



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Via email

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Re: Homeless Health Safety: Beach portable toilets and hand wash stations

Pacific Palisades Community Council ("PPCC") is the most broad-based community organization in Pacific Palisades and has been the voice of the community since 1973.

The locking of County beach restrooms has resulted in a crisis for the homeless who have long used them for personal hygiene (showers, toilets, hand washing). This has created a public health danger for not only the homeless people who refuse to go to shelters, but also the general public.

Hand washing and use of toilets reduces the spread of the coronavirus. Human feces has now appeared in the pedestrian tunnel under PCH at Chautauqua / West Channel Rd. (Santa Monica Canyon), a primary access point to the beach.

The homeless of Will Rogers State Beach and the bluffs in Pacific Palisades have been greatly served by the non-profit Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness ("PPTFH"). They've had tremendous success in moving people into housing and services, resulting in a huge reduction in the homeless population in the Palisades. But The People Concern, which PPTFH hired as outreach professionals, has pulled its people for their own safety. That leaves only LAPD Beach Patrol and PPTFH volunteers to continue trying to help the shelter-resistant homeless along the beaches and bluffs.

PPCC, acting through its Executive Committee, strongly encourages the County to allow the installation of portable toilets and hand washing stations to be placed at 3 locations along PCH at beach parking lots that have locked public bathrooms:

- 1) Santa Monica Canyon lot across from Chevron station,
- 2) Temescal Canyon lot, and
- 3) parking lot north/west of Gladstones / Sunset Blvd.

We understand that the City will provide the portable toilets and washing stations. Please work with PPTFH (Sharon Kilbride) and Councilman Bonin's office (Lisa Cahill) to make this happen as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Executive Committee, PPCC

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