

MOTION PUBLIC WORKS & GANG REDUCTION

The residents adjacent to Edith Street and Philo Street have pedestrian access to Manning Avenue by separate walkways. Both Edith Street and Philo Street are cul-de-sacs. Concern has risen among residents that these open-access walkways from Manning Avenue are creating a public safety hazard to residents of Edith and Philo Streets and the surrounding residential community.

The residents of the area have cited a litany of public safety concerns, including:

- Arson to cars and adjacent foliage;
- Vagrant RV parking on Manning Avenue;
- Persons rummaging through trash cans and littering roadway, and yelling obscenities;
- Vehicles “keyed” by persons using the walkways from Manning Avenue;
- Home burglaries;
- Observed drug use;
- Public urination and defecation;
- Vehicle theft; and,
- Items stolen from vehicles.

The Los Angeles Police Department has stated that the closure of the walkways would increase public safety. The Fire Department has indicated no objections to the walkway closures.

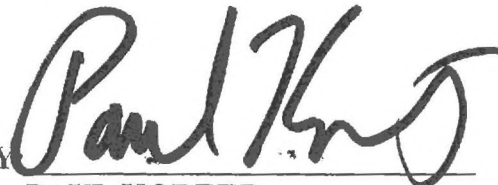
Pursuant to State Vehicle Code Section 21101.4, the City is authorized to temporarily close public streets, alleys and walkways to mitigate criminal activity.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Bureau of Engineering be directed to investigate the feasibility of the temporary closure of the walkways located along Manning Avenue leading to cul-de-sacs at Edith Street and Philo Street and similarly situated cul-de-sacs in the area, and to report findings and recommendations for such closures, including:

1. Placement of an appropriate gate or wall at the Manning Avenue entrance to the walkways at no expense to the City;
2. Long term area maintenance to keep wall site clear of debris.
3. If a gate is installed, providing keys and access to the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments.

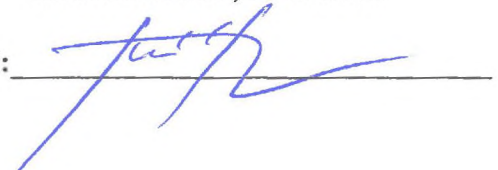


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