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

RE: Parking lot for Westchester Senior Center

Dear Councilmember Bonin:

The senior community has been severely impacted by the pandemic and inflation, and is quickly becoming one of the larger demographics in our homeless population. Many of these people are isolated with very little opportunity to connect with their peers. The Westchester Senior Center is an invaluable resource for social connections as well as for obtaining information about the various city and other services available to them through city employees at the center, and their peers.

The NCWP's Community Services Committee held a meeting on May 12th with a focus on our senior community, and we heard from some seniors in our public audience during the meeting expressing their frustration that they do not feel safe attending the Senior Center due to the vehicle encampments that still persists in the parking lot.

The NCWP therefore requests that (temporary) housing be offered to those living in their vehicles in the parking lot, if it hasn't already been offered, and have sanitation clean up the parking lot so it is clean and available for parking so that our seniors feel safe going to the Senior Center. If the vehicle dwellers do not want to accept housing, we ask that you enforce the no overnight parking in the Senior Center parking lot.

We understand these are sensitive matters on many levels, but the moratorium on the no overnight parking has been lifted. It is time to ensure our seniors have safe access to our only senior center serving our area.

We ask this as compassionate elected stakeholders for the whole community and authorize the President to take the appropriate action to promote this position. We appreciate your review and look forward to your timely response.

Kind regards,

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