

Will The Hollywood Hills Be A Repeat Of The Palisades?

We Can't Afford to Find Out

Community Meeting

Saturday, September 27

9:30 – 11:30

Arrowhead Cul de Sac

The Problem

Our hillside streets are overwhelmed. Oversized tour buses, illegal parking, and unchecked crowds are blocking emergency access, increasing the risk of disaster, increasing crime, and adding daily stress. All of this is happening in one of the City’s most dangerous fire zones. We can’t afford to be the next Palisades and the City can’t afford another major and preventable disaster in global news.

The Ramifications

- If first responders can’t reach us in time, even routine emergencies become life-threatening.
- If a major wildfire starts, evacuation will be nearly impossible.
- If nothing changes, lives, homes, and the Mount Lee emergency communications hub remain at serious risk.

What Does Success Look Like

Evacuation & Fire Safety	• Require complete evacuation plans to be developed and shared with the public, as required by law. Prevent access until this is complete and in place.
Traffic & Road Safety	• Enforce speed limits and traffic calming. • Enforce fire-lane parking rules. • Ban oversize vehicles/tour buses on hillside streets. • Prohibit motorized vehicles on hillside trails.
Emergency Access	• Require clear fire lanes and unimpeded access for first responders.
Infrastructure Oversight	• Mandate utility fire mitigation in VHFHSZ, including brush clearance.
Commercial Activity	• Prohibit illegal vending. • Enforce rules against unpermitted tours.
Public Space Protection	• Stop illegal dumping. • Enforce park hours. • Restrict trail access during high fire-risk days.

What We Are Doing

- Pressuring the City to enforce existing fire, traffic, and safety laws.
- Building the record with data, consultants, and legal preparation.
- Educating neighbors and mobilizing media attention.
- Preparing to act with aggressive advocacy and, if needed, legal action.

The Plan

Action	Status
Secure consultants to evaluate the issue	✓ Done
Put the City on notice	✓ Done
Educate residents	🔄 In progress
Fundraising for data gathering, PR, legal action	🔄 In progress
Gather objective data	🔄 In progress
Pursue earned media	➡ SOON Planned
Aggressive advocacy	➡ SOON Planned
File suit if necessary	Option on the table

How You Can Help

This fight requires unity. With your membership and support, we can:

- Demand real enforcement.
- Keep our roads clear and safe.
- Protect our homes, families, and critical infrastructure.

Learn. Join. Contribute. Protect Lake Hollywood.

Learn More

Specific Violations Researched

The public safety crisis in the Lake Hollywood area, stemming from systemic non-enforcement and governance failures, implicates a range of legal mandates at the municipal, state, and even federal guideline level. These legal imperatives establish clear duties of care and operational standards, the violation of which forms the basis for potential legal claims against the responsible entities. The legal doctrine of a "dangerous condition of public property" under California Government Code §835 is central to the potential liability of the City of Los Angeles.

Specific Code, Ordinance	Mandatory Requirement	Nature of Non-Enforcement/Violation in Lake Hollywood Area	Primarily Responsible Entity(ies)
AB 747 codified in California Government Code §65302.15	Every city and county, upon the next revision of the safety element of its General Plan on or after January 1, 2022, must identify evacuation routes and assess their capacity, safety, and viability under a range of emergency scenarios—including wildfires, earthquakes, and other natural hazards.	The City has failed to provide the required evacuation plan – a fact that was documented in the Palisades by bulldozed cars blocking emergency vehicles.	City of Los Angeles
LAMC §86.02	No driving over 25 mph in parks; no driving over 10 mph in park parking areas.	Widespread speeding on park access roads and within/near Lake Hollywood Park.	LADOT, LAPD, RAP
California Fire Code §503; LAMC Fire Code (Brush/Access)	Fire apparatus access roads (fire lanes) must be unobstructed (min. 20 ft width). Red curbs/signage required.	Chronic obstruction of narrow hillside streets and designated/potential fire lanes by illegally parked tourist vehicles.	LAFD, LADOT, LAPD
LAMC §86.03	RAP authorized to post and enforce parking limitations/prohibitions in parks.	Insufficient restrictions or lack of enforcement leading to hazardous parking, congestion at Lake Hollywood Park and approach roads.	RAP, LADOT, LAPD
LAMC §80.36.11 (Tour Bus Ordinance)	Tour buses restricted from operating/stopping/parking on designated unsafe streets.	Continued operation of tour buses in restricted or unsafe manners; insufficient enforcement; slow expansion of restrictions to all affected areas.	LADOT, LAPD
LAMC §57.4906.5.2; PRC §4291	Mandatory brush clearance (200 ft from structures, 10 ft from roadways) in VHFHSZ.	Concerns about inadequate brush clearance in a VHFHSZ, contributing to fire risk.	LAFD, Property Owners
LAMC §63.44 B.3; LAMC §42.13	Vending in parks and on sidewalks requires permits and adherence to placement/operational rules.	Presence of unpermitted/unregulated vendors contributing to congestion and nuisance.	RAP, Bureau of Street Services, LAPD
LAMC §86.06; LAMC §63.44 (Vehicle Use in Parks)	Vehicles (incl. bicycles) prohibited on park trails unless posted for such use. Driving prohibited unless posted for parking.	Potential for unauthorized vehicle use on trails or unposted areas due to overall lack of enforcement presence.	RAP, LAPD
Gov. Code §835	Public entity duty to protect against dangerous conditions on its property when it has notice.	Creation/maintenance of multiple dangerous conditions (traffic, parking, fire access) despite extensive notice from studies and resident complaints.	City of Los Angeles (all depts.)
CPUC General Order 95; PUC §8386, §8387	Utilities must maintain infrastructure safely (vegetation, inspections, WMPs) in HFTDs.	Potential for compromised utility safety due to City's failure to ensure access for maintenance or manage vegetation on City land near infrastructure.	City of LA (as landowner/overseer), CPUC