



## PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Dear Pastor Lee,

Welcome to the Palisades as the new interim Pastor. I know well some of your flock, including former Pastor RZ Meyer (a fellow Rotarian) and Rich and George Wilken (we were among the first students to open Pali High in 1961).

Pacific Palisades Community Council has been the voice of the Palisades since 1973, one of the oldest volunteer organizations of its type in the City of L.A. We are the broadest-based local organization, consisting of elected area representatives and a wide variety of organizational representatives. We provide a forum for the discussion of community issues and we advocate to government and private agencies on those issues where there is broad community agreement. You may see more about us and some of the community issues we address on our website: [www.pacpalicc.org](http://www.pacpalicc.org).

A few days ago, we learned about the church's 5K charity race through the streets south of your church. Karen Ridgely, PPCC Area 4 Representative, did not receive your flyer to residents (she lives outside of the racecourse, but inside your Area between Bienveneda Ave. and Temescal Canyon Rd.). When she received comments and complaints from neighbors about the road closures, she alerted me. As a result, both she and I have spoken with Rich Wilken about the race, the road closures, and what can be done in the future to mitigate the impact on the neighborhood residents.

A few years ago, I led the Rotary Club's Pali Tri races (mini-triathlon) through the same neighborhood, so I could have offered some advice from that experience. One thing Rotary did was present the plan to the PPCC and its then Area Rep well ahead of time, to get community buy-in and feedback. In the future, the Lutheran Church should consider doing the same for events like this that result in blockage of roads in the Palisades.

PPCC and our community welcome events like this. We can help each other when we plan and work together to minimize the inconvenience to neighbors and maximize the spread of information and warnings of blockage.

Best of luck on the charity race. I understand you are running.

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