



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

September 21, 2024

Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor of the State of California
Via Vishesh Anand, Los Angeles Deputy Regional Director

Tony Taveras, Director, California State Dept. of Transportation

Honorable Traci Park, Councilwoman, Los Angeles City Council District 11

Via email to all addressees

Re: Support for Letter from Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park dated Aug. 5, 2024

Dear Governor Newsom, Director Taveras and Councilwoman Park:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the most broad-based community organization and voice of the Palisades since its founding 51 years ago, in 1973. Pacific Palisades is a coastal hillside community located in Council District 11 in the City of Los Angeles. State land is in Pacific Palisades -- including Will Rogers State Beach (WRSB) and a portion of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) between the City of Santa Monica border and Coastline Drive (at the unincorporated County border). Our community has long experience with homeless dwelling on WRSB and in RVs parked along PCH, which present substantial risks to public health and safety.

PPCC supports our Councilmember, Traci Park, in her efforts to regulate encampments and RVs that are used as vehicle dwellings and that flout local laws and frustrate enforcement, to the detriment of our own and other Los Angeles communities. We support her letter dated August 5, 2024, requesting the cooperation of Governor Newsom and Caltrans in addressing encampments (which include RVs) along PCH in Pacific Palisades and on other state land in CD 11. Specifically, at the regularly scheduled PPCC board meeting on September 12, 2024, our board unanimously passed the following motion:

“Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) strongly supports the letter dated August 5, 2024, from Councilwoman Traci Park to Governor Newsom and Caltrans, requesting that state authorities coordinate with CD 11 in addressing encampments on state property within the district, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order # N-1-24 – in particular the RV encampments along PCH in Pacific Palisades, as identified in the letter, which form a substantial risk to public health, safety and welfare. PPCC further requests a prompt response, effective action and accountability by state authorities.”

We respectfully urge the Governor and Caltrans to respond promptly and take action to address encampments on state land in CD 11, as requested on August 5 by Councilmember Park. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sue Kohl

Sue Kohl, President
Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc (via email): Hon. Ben Allen, Senator, SD 24; Hon. Jacqui Irwin, Assemblymember, SD 42

CW Park 8/5/24 letter: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/CD11-Letter-Newsom.pdf>