charged for each type of Overnight Parking Permit." The City Council also has the authority by the LAMC Section 80.54.(c)., "to authorize, by resolution, the Department of Transportation to issue permits for an Overnight Parking District if such proposed district is a residential area lacking adequate off-street parking facilities."

BACKGROUND

On July 9, 2013, the LADOT received a letter (copy attached) from Councilmember Tom LaBonge, 4th Council District, on behalf of the residents in the St. Andrews Square area of Los Angeles, requesting that DOT proceed with the approval process and implementation of an Overnight Parking District (OPD) for the area. On August 3, 2013, LADOT conducted a study and determined that inadequate off-street parking existed on some streets and that there were non-resident vehicles in the area utilizing the limited parking resources.

The staff of the 4th Council District identified the streets set forth in Recommendation No. 4 to be posted once the District has been established by the City Council in the request letter. The residents indicated their support for the posting by signing and submitting petitions to the Council District Office.

The LADOT received a letter dated March 15, 2013, from Captain Tina Nieto, Commanding Officer of the Olympic Area, asking LADOT's assistance in addressing quality of life crime issues on the streets bounded by the same boundaries (copy attached). These criminal activities were associated with parked vehicles, including violations of the 72 hour parking restriction, prostitution, lewd acts, other related crime and excessive litter. The Police Department requested that "No Parking, 2 AM to 6 AM" parking restriction to be installed to address the problems. Captain Nieto indicated that posting the requested signs will aid the LAPD in enforcing any parking related criminal activity.

Councilmember LaBonge and his staff have consulted with LADOT and the LAPD regarding the parking problem on the affected blocks and the Councilmember believes that an OPD is an appropriate solution to the criminal activities associated with parked vehicles late at night. In Councilmember LaBonge's judgment, the residents of this District deserve some relief from these problems; therefore, he has requested the establishment of the OPD.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

LADOT has conducted an analysis and investigation of the proposed permit parking district and has concluded that, under the State CEQA guidelines, the changes are subject to a Class I Categorical Exemption under § 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines because changes in parking restrictions for this district are operational and will not expand the existing use of the streets or change parking demand. Furthermore, displacement of other vehicles is expected to be minimal.

LADOT also determined that the exceptions to the categorical exemption for cumulative impact, significant effect, scenic highway, hazardous waste site or historical resource do not apply to this district. (See 2002 City CEQA Guidelines, Article III, 1.a.3.)

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Overnight Parking Districts with permits for residents and their guests are a special service for which the City is entitled to fully recover all associated costs for the administration, posting, maintaining and enforcing through the permit fees charged. In addition to recovering these costs, the City will gain additional General Fund revenue from the issuance of parking citations to violators of the OPD's parking restrictions.

COORDINATION:

Councilmember LaBonge, Council District 4, sent a letter to DOT requesting the establishment of an OPD for the St. Andrews Square area, because he believes that an

OPD is the best possible solution to remedy the parking problem on these street segments at this time. LAPD has requested the establishment as a tool to assist with their enforcement measures in the area. The LADOT has prepared this report and the draft Resolution establishing OPD 550 for the St. Andrews Square area and posting on designated streets based on petitioning conducted by the residents and upon the written request of the Council Staff.

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Attachments (4)

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT NO. 550 FOR ST. ANDREWS SQUARE AREA IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) has received written request from Councilmember Tom LaBonge, 4th Council District, requesting that the LADOT establish an OPD to include both sides of the street within the area bounded in a clockwise manner: Beverly Boulevard between Ridgewood Place and Western Avenue, Western Avenue between Beverly Boulevard and 3rd Street, 3rd Street between Western Avenue and Wilton Place and Wilton Place between 3rd Street and 2nd Street, Wilton Drive between 2nd Street and 1st Street and Ridgewood Place between 1st Street and Beverly Boulevard and identifying that public nuisance problems such as prostitution in vehicles, committing lewd acts and drinking in public.

WHEREAS, the LADOT has received a letter from the Los Angeles Police Department, requesting establishment of the above Overnight Parking District and posting of signs in the area to address public nuisance problems and crime associated with the vehicles of non-residents on these street segments, and dedicated permits could be issued; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council, by Ordinance No. 176,861, effective September 14, 2005, provided for the establishment of Overnight Parking Districts by Resolution of the Council in each case, under Section 80.54 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC); and

WHEREAS, requiring unarmed LADOT Traffic Officers to enforce a parking restriction between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. in order to deter criminal activities the parking restriction is designed to address would likely subject the Traffic Officers to criminal assaults; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an Overnight Parking Districts (OPD) is an effective tool to address a variety of public safety and public welfare issues associated with vehicles that have no legitimate reason to be parked overnight in a given area; and

WHEREAS, establishment of this OPD is subject to a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, because parking in the area is currently allowed and this establishment "involves negligible or no expansion to existing use". Establishment under the Class 1 Categorical exemption of section 15301(c) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines and of the 2002 City CEQA Guidelines, Article III. 1.a.3; and

WHEREAS the Councilmember's letter requested that the west side of both street segments within the boundaries of OPD 550 be posted, upon Adoption by this Resolution, by Council, "No Parking, 2 AM and 6 AM, District No. 550 Permits Exempt" to enable residents of the area to park overnight; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.54(c), the City Council may authorize LADOT to issue Overnight Parking Permits in residential areas with inadequate off-street parking, which exempt residents and their guests from the overnight parking restrictions, with the maximum numbers of permits and the fees therefore specified in the Resolution establishing the OPD; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, pursuant to LAMC, Section 80.54, hereby establishes OPD No. 550 to include both sides of the street within the area bounded in a clockwise manner: Beverly Boulevard between Ridgewood Place and Western Avenue, Western Avenue between Beverly Boulevard and 3rd Street, 3rd Street between Western Avenue and Wilton Place and Wilton Place between 3rd Street and 2nd Street, Wilton Drive between 2nd Street and 1st Street and Ridgewood Place between 1st Street and Beverly Boulevard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the establishment of OPD No. 550, pursuant to LAMC, Section 80.54, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, under III.1.a.3 of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of OPD No. 550 through adoption of this Resolution, the LADOT shall be authorized to and directed to post signs with a restriction of "NO PARKING, 2 AM TO 6 AM NIGHTLY; DISTRICT 550 PERMITS EXEMPT" on the residential portions of the following streets:

- Gramercy Place between Council Street and 1st Street
- Gramercy Place between 1st Street and 2nd Street
- Gramercy Place between 2nd Street and 3rd Street
- St. Andrews Place between 2nd Street and 3rd Street
- Manhattan Place between 2nd Street and 3rd Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of further instruction from the council office representing the specific street segment to be posted or to have signs removed that LADOT is hereby authorized and directed to install or remove "NO PARKING, 2 AM TO 6 AM NIGHTLY; DISTRICT 550 PERMITS EXEMPT" signs throughout OPD No. 550, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited at all times in the interest of traffic flow or safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LADOT be directed to initiate the necessary procedures to prepare, issue and collect payments for Overnight Parking Permits from residents of OPD No. 550 in accordance with Section 80.54 of the L.A.M.C., where the following permit conditions will apply:

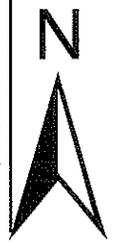
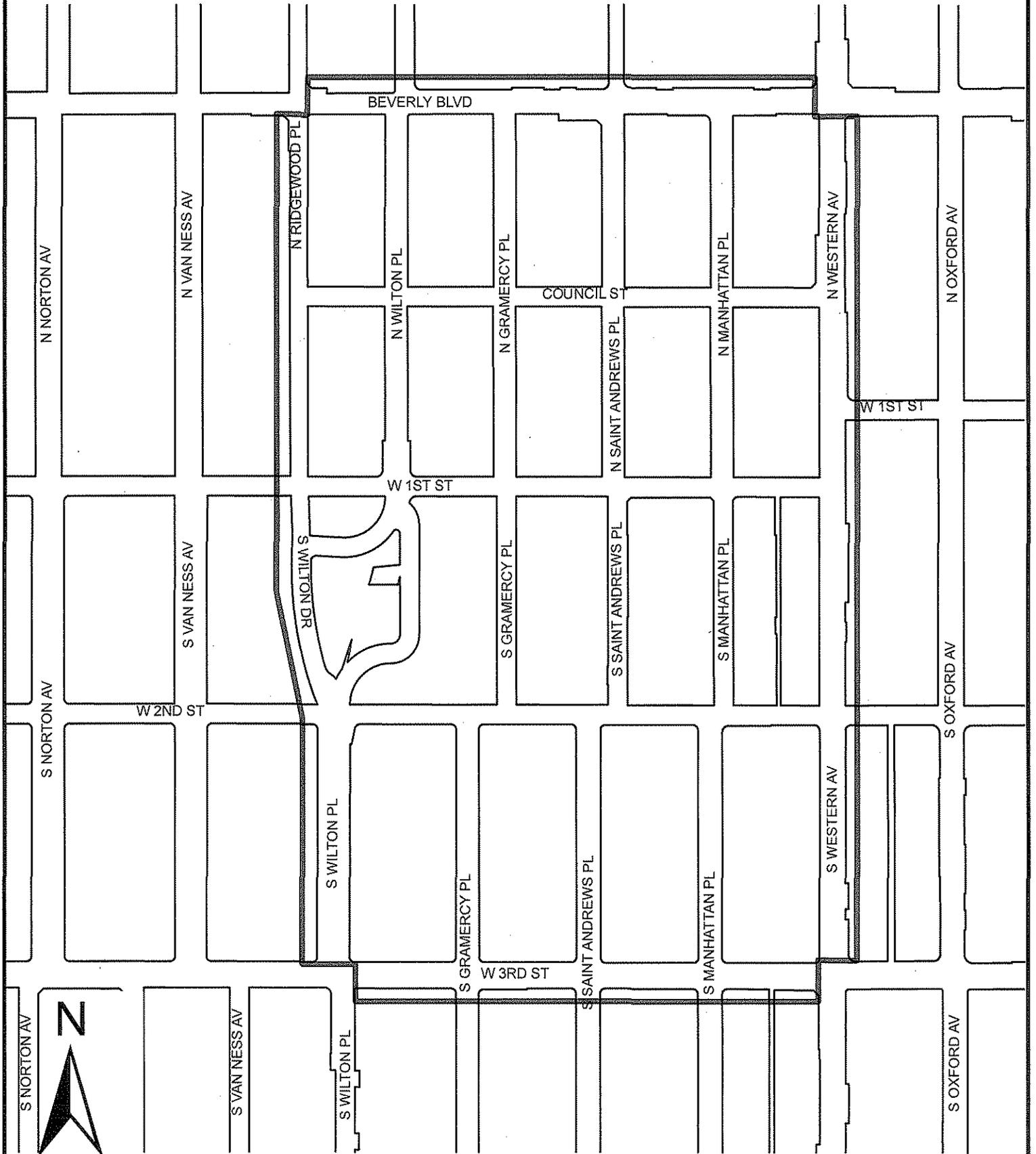
- a) Maximum of 3 Resident Permits per dwelling unit at \$15 per year.
- b) Maximum of 2 Visitor Permits per dwelling unit at \$10 per four month period.
- c) Maximum of 25 Guest Permits per dwelling unit per day at \$1 per each day.
- d) Sales of Guest Permits in excess of 25 per dwelling unit per day require written approval of Council District (CD) 04 Office for the affected block.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation shall collect payments derived from the sale of parking permits to residents of the OPD and remit these funds to the Treasury of the City of Los Angeles for deposit into the "Parking Permit Program Revenue Fund" in accordance with Division 5, Chapter 6, Article 3, Section 5.119.5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LAPD shall have primary responsibility for enforcement of the authorized overnight parking restrictions in OPD No. 550, with support from LADOT Parking Enforcement.

OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT NO. 550

COUNCIL DISTRICT 4



LEGEND:

 OPD Boundary



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March 19, 2014

Mr. Jon Mukri
General Manager
Department of Transportation
100 S. Main Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

REQUEST FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT FOR AREA BETWEEN WESTERN/GRAMERCY AND BEVERLY/3RD

Dear Mr. Mukri:

Since we submitted the original request to establish OPD No. 550, we have received additional complaints of a like nature from the following blocks:

- Wilton Place between Beverly Blvd. and 3rd St.
- Wilton Drive between 1st St. and 2nd St.
- Ridgewood Place between Beverly Blvd. and Wilton Dr.
- Council St. between Gramercy Pl. and Ridgewood Pl.
- 1st St. between Gramercy Pl. and Ridgewood Pl.

I request that the Department of Transportation add the streets listed above to the Overnight Parking District 550. If you have any questions, please contact Ben Seinfeld, of my staff at (213) 804-2388.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

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CC: Ben Seinfeld – CD#4
Felix Valde - DOT



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July 9, 2013

Mr. Jaime de la Vega
General Manager
Department of Transportation
100 S. Main Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. *Jaime* de la Vega:

RE: REQUEST FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT FOR AREA BETWEEN
WESTERN/GRAMERCY AND BEVERLY/3RD

I write in support of the establishment of an Overnight Parking District (OPD) for the 100 and 200 block of South Gramercy Place and the 200 blocks of both South St. Andrews Place and Manhattan Place (East side only). The establishment of an OPD is necessary to provide immediate relief to neighborhood residents from the lack of parking. This public nuisance is caused by individuals that are involved in different acts that are related to prostitution in their vehicles, drinking in public just outside their vehicles, and committing lewd acts in their vehicles.

The proposed OPD would prohibit overnight parking on these blocks from 2AM to 6AM, except for those vehicles with the appropriate permits. The boundaries of the OPD should be as follows:

- Beverly Boulevard between Gramercy Place and Western Avenue
- Western Avenue between Beverly Boulevard and 3rd Street
- 3rd Street between Western Avenue and Gramercy Place
- Gramercy Place between 3rd Street and Beverly Boulevard

Once the City Council has adopted a resolution establishing this OPD, the department of Transportation should proceed with the immediate installation of "No Parking 2 AM to 6 AM Nightly, Vehicles with District 5xx Permits Exempted" parking restriction on the following streets:

- Gramercy Place between 1st Street and Council Street
- Gramercy Place between 1st Street and 2nd Street
- Gramercy Place between 2nd Street and 3rd Street
- St Andrews Place between 2nd Street and 3rd Street
- Manhattan Place between 2nd Street and 3rd Street



For the removal of signs on those blocks, as well as for the installation of Overnight Parking District No. 5xx signs on the remaining street segments within the District, my office will notify the Department of Transportation in writing

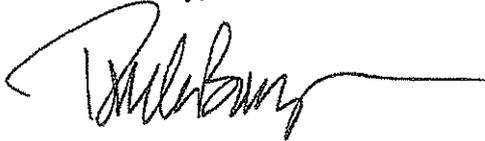
All residents within this Overnight District will qualify to purchase permits, regardless of whether they have Overnight Parking District signs posted on their street segments.

This Overnight Parking District has been discussed with the Police Department. I am aware that many of the citations that result from the implementation of this Overnight Parking District may involve vehicles with people inside of them, and my staff will take the necessary steps to ensure that the Police Department will agree to be the lead enforcement agency in these instances.

I request that the Department of Transportation proceed with the approval process and implementation of this Overnight Parking District. If you have any questions, please contact Ben Seinfeld, of my staff at (213) 485-3337.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Labonge', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT



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ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
Mayor

March 15, 2013

Mr. Jaime de la Vega
General Manager
Department of Transportation
100 South Main Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. de la Vega,

The Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Olympic Area is requesting "No Parking from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.; Permits Exempt" parking restrictions be implemented in the area between Beverly Boulevard and 3rd Street, and Western Avenue and Gramercy Street. It is also requested that permits to be issued by the Department of Transportation allowing residents to park within the area bound by Beverly Boulevard and 3rd Street, and Western Avenue and Gramercy Street, except where parking, or stopping, is already prohibited.

The LAPD has received numerous complaints from community members who are upset about prostitution activity and lewd acts, abandoned vehicles being parked for long periods of time, excessive trash, and other related crimes in the area bound by Beverly Boulevard and 3rd Street, and Western Avenue and Gramercy Street.

Prostitutes working on Western Avenue, frequently use this area as a location to conduct their lewd and illegal activity. These activities also commonly result in inappropriate and unsanitary evidence of these crimes being left on the sidewalks and streets. Posting the requested signs will enable the LAPD to enforce any parking related criminal activity, which will improve the quality of life for the residents in the area.

Should you have any questions, or concerns, related to this request, please contact Senior Lead Officer Joseph Pelayo, Olympic Area Senior Lead Office, at (213) 793-0709.

Very truly yours,

CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Nieto".

TINA NIETO, Captain
Commanding Officer, Olympic Area