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To: Len Nguyen

CC:

- Chris Spitz;
- Chad Molnar;
- Hannah Levien;
- David Kaplan;
- Richard Cohen

Len and CD11 staff,

You are always invited to attend and participate in PPCC meetings.

Thank you for the last minute letter from Councilmember Mike Bonin. We will not be taking any action on the letter tonight, since it came today, way after the deadline for the agenda. You may talk about it in your CD11 update tonight.

He has obviously read our Proposed Statement on his City Council motion to house people at Will Rogers State Beach. The letter's suggestion that there are suitable sites to house the homeless in Pacific Palisades is disingenuous, since he knows that there are none, and we have said so in our Proposed Statement.

If he knows of any suitable sites, please let us know where and we will evaluate them. He might start with the City Controller's work identifying publicly owned properties.

Use of the Will Rogers State Beach parking lot had been mentioned when the City proposed housing homeless individuals inside the Palisades Recreation Center. That was early in the pandemic, when

1. the beaches and beach lots were closed to the public. The beaches, beach paths, and parking lots are open to the public now, and crowded.
2. it was truly intended as a temporary shelter during the course of the pandemic. The pandemic is now coming under some measure of control, especially with vaccines that are available now to anyone 16 and over, but weren't available at all then. The City has been phasing out its use of Rec Centers for the pandemic. We have no confidence that what's being proposed in his motion is going to be temporary.

Use of Will Rogers State Beach for homeless housing is not suitable. There are other suitable areas in the City, County and State that are not beaches or parks.

Pacific Palisades has the successful model of how to compassionately treat its homeless. PPCC formed the Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness. PPTFH has continued independently to offer services and housing to the homeless here, through its tireless volunteers and professional outreach, with the generous donations of Palisadians, and with the cooperation of the LAPD.

We look forward to know what sites he deems suitable in Pacific Palisades. Judge Carter's injunction clearly directed the search for sites away from public beaches and parks.

David Card
Chair, Pacific Palisades Community Council

On Apr 22, 2021, at 11:34 AM, Len Nguyen <len.nguyen@lacity.org> wrote:

Dear David:

Attached is a letter from Councilmember Mike Bonin to the Community Council.

Regards,
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