

Office of the City Engineer

Los Angeles, California

To the Public Works Committee

Of the Honorable Council

Of the City of Los Angeles

November 29, 2022

Honorable Members:

C. D. No. 15

SUBJECT:

Temporary Closure of 121st Street between Figueroa Street and Hoover Street

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. That the street as shown on the attached Exhibit "A", subject to the conditions contained herein, be temporarily closed pursuant to State Vehicle Code Section 21101.4 for a period of eighteen (18) months upon Council approval.
- B. That the City Council find that this is categorically exempt under Article III, Class 5, of the Los Angeles City Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.
- C. That the City Council adopts the accompanying Resolution signed by the City Attorney.
- D. That the City Council adopts the following findings:
 - 1. There is substantial evidence of serious and continual criminal activities in the alley recommended for temporary closure.
 - 2. The temporary closure of the street will reduce the criminal activity in the area.
 - 3. The street provides necessary vehicular or pedestrian access to adjacent properties.
 - 4. The closure will not substantially adversely affect traffic flow, safety on adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of

emergency vehicles or the performance of municipal or public utility services in the street proposed to be temporarily closed.

5. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the street contributes to the criminal activities.
 6. The street has not been designated as a through highway or arterial street.
- E. That notification of the time and place on the Public Works Committee meeting to consider this request be sent to:
1. Jeanmaire Lewis
660 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
 2. Norman and Shirley Gueno
652 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
 3. Percy Jr. and Regina Carter
2465 E. Orangethorpe Avenue
Fullerton, CA 92831
 4. Lincoln and Mary Moore
638 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
 5. Gregory Thomas
630 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
 6. Oliver Williams Jr.
622 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
 7. Moleetha Gibson Murray
614 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
 8. Elizabeth Penzola
608 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
 9. Deborah Allain
602 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044

10. Feliciano Rodriguez
552 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
11. Booker and Hannah Woods
538 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
12. Lawrence Hambrick Jr.
532 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
13. Janice Simpson
528 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
14. Watts Healthcare Corporation
10300 Compton Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90002
15. Bahman Ezzati
P.O. Box 55401
Sherman Oaks, CA 91413
16. Irey Hilsman
510 W. 121 Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
17. 12111 S. Figueroa, LLC
131 Outrigger Mall
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292
18. Tammie Oleary
663 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
19. Gail Thomas
655 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
20. Robert Hunt
647 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
21. Edith Gonzalez
639 121st Street

Los Angeles, CA 90044

22. Elizabeth Manriquez
633 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
23. Georgia McGreggor
625 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
24. Milton and Alice Carter
617 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
25. Claude H. Dottin Jr.
611 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
26. Edgar Trejo
603. W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
27. Jodette Spann
553 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
28. Juan and Maria Trejo
543 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
29. Louis and Shawn Richard
525 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
30. Hubert Watson
618 W. Athens Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90044
31. Council District No. 15
Attn: Caitlin Muldoon
638 S. Beacon Street, 5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90731
M.S. 226
32. Athens on the Hill Community Association
Attn: Herman Bilbrew

P.O. Box 61327
Los Angeles, CA 90061

33. 121st Street Block Club
Attn: Louis Richard
525 W. 121st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Bureau of Engineering is absorbing the cost of processing the request in the approximate amount of \$5,000.00. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Sketch indicating the area to be temporarily closed, Exhibit "A".
2. Draft of Resolution for Temporary Street Closure.
3. Letter from Council District No. 15, dated April 30, 2022.
4. Council District 15 consent exception letter dated November 9, 2022.
5. Letter from the Los Angeles Police Department, dated May 18, 2022

CONDITIONS:

1. That the gate to be installed to effectuate a partial closure of the street area, together with the gate location:
 - a. be approved by the Fire Department, the Department of Water and Power, the Department of Transportation, and the Bureau of Sanitation's Wastewater Collection Systems Division and Wastewater Engineering Services Division;
 - b. be done under appropriate permits issued by the City Engineer; and,
 - c. be installed by the petitioner at no cost to the City.
2. That the key to the gate to be installed be provided to all affected City Departments and Public Utility Companies.
3. That the closure area be physically closed on one end within 6 months of Council approval of the temporary closure or the approval be rescinded.

4. That the petitioners remove any installed gate/fence upon termination of the allowed closure period at no cost to the City.
5. The routine clean-up of the closed area be provided by the adjoining property owners/residents.

DISCUSSION:

On April 30, 2022, a letter from Council District No. 15 (Transmittal no. 3) was received directing the City Engineer to initiate proceedings to close 121st Street between Figueroa Street and Hoover Street. The original request was submitted by Council District 15 through a letter dated February 5, 2013, Council File No. 14-0958. The report and resolution were adopted by Council on September 10, 2014. Unfortunately, a request for extension was not submitted before it expired.

Commanding Officer, Captain Clint L. Dohmen, of the Los Angeles Police Department, in a letter dated May 18, 2022 stated "A recent 2-year crime summary report revealed over 120 crimes have occurred ranging from robberies, aggregate assaults, prostitution and various thefts from person along with motor vehicles. These crimes were specifically along Figueroa Street just outside of the Athens on the Hill community."

On August 11, 2022, Council District 15 submitted a letter stating that "the Councilmember for the Fifteenth District is satisfied with the community input to have this closure stand as is and would like the closure to move forward, and that consent will be impliedly or explicitly given if and when Council approves the closure." (Transmittal no. 4).

CONCLUSION:

The temporary closure of 121st Street between Figueroa Street and Hoover Street is feasible subject to the conditions of this report.

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Respectfully submitted,



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