



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Los Angeles Police Department
Chief of Police, Charlie Beck
100 West 1st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

April 25, 2017

Re.: Maintenance of the Beach Patrol

Dear Chief Beck,

At our last public Board meeting, the Pacific Palisades Community Council unanimously passed a motion, requesting a year-round, budgeted beach patrol as a fixed line item.

We came to this conclusion after hearing presentations from the Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness regarding the issues that we face along our shoreline. We are part of the continuum of beaches which extend from Malibu (secured by the County Sheriff) to Santa Monica Beach (SMPD) on to Venice Beach and beyond. We seek this fortified detail along our shore-line, not just as Palisadians, but as Angelenos who have invested in, and are committed to, the City's effort to address homelessness.

Here in Pacific Palisades, we have embarked on a two-pronged approach to reducing homelessness: we have invested in offering readily available services to our homeless population; and we have lobbied for robust enforcement along our shoreline so that service-resistant individuals are made aware that their best option for transitioning out of homelessness is to engage with our contracted service providers. This approach has been successful, with approximately 40 people either in interim housing or successfully off the streets, more than 30 people enrolled in services or approved for a voucher, and others with either a housing plan completed or a voucher in hand. With summer approaching and the needs of LAPD Operations West shifting, we may be facing the loss of our beach patrol when we need it most.

As such, we respectfully request that you consider budgeting a year-round beach patrol unit for our beaches and bluffs, to maintain the continuum of enforcement along the Los Angeles shoreline from Malibu southward, by providing for an annual beach detail in Pacific Palisades.

Thank you and best,

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PPCC Chair

*cc - Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor
Honorable Mike Bonin, Councilmember 11th District
Steve Soboroff, Vice President LA Police Commission
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