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Hon. Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
Hon. Mike Bonin, Councilmember, Council District 11  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Maintenance of the LAPD Beach Detail in Pacific Palisades**

Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember Bonin,

I am writing today to express my support for the Pacific Palisades Community Council in their request for the Palisades Beach Detail to not be reassigned elsewhere. The Beach Detail has been remarkably capable in their work preventing fire danger, as well as working with the Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness (PPTFH) to provide services to the unhoused community on the beach and bluffs.

Since 2016, the Palisades Beach Detail has complemented and supplemented the PPTFH in their outreach work. Thanks to the hard work of the volunteers of the PPTFH and the officers who accompany them, the PPTFH has gotten 132 previously homeless individuals off the street, and has found permanent housing for 85 individuals. In fact, the results of the most recent homeless count indicated that homelessness has been reduced by 71% in the Pacific Palisades.

The exceptional work of the PPTFH would be greatly diminished without the partnership of the Palisades Beach Detail. Earlier this year, PPTFH purchased a Kawasaki off-road vehicle, which can only be driven by the Palisades Beach Detail. The vehicle is used to canvas the dense hillsides of the Palisades and transports the two outreach workers hired by PPTFH, who are then able to outreach to homeless individuals who would otherwise be unreachable. The Palisades Beach Detail also works to prevent fires in the bluffs and hillsides; since they were deployed, there have been no brush fires set off by campfires.

As the Assemblymember representing Pacific Palisades, I echo the sentiments of the Pacific Palisades Community Council, and call for permanent funding for a year-round Palisades Beach Detail. The model of partnership between the PPTFH and the Palisades Beach Detail is an example of city resources put to effective use. I encourage the City of Los Angeles to continue to support and fund this partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Bloom".

**RICHARD BLOOM**  
Assemblymember, 50<sup>th</sup> District

CC:

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