

**Motion RE: Mobile Homes and other Vehicular Hazards In/Near the Wetlands &/or Evacuation Routes - PDR Jefferson & Culver**

On May 26th, 2021, the Los Angeles City Council passed Motion 21-0350. The intent of this motion was to address the homeless crisis “across Southern California, Los Angeles, and the 11th district”.

However the motion only addresses housing services and does not include “a variety of resources” as the motion calls for.

Therefore, this motion requests a feasibility study of the other aspects necessary to assist the unhoused residing in Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista in obtaining assistance for their welfare and that of the housed stakeholders of the NCWP.

WE THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council REQUEST assistance from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Services to provide necessary professional intervention to unhoused individuals who have severe mental, emotional, and/or substance use disabilities that interfere with their ability to make healthy self-care decisions or to respect the legal rights of others.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the LA City General Services Department to determine the feasibility to provide basic repair assistance or towing to vehicles that are currently in public spaces that no longer function as a mobile vehicle and/or pose a public safety or environmental hazard, such as but not limited to: blocking fire hydrants or emergency routes; bicycle lanes; protected environmental zones; gas company land; or airport property.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the city Council INSTRUCT the LA City Public Works to determine the feasibility to provide regular mobile washrooms and other basic services to unhoused individuals who are residing in City-sanctioned locations and need this assistance for general health and life improvement with the goal of providing permanent housing or other life improvements to these individuals.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the LA City Fire Department to determine the feasibility of inspecting vehicles in Westchester/ Playa parked in public spaces for more than one week that are either occupied or abandoned for any environmental and/or fire hazards, such as leaking or discharged fluids for a possible risk of fire/explosion to the vehicle and/or surrounding environments.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the Los Angeles County Supervisors to investigate any unfair regulations that neighboring cities enforce to reduce unhoused individuals in their cities and/or to relocate them into City of Los Angeles public spaces.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the LA City Police Department to determine the feasibility of enforcing current laws that protect the safety of resident stakeholders in Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista to reduce, with the goal of eliminating, crimes committed by unhoused individuals, including but not limited to:

- Murder of Gabriel Donnay of Beverly Grove on March 29, 2021 by an unhoused individual.
- Pacific Palisades fire deliberately started by an unhoused individual on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Brush fire at the Ballona Wetlands, Playa Del Rey on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 from an unregulated encampment.
- Two men wounded in a shooting near Westchester Park on May 3, 2021 which is largely composed of unhoused individuals.
- Four men shot on Jefferson Blvd. on morning of August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Council reconsider full funding of the Los Angeles Police Department and empowering them to enforce the laws of the City of Los Angeles (including enforcing parking restrictions) equitably and fairly so Westchester/Playa resident stakeholders and unhoused persons are not deprived of critical public safety assistance.

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