September 5, 2017

Honorable Mike Bonin
Councilmember, District 11
200 N. Spring Street #475
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Councilmember Bonin:

The alleyway bounded by Ramsgate Avenue (West), Reading Avenue (East), Reading Avenue (North) and Morley Street (South) requires immediate reconstruction and resurfacing.

For several years, this alleyway has experienced decline and degradation to the point where motor vehicles and bicycles have gotten flat tires. Additional vehicular damage includes a car that got a broken axel as a result of the current poor conditions of this alley.

Residents of this neighborhood rely heavily on their carports and garages that are accessed only by this alley. Street parking, although available, is extremely limited. During the 1950s and 1960s, this neighborhood consisted primarily of 2, 3 and 4 unit dwellings. However, over the recent years, large multi-family units have been developed in the area, thus reducing accessibility to the street parking on Ramsgate and Reading Avenues, as well as Interceptor and Morley Streets. This lack of street parking forces the residents to utilize alley parking, even at the risk of damaging their vehicles.

While resources for alley reconstruction and resurfacing are scarce, we believe that this area described requires immediate remedy. Past efforts, primarily through pothole fills, while helpful, have proven to be insufficient in dealing with this alley's continued deterioration. The residents in this neighborhood have reached out to the City for the past several years regarding this issue, yielding no results. It's now time to address their concerns.

Therefore, in recognition that continued use of the aforementioned alleyway is posing a risk to the neighborhood and its residents, the Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa strongly urges the Council Office to pursue the reconstruction and resurfacing of this alley in an expeditious manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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