

MOTION

There is a 10-foot wide pedestrian walkway located near Lincoln Boulevard between Sunset Avenue and Vernon Avenue (directly east of the Smart and Final) in the Venice community that has become a public nuisance, with repeated instances of criminal activity, including: loud individuals, fighting, drinking, drug usage, prostitution and homeless encampments.

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Smart and Final, and the residents in the immediate area are supportive of the proposal to install a fence and/or gate at each end of the walkway to mitigate these issues. Recently, the Pacific Narcotics Unit on regular daily patrol has made drug arrests at this location. The Police Department reports that approximately two-years ago, an officer was severely injured in a confrontation with an individual that lived at this location.

Council District 11 reports that Smart and Final and the residents in the area have agreed to maintain the closed pedestrian walkway and pay for the cost of inclosing the area.

Pursuant to State Vehicle Code Section 21101.4, the City is authorized to undertake the temporary closure of public streets, alleys and walkways to mitigate criminal activity.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Public Works be directed to investigate the feasibility of installing a fence and/or gate to enclose the 10-foot wide pedestrian walkway located near Lincoln Avenue between Sunset Avenue and Vernon Avenue in Venice, and report with recommendations for such a closure including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Placing a 10-foot gate and/or fence to close the pedestrian walkway located near Lincoln Avenue between Sunset Avenue and Vernon Avenue;
2. Maintaining the area clear of debris and trash;
3. Providing keys and access to the Police Department, Fire Department, and Bureau of Sanitation; and
4. The cost of installing and maintaining the pedestrian walkway and gate shall be borne by Smart and Final and area residents.

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