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January 17, 2018

Council File No.: [17-1295](#)

Council Meeting Date: January 12, 2018

Agenda Item No.: 7

Agenda Description: CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the establishment of Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 235 in the Helms Area in Council District Ten.

Council Action: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT AND RESOLUTION - ADOPTED

Council Vote:

YES	BOB BLUMENFIELD
YES	MIKE BONIN
ABSENT	JOE BUSCAINO
ABSENT	GILBERT A. CEDILLO
YES	MITCHELL ENGLANDER
YES	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
YES	JOSE HUIZAR
YES	PAUL KORETZ
ABSENT	PAUL KREKORIAN
YES	NURY MARTINEZ
YES	MITCH O'FARRELL
YES	CURREN D. PRICE
YES	MONICA RODRIGUEZ
YES	DAVID RYU
YES	HERB WESSON

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the establishment of Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 235 in the Helms Area in Council District Ten.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the establishment of PPD No. 235, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.54, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, under Article III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. FIND that the adjacent businesses and their employees from Venice Boulevard between National Boulevard and Cattaraugus Avenue cause adverse parking impacts on the adjacent residential blocks north of Venice Boulevard from which the residents deserve immediate relief.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION establishing PPD No. 235 pursuant to City Council's March 16, 2016 *Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts* (Council File No. 15-0600-S62) to include the residential area generally bounded in a clockwise manner by the following:
 - a. Regent Street between National Boulevard and Cattaraugus Avenue
 - b. Cattaraugus Avenue between Regent Street and Halm Avenue
 - c. Cattaraugus Avenue between Halm Avenue and Holt Avenue
 - d. Halm Avenue between Cattaraugus Avenue and the dead end north of Halm Avenue
 - e. Cattaraugus Avenue between Holt Avenue and Venice Boulevard
 - f. Holt Avenue between Cattaraugus Avenue and Olin Street
 - g. Venice Boulevard between National Boulevard and Cattaraugus Avenue
 - h. National Boulevard between Venice Boulevard and Regent Street
4. AUTHORIZE the following parking restrictions for use on the residential portions of all streets in PPD No. 235:
 - a. NO PARKING ANYTIME; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 235 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - b. 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 235 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - c. NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; 2 HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES

WITH DISTRICT NO. 235 PERMITS EXEMPT

d. NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 235 PERMITS EXEMPT

5. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to initiate the necessary procedures for the preparation and sale of parking permits to residents within the boundaries of PPD No. 235, as specified by LAMC Section 80.54.
6. DIRECT the LADOT to post or remove the authorized PPD No. 235 parking restrictions on the residential portions of the street segments detailed above in Recommendation No. 3, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited in the interest of traffic flow or public safety, upon receipt and validation of petitions containing signatures from 75 percent of the dwelling units on a street segment requesting installation or removal of the parking restriction set forth in Recommendation No. 4, after establishment of PPD No. 235 by City Council, without any further action of the City Council.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that revenue from the sale of permits will cover the cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing PPD No. 235. Additionally, violations of the posted parking restrictions may result in fines to be deposited in the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On December 13, 2017, your Committee considered a November 14, 2017 Board of Transportation Commissioners (Board) report relative to the establishment of PPD No. 235. According to the Board, on November 9, 2017 it approved the establishment of PPD No. 235 and is now seeking Council concurrence. The Preferential Parking Program is set forth in LAMC Section 80.58 and as such, it provides for the establishment of a PPD by Resolution of the City Council, upon recommendation by LADOT, and authorizes the LADOT to promulgate rules and procedures to implement the City's Preferential Parking Program, which must be approved by the City Council.

Establishment of a PPD is initiated by a request from a representative of the affected neighborhood group or by the area's Councilmember. However, the area must meet the criteria set forth in the *Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts* adopted by the City Council before establishment or expansion may be allowed. The *Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts* was approved by Council on March 16, 2016 (Council File No. 15-0600-S62), and as such, it allows the LADOT to recommend a PPD provided all the following conditions are met:

- a. Submittal and verification of petitions requesting such action signed by the residents living in at least 75 percent of the dwelling units comprising not less than 50 percent of the developed frontage on a minimum of six blocks.
- b. Determination by the LADOT that at least 85 percent of the legal on-street parking

spaces are occupied on a minimum of four blocks.

- c. A public hearing has been conducted through the Board of Transportation Commissioners for the purpose of receiving comments on the preliminary findings and recommendation of the LADOT.

Residents of the area designated as a PPD may purchase special parking permits. Vehicles bearing such permits are exempt from the preferential parking restrictions posted within the district for which the permit was issued. The exemption only applies to the preferential parking regulations on those signs, not to regulations of a general nature that may have been installed for traffic movement or street cleaning purposes. Because parking is currently allowed in the area and the fact that this establishment "involves negligible or no expansion to existing use", the establishment of the district falls within the Class 1 Categorical exemption of section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and of the 2002 City CEQA Guidelines, Article III.I.a.3.

On August 3, 2015, the LADOT received a letter from the Councilmember for Council District Ten's (CD 10) office requesting the establishment of a Temporary Preferential Parking District (TPPD). The residents were seeking relief and a solution to the spillover and intrusive parking from the commercial businesses on Venice Boulevard and National Boulevard. Impact from non-resident vehicles coupled with minimal driveway space resulted in the residents being unable to find parking within their own community. While alternatives were discussed, no permanent or temporary solution has been found. The only option at the time was to establish several adjacent temporary preferential parking districts, which would exclude non-residents from the minimal on-street parking available in the area.

The March 16, 2016, adoption of the *Revised Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts* paved the way to establish a permanent PPD. On October 20, 2016, the LADOT received a letter from CD 10 requesting that a permanent PPD be established instead of establishing several TPPDs in the area. The residents provided signed petitions from blocks within the neighborhood. A block is defined as a street segment between two intersecting streets. The following ten blocks submitted petitions representing more than 75 percent of the dwelling units on both sides of the street and covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on each block:

- a. Curts Avenue between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard
- b. Halm Avenue between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard
- c. Helms Avenue between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard
- d. Hutchinson Avenue between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard
- e. Ivy Street between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard
- f. Regent Street between Curts Avenue and Ivy Street
- g. Regent Street between Ivy Street and Vera Avenue
- h. Regent Street between Vera Avenue and Helms Avenue

- i. Regent Street between Helms Avenue and Hutchison Avenue
- j. Vera Avenue between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the November 14, 2017 Board report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT

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RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT (PPD) NO. 235 IN THE HELMS AREA IN COUNCIL DISTRICT (CD) 10

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council, by Ordinance No. 152,722, effective September 2, 1979, revised by Ordinance No. 157,425, effective March 18, 1983, amended by Ordinance No. 161,414, effective July 26, 1986, and further revised by Ordinance No. 171,029, effective June 1, 1996, provided for the establishment of Preferential Parking Districts by Resolution of the City Council in each case. The latest revisions were adopted by City Council on March 16, 2016, Council File 15-0600-S62, under Section 80.58 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.58.k, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) promulgated "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts", was revised by Ordinance No. 177,845, effective September 30, 2006, and an amendment by Ordinance No. 180059, adopted by the City Council on August 30, 2008, which further updated the Permit fees; and

WHEREAS, the residents living north of Venice Boulevard are bearing the brunt of the increased parking demand from the businesses and their employees throughout the proposed PPD; which is adversely impacting the residents ability to park in front of their homes; and

WHEREAS, LADOT made the determination that the signed petitions represent residents living in more than 75 percent of the dwelling units comprising not less than 50 percent of the developed frontage on more than six blocks; and

WHEREAS, LADOT conducted parking studies, which indicated that four blocks in the proposed established area have a parking occupancy of at least 85 percent of the available legal parking spaces, thus meeting the criteria set forth in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts"; and

WHEREAS, LADOT determined that the signatures submitted represent at least 75 percent of the dwelling units on the residential portions of the following ten blocks, which is sufficient to warrant the installation of the requested preferential parking restriction signs upon City Council approval of this resolution.

- Curts Avenue between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard
- Halm Avenue between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard
- Helms Avenue between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard
- Hutchinson Avenue between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard
- Ivy Street between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard
- Regent Street between Curts Avenue and Ivy Street
- Regent Street between Ivy Street and Vera Avenue
- Regent Street between Vera Avenue and Helms Avenue
- Regent Street between Helms Avenue and Hutchison Avenue
- Vera Avenue between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles, that the resolution be adopted by the City Council, establishing PPD No. 235 to include the street segments below:

- Regent Street between National Boulevard and Cattaraugus Avenue
- Cattaraugus Avenue between Regent Street and Halm Avenue
- Cattaraugus Avenue between Halm Avenue and Holt Avenue
- Halm Avenue between Cattaraugus Avenue and the dead end north of Halm Avenue
- Cattaraugus Avenue between Holt Avenue and Venice Boulevard
- Holt Avenue between Cattaraugus Avenue and Olin Street
- Venice Boulevard between National Boulevard and Cattaraugus Avenue
- National Boulevard between Venice Boulevard and Regent Street

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of PPD No. 235 through the adoption of this Resolution, LADOT be authorized to post or remove the following preferential parking restrictions on any of the blocks within the district, without further actions by the City Council, upon receipt and verification of requisite petition(s) or as provided for in the adopted "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts."

- NO PARKING ANYTIME; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 235 PERMITS EXEMPT
- 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 235 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; 2 HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 235 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 235 PERMITS EXEMPT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of PPD No. 235 through the adoption of this Resolution, LADOT be authorized to post or remove "NO PARKING ANYTIME; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 235 PERMITS EXEMPT" on the following residential portions on both sides without further action by the City Council:

- Curts Avenue between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard
- Halm Avenue between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard
- Helms Avenue between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard
- Hutchinson Avenue between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard
- Ivy Street between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard
- Regent Street between Curts Avenue and Ivy Street
- Regent Street between Ivy Street and Vera Avenue
- Regent Street between Vera Avenue and Helms Avenue
- Regent Street between Helms Avenue and Hutchison Avenue
- Vera Avenue between Regent Street and Venice Boulevard