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Hon. Mike Bonin
Councilmember, 11th District
200 N. Spring Street, Room 475
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilman Bonin:

Our beaches are a beautiful natural resource that should be enjoyed by everyone who chooses to visit them. Our coastline experiences a growth in foot and vehicular traffic, as residents and tourists seek respite during the hot summer months. There is absolutely no question that access to our beach sides should be granted for all to enjoy.

That being said, the coastal areas along the sand also come with a curfew (currently 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m., seven days a week). Banning overnight occupation of our beaches serves as a deterrent to crime and other illicit activity. A curfew also helps protect both individual residents and businesses located within these areas.

Any effort to remove an overnight curfew from Los Angeles beaches will take away safeguards our stakeholders have come to expect. Additionally, the already stretched resources of local police and fire units (including paramedics) will be insufficient to address the overnight emergencies from the lifting of the current curfew.

Therefore, the Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa urges you to resist any efforts underway to vacate the current curfew along Los Angeles beaches, currently set between the hours of 12:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m., daily.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cyndi Hench

Cyndi Hench
President
Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa