

MOTION

The Beverly Grove community was developed in the 1920's as a charming, elegant area of single-family homes, duplexes, and small apartment buildings that were located near shopping, restaurants, and museums. Over the decades, these destinations have expanded, attracting visitors and employees at numbers never anticipated by the community's developers. In particular, the major employment and entertainment centers of Cedars Sinai Hospital and the Beverly Center have significantly impacted the surrounding residents with burdensome vehicular congestion and cut-through traffic that often travels at high speeds on the narrow residential streets.

In particular, the intersection of West 4th Street at La Cienega Boulevard is one of the busiest locations for cut-through traffic, especially during peak rush hour. Compounding this situation, in 2016, the City Council approved a 145-unit mixed use development at the intersection of San Vicente and La Cienega Boulevards, adjacent to the intersection of West 4th Street. After the development is built, the surrounding area will experience more traffic impacts.

The City's General Plan's Transportation Element includes a policy to "Seek to eliminate or minimize the intrusion of traffic generated by new regional or local development into residential neighborhoods while preserving an adequate collector street system." In order to address the situation at West 4th Street and La Cienega Boulevard and protect the community from even more burdensome non-resident traffic, the City should investigate the permanent closure of the local street access point.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Transportation, working with any appropriate City department, to report on the steps necessary to block (cul-de-sac) West 4th Street just east of La Cienega Boulevard.

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