

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to 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.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Bonin – Buscaino):

DIRECT the Department of Public Works 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 and Vernon Avenues, and report with recommendations relative to:

- a. Maintaining the area clear of debris and trash.
- b. Providing keys and access to the Los Angeles Police (LAPD) and Fire Departments, and the Bureau of Sanitation.
- c. Smart and Final Market and area residents bearing the cost of maintaining the pedestrian walkway and installing the gate.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On July 1, 2016, Council considered Motion (Bonin – Buscaino) relative to installing a fence and/or gate to enclose the 10-foot wide pedestrian walkway located near Lincoln Avenue between Sunset and Vernon Avenues. Motion states that the walkway has become a public nuisance with repeated instances of criminal activity, such as fighting, drinking, drug usage, prostitution, and homeless encampments. LAPD, Smart and Final Market, and area residents support the proposed closure to mitigate these issues. Recently, the Pacific Narcotics Unit on regular daily patrol has made drug arrests at this location. LAPD reports that approximately two-years ago, an officer was severely injured in a confrontation with an individual that lived at this location.

Motion movers go on to state that representatives of Smart and Final Market and area residents have agreed to maintain the closed pedestrian walkway and pay for the cost of enclosing the area. Motion recommends that Council instruct the Department of Public Works to report on the feasibility of enclosing the walkway and to prepare recommendations relative to issues regarding the closure.

Council referred Motion to the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee for consideration. At its meeting held August 8, 2016, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee recommended that Council approve Motion.

Respectfully Submitted,



PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES
PRICE:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
RYU:	YES

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