

Office of the City Engineer

Los Angeles, California

To the Public Works Committee

Of the Honorable Council

Of the City of Los Angeles

February 25, 2016

Honorable Members:

C. D. No. 13

SUBJECT:

Temporary Closure of Dillon Street from London Street to its Southwesterly Terminus

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. That the street as shown on the attached sketch, 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 adopt the accompanying Resolution signed by the City Attorney.
- D. That the City Council adopt the following findings:
 1. There is substantial evidence of serious and continual criminal activities in the street recommended for temporary closure.
 2. The temporary closure of the street will reduce the criminal activity in the area.
 3. The street does not provide necessary vehicular or pedestrian access to adjacent properties but the majority of affected property owners have agreed to the temporary closure.

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. Creative Multifamily LLC
721 N. Elm Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
 2. Armenian Evangelical Bretheren
1800 Lake Street
Glendale, CA 91201
 3. CALTRANS
Attn: DiAnna Watson
Planning Department
100 S. Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
 4. Enrique Navarrete
3111 ½ London Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026
 5. Hortensia and Ruben Navarette
3111 London Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026
 6. Paul and Jessica Buenrostro
3109 London Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026

7. Juana S. Olivar
3117 London Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026
8. Max and Monica Mejia
3117 London Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026
9. James Koenig
3445 Winston Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90026
10. Kelly Hrang
3125 London Street, #4
Los Angeles, CA 90026
11. Kwang Song
3125 London Street, #5
Los Angeles, CA 90026
12. Barbara Ringuette
816 Parkman
Los Angeles, CA 90026
13. Lionel Caceres
3121 London Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026
14. Maria Caceres
3121 London Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026
15. Lupe Huerta
3306 London Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026
16. Rebecca Navarrete
1738 Redesdale Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90026
17. John Katousich
3115 London Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026

18. Jack Shepherd
3121 London Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026

19. Waz Dupris
3121 London Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026

20. Austen Myers
3121 London Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026

21. Council District No. 13
Attn: Mary Rodriguez
1722 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90026

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.
2. Consent Petition.
3. Letter from Councilman O'Farrell of Council District No. 13, dated August 26, 2015.
4. Letters from the Police Department, dated September 11, 2015 and January 26, 2016.
5. Draft of Resolution for Temporary Street closure.

CONDITIONS:

1. That any gates to be installed to effectuate a physical closure of the street area together with the gate locations be approved by the Fire Department, and the Department of Water and Power and the Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Sanitation's Wastewater Collection Systems Division and be done under "B Permit" issued by the City Engineer and be installed at no cost to the City.

2. That the keys to any gates to be installed be provided to all affected City Departments and Public Utility Companies.
3. That the routine clean-up of the closed area be provided by the adjoining property owners/residents.
4. That the closed area be physically closed within 6 months of Council approval of the temporary closure or the approval be rescinded.
5. That the petitioners agree to remove the gates/fences upon termination of the allowed closure period at no cost to the City.

DISCUSSION:

On August 26, 2015, a letter from Councilman Mitch O'Farrell of Council District No. 13 was received regarding gate installation on Dillon Street at London Street. Councilman O'Farrell letter stated that, "I am writing today with concerns for public safety in the Silver Lake area of my district, in particular the Dillon Street cul de sac at London Street. I received a request from the property manager of 3100 London St., a newly restored 27 unit apartment complex, to install a gate across the street to insure the safety of the residents entering and exiting the complex. The only other property that would be affected is a church at 3200 London St., whose property owner is also in support of the gate installation."

Commanding Officer, Captain Jeff Nolte of Los Angeles Police Department, Rampart Patrol Division in a letter dated January 26, 2016 stated "Rampart Area, Los Angeles Police Department, is in support of the gate installation proposed for London Street, at Dillon Street; a cul de sac affecting two properties, 3100 and 3200 London Street, which was a problematic site for the neighborhood for the past year.

Our records show that several crimes and arrests took place from November 2014 to December 2015. Information received from LAPD's Discovery Section, Legal Affairs Division, indicate that there were 15 calls for service in the immediate area. This number is in addition to the many phone calls from residents in the area surrounding this location requesting assistance. The installation of a gate at Dillon St. and London St. will help to deter criminal activity in the future."

Conclusion:

The temporary closure of Dillon Street from London Street to its southwesterly terminus is feasible subject to the conditions of this report.

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Respectfully submitted,



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