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Subject: Temporary Closure of the Manchester Square District

Dear Mr. Lew,

In recent years, the area of "Manchester Square" (the area located south of Arbor Vitae Street, north of Century Boulevard, west of La Cienega Boulevard, and east of Aviation Boulevard) has been a source of numerous community complaints which have required an on-going law enforcement response.

Historically, these streets have become a haven of illegal activity. The streets in Manchester Square are used for narcotics sales and use, prostitution, violence, theft of utilities, and countless other illegal activities. Over the last several months this area has been the location of arrests for individuals for failing to register as a sex offender. The lack of sanitation facilities has also created a public health and safety emergency.

Members of the Council District 11 Office and other City agencies have worked tirelessly with the Los Angeles Police Department to help abate these issues. The Department of Sanitation alone has conducted several clean-ups in this area, and has removed several tons of refuse and waste contaminants (including hazardous human waste).

Organizations such as People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) have worked hand in hand with law enforcement in providing outreach to the homeless community in Manchester Square. Their successes in housing and placing those in need are offset by new individuals who begin to reside on the streets and sidewalks of Manchester Square. To allow these streets to remain open will only increase the already rampant illegal activity.

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Given the fact that there are no longer any single-family dwellings or apartments on these streets; and based on the need for safety and security of the children attending Middle School and High School in the area, as well as the few remaining residents living on adjacent streets, the streets within the Manchester Square District require immediate closure.

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (310) 482-6310.

Very truly yours,

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