

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Malone
Date Submitted: 11/13/2022 04:10 PM
Council File No: 22-4118-S14

Comments for Public Posting: I want to add a public comment to this Council File 22-4118-S14. I am concerned about the recent and prolonged criminal activity brought upon the residents of the surrounding community by inhabitants of the 1270 Alfred Street Preuss Post Office station and the multiple encampments housed there. This post office has seen an uptick in criminal activity in the past year, including drugs, arson, physical assaults of residents and a US Postal Worker, theft, illegal bike chop shop, and other criminal behavior. The community has been intimidated and harassed by the rampant criminal activity, including lude and indecent exposure, nudity, and defecation on public right of ways- all while elderly who pass to attend the Adult Daycare center and families with young children who attend worship at the surrounding churches and synagogues in the area are affected. We respectfully request the City Council vote to designate the 1270 Alfred Street Preuss Post Office located in South Carthay under 41.18 protection, given the continued increase in crime and safety. Without it, the community will continue to experience a loss of safety, security, and quality of life. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Walter Dominguez

Date Submitted: 11/14/2022 09:16 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: RE: Council File: 22-4118-S14 From: Walter R. Dominguez, 1209 S. Alfred St., Los Angeles, CA 90035 November 14, 2022 Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council; I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES on this resolution to extend 41.18 status to the Preuss Station United States Post Office at 1270 S. Alfred St. (at Pico Blvd.) in Los Angeles. I personally witnessed the danger by occupants of adjacent encampments to members of the public that use this vital public facility. There are few post offices left in this part of the city, and this one is large and heavily used by people from all over this area. Many walk to this facility, as well as drive to it. I live and own property just up the block from the post office. I witnessed the open use of drugs by members of the encampment that sprang up beginning July 4, 2022 on the public sidewalks adjacent to the post office's west, south and east building and parking lot. Sidewalks were obstructed by the occupants of the encampment despite repeated entreaties by members of the neighborhood, LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officers, and general public visitors to leave at least enough room for wheelchair bound citizens to pass, as well as pedestrians. These pleas were never responded to; in fact, the occupants only extended their belongings and even themselves farther into the public right of way. Worse, members of this encampment – despite repeated outreach efforts by city social workers, LAHSA, drug rehabilitation social workers, and even neighborhood rabbis – refused all assistance for housing, mental health services and drug rehab services. In fact, they defiantly and openly used drugs, with their drug paraphernalia in full view of passing families with children, and teens (there are two yeshivas close by). To sustain their drug use, they engaged in bicycle theft and "chop shop" business on the sidewalks. Suddenly, after they established their encampment, bicycle thefts and other petty theft skyrocketed in our neighborhood, and many residents reported finding members of this encampment prowling in their yards looking for items to steal. There were also many frightening encounters at night and as well as in the day, just going for walks in our once-peaceful neighborhood. One of the members of the encampment, a woman, also physically assaulted a postal employee. The LAPD has submitted all the required records of the arrest they made of this woman for the assault on the female post office worker. The

perpetrator was soon released by the municipal court, and she returned to the encampment. Once back in the encampment, she then physically assaulted two women in the South Carthay neighborhood (which adjoins the post office), punching one in the stomach for no reason. Other assaults, including throwing a brick at a woman were reported. With many Orthodox Jewish families using the sidewalks around the post office to walk to nearby synagogues to attend services, and scores of yeshiva boys, and boys and girls attending the private school one block from the post office, and other citizens of the city needing safe access of our public sidewalks to use the post office for important business, including mailing ballots in for voting, I URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR of this resolution. Thank you, Walter R. Dominguez
1209 S. Alfred St., Los Angeles, CA 90035

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Name: Dan

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Name: Cary Berman

Date Submitted: 11/14/2022 02:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote YES as my property has already been vandalized by homeless individuals. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Todd Beeson

Date Submitted: 11/14/2022 02:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Re. Council File: 22-4118-S14 Pls include to protect my neighborhood from unhoused encampments. I live near the Preuss Station United States Post Office at 1270 S. Alfred St. Thanks for all you do to help keep our area safe and the homeless in a better space. A homeless man threw a brick thru my car window at the top of the pandemic...word has it the last group was stealing Amazon packages and selling drugs. We need to feel more safe and protected. Please vote YES!

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Name: Ronald Sokoloff

Date Submitted: 11/14/2022 02:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a community member of South Carthay and South Carthay Neighborhood Association Secretary, I would like to add my support to the resolution to include the Post Office in South Carthay under 41.18 consideration (file # 22-4118-S14). The post office is a hub of activity for community members and encampments have sprung up which have subjected patrons to harassment, intimidation, lawless activities from drug and alcohol abuse to public urination, defecation, as well as theft and violence. No one should be afraid to mail a letter or a package, and public buildings like these should be subject to the same protections as our schools and day care centers. Please include the Post Office so law enforcement can protect the surrounding environs from this sort of activity and lawlessness. Thank you,
Ronald Sokoloff

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Name: Michael Bordieri
Date Submitted: 11/14/2022 02:26 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Re. Council File: 22-4118-S14 I support this measure that endeavors to extend 41.18 Ordinance enforcement to include the Preuss Station United States Post Office at 1270 S. Alfred St. I urge the City Council to vote YES on this measure. I felt unsafe walking by this encampment while it existed, and I have personally witnessed drug use in the encampment before it was disbanded. The tents also completely took over the public sidewalks, preventing anyone from using them and forcing us to walk on the busy streets, which particularly impacts the elderly, children, and those with disabilities.

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Name: A BERNSTEIN

Date Submitted: 11/14/2022 02:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Council File Number: 22-4118-S14 Comments for Public Posting: Regarding 22-4118-S14 Dear Council members : I am a resident of South Carthay and live near the US Post Office on Alfred Street. My family members and I normally walk to the USPS which is very convenient to us. We have been using our beloved post office for almost 15 years. From the USPS , we walk across the street to the Joanne's in the shopping center. All our neighbors use this post office and we cherish it in our beautiful neighborhood. In the past 6 months, we all learned that 4 people were assaulted by a homeless woman in the encampment that was initially living on Alfred Street at the post office. We also learned that when many more homeless people showed up, and squatted there for months, many neighbors had their family bikes stolen, amongst other items, and I watched a man ride down my block towards the post office with my neighbor's child's bike. This post office has been and is our neighborhood's unique treasure , we know the people that work there. Our kids go there to buy holiday stamps, to mail family birthday gifts, to send and receive mail, and many of us have begun our international journeys with a passport picture taken there It belongs to our community, as it should and it needs to be immediately protected .We have been unable to go there because the homeless encampment was directly in front of the parking lot and they were harassing customers and neighbors. I urge you to please protect this site and designate it as a sensitive location so it can be immediately protected, so our family neighborhood can be protected from further criminal activity, drug dealing , theft and violence against our neighbors caused by the homeless dwellers that do not want to be helped and are preying on us using this site as their base. Now, none of my neighbors , nor I feel safe to go there by foot, and we are all very afraid to go there even by car , because the recent violence and theft emanating from there has been terrifying. The post office is an integral part of our close knit community, and needs to be protected as a sensitive site.

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Name: Julie F Goler

Date Submitted: 11/14/2022 03:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I would like to add my name to the list of people who are concerned about the post office at Pico and Preuss in South Carthay. During the last year, I have grown afraid to go to the post office to mail a letter or pick up stamps. One of my neighbors was attacked just feet away from the post office when one of the unhoused people threw a Coke can at her forehead before running up to her and punching her in the stomach. She has not been to the post office since then. This post office has become a den for drug deals, public urination and defecation, other illegal activities. We have been intimidated and harassed well strolling our babies and walking our dogs. About six months ago I saw a woman emerge from a tent to walk down the street entirely naked. Well nearly naked: she was wearing flip-flops. Please restore safety to our neighborhood and designate the post office in South Carthay as a 41.18 consideration. I would like to be able to safely mail letters in my own community rather than go to an adjacent neighborhood to take care of my post office needs. Please allow the same protections permitted for daycare centers and other schools and other public buildings when you decide about the 41.18 consideration. Thank you. Julie Goler

Communication from Public

Name: Ira Klein

Date Submitted: 11/14/2022 03:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of designating as "Sensitive" (via AB 41.18) the streets adjacent to and surrounding the Preuss Station Post Office at 1270 S Alfred St, Los Angeles, CA 90035 in order to protect our residents and Postal Workers from the ongoing encampment. The encampments that have consistently and precariously surrounded and block the streets adjacent to the Post Office has resulted in open drug use, public intoxication and physical and verbal assaults to residents of our community.

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