



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

August 9, 2021

Los Angeles City Council: Hon. Nury Martinez, President, CD 6; Members: Hon. Gil Cedillo, CD 1; Hon. Paul Krekorian, CD 2; Hon. Bob Blumenfield, CD 3; Hon. Nithya Raman, CD 4; Hon. Paul Koretz, CD 5; Hon. Monica Rodriguez, CD 7; Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, CD 8; Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr., CD 9; Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas, CD 10; Hon. Mike Bonin, CD 11; Hon. John Lee, CD 12; Hon. Mitch O’Farrell, CD 13; Hon. Kevin de León, CD 14; Hon. Joe Buscaino, CD 15

City Administrative Officer: Matt Szabo, CAO; Yolanda Chavez, Assistant CAO

Via email to all addressees and submission to City Clerk filing portal

Re: Council File 21-0350; CAO Feasibility Study – Use of Will Rogers State Beach (WRSB) Parking Lot for Homeless Housing / Factors Demonstrating Infeasibility

Dear President Martinez, City Councilmembers, Mr. Szabo and Ms. Chavez:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) calls your attention to another incident on PCH in Pacific Palisades.

At approximately noon on Monday, August 9, **yet another individual experiencing homelessness was struck by a vehicle on PCH in Pacific Palisades, across from WRSB.** LAFD responded and the injured individual was transported to the hospital. We do not know his condition. LAPD officers on the scene believed that the individual was under the influence of drugs.

We are aware that the CAO has previously rejected other potential sites in Los Angeles, either for interim shelter or “safe parking” purposes, because the sites posed safety concerns and were therefore deemed infeasible. **There can be no dispute at this point as to the danger posed to homeless individuals, particularly those with mental health or addiction issues, with siting homeless housing at WRSB.** PPCC has demonstrated that these individuals are routinely being struck and injured by vehicles while wandering onto or attempting to jaywalk across PCH. **For public officials to knowingly put even more such persons at risk would be reckless and inhumane.**

We hope and trust that in light of these facts, the CAO and City Council will reject the WRSB parking lot because it is a clearly dangerous and thus infeasible site for homeless housing.

Thank you.

Executive Committee, Pacific Palisades Community Council

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David Kaplan, Vice-Chair

John Padden, Organization Representative (P.R.I.D.E.)

Richard G. Cohen, Treasurer

Joanna Spak, Elected Representative (Area 1; Castellammare, Paseo Miramar)

cc to other public officials and interested groups and individuals (listed on p. 2, following)

cc (via email):

City: **Hon. Eric Garcetti**, Mayor, City of Los Angeles; **Hon. Mike Feuer**, City Attorney; **Hon. Ron Galperin**, City Controller; **Ralph M. Terrazas**, Chief, and **Armando Hogan**, Deputy Chief & West Bureau Commander, LAFD; **Michel R. Moore**, Chief, and **Jonathan Tom**, Captain III & West Division Commanding Officer, LAPD; **Patricia J. Huber**, Asst. CAO and Executive Officer; **Ben Ceja**, Asst. CAO; **Meg Barclay**, CAO's office/Homeless Strategy

County: **Hon. Hilda Solis**, Chair, County Board of Supervisors; **Hon. Sheila Kuehl**, County Supervisor, CSD 3; **Hon. Janice Hahn**, County Supervisor, CSD 4; **Hon. Kathryn Barger**, County Supervisor, CSD 5; **Hon. Holly J. Mitchell**, County Supervisor, CSD 2; **Daryl L. Osby**, Chief, County Fire Dept.; **Gary Jones**, Director, and **Kerry Silverstrom**, Chief Deputy Director, County Beaches & Harbors Dept.; **Cris Liban**, Chair, Beach Commission; **Clark Stevens**, Executive Officer, and **R.C. Brody**, President, Board of Directors, Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains

Joint City/County: **Heidi Marston**, Executive Director, LAHSA; **Wendy Greuel**, Chair, LAHSA Commission

State: **Hon. Gavin Newsom**, Governor, State of California (via Jason Elliott, Senior Counselor for Housing & Homelessness); **Hon. Ben Allen**, State Senator, SD 26; **Hon. Henry Stern**, State Senator, SD 27; **Hon. Richard Bloom**, State Assemblyman, AD 50; **Jack Ainsworth**, Executive Director, and **Steve Hudson**, District Director, California Coastal Commission; **Sam Schuchat**, Executive Director, and **Megan Cooper**, Regional Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy; **Guangyu Wang**, Chief Administrative Director, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission; **Wade Crowfoot**, Secretary for Natural Resources, and **Angela Barranco**, Undersecretary for Natural Resources, California Natural Resources Agency; **Armando Quintero**, Director, and **Jerry West**, Angeles District (acting) Superintendent, California State Parks; **Rue Mapp**, Chair, State Park and Recreation Commission; **Jennifer Lucchesi**, Executive Officer, State Lands Commission; **Joseph T. Edmiston**, Executive Director, MRCA and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; **Tony Tavares**, Director, Caltrans District 7

Federal: **Hon. Diane Feinstein**, U.S. Senator (via Peter Muller, Deputy State Director); **Hon. Alex Padilla**, U.S. Representative (via Lauren Gallant, Sr. Field Representative); **Hon. Ted Lieu**, U.S. Representative, 33rd District (via Janet Turner, Field Supervisor); **Judge David O. Carter**, U.S. District Court Judge, Central District of California; **Cindy Orlando**, (Acting) Regional Director, Interior Region 8, National Park Service; **David Szymanski**, Superintendent, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area; **Tom Ford**, Director, Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program

Other: **Hon. Paul Grisanti**, Mayor, City of Malibu; **Hon. James Bozajian**, Mayor, City of Calabasas; **Hon. Denis Weber**, Mayor, City of Agoura Hills; **Carrie Carrier**, President, Topanga Town Council; **Kim Lamorie**, President, Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation; **Rachel Norton**, Executive Director, California State Parks Foundation; **Guillermo Rodriguez**, State Director, The Trust for Public Land; **Morgan Goodwin**, Sr. Chapter Director, Sierra Club/Angeles Chapter; **Shelley Luce**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Heal the Bay; **Tom Ford**, Executive Director, The Bay Foundation; **Bruce Reznik**, Executive Director, LA Waterkeeper; **Graham Hamilton**, LA Chapter Coordinator, Surfrider Foundation