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Subject: Lake Hollywood tourist problems

Dear Council member Raman.

I am a resident of the Lake Hollywood Estates for 48 years. I have watched this quiet, clean, safe neighborhood be destroyed by the amount of tourist and traffic that have taken over streets. Tourist to the Hollywood sign have created a public safety and public nuisance that must be addressed immediately.

Google maps and social media direct thousands of visitors and vehicles to our area looking for the best view of the Hollywood sign. However the city does nothing to control the traffic or manage the problems they create. The city makes millions of dollars from tourism yet our neighborhood has no enforcement of the safety regulations.

The traffic congestion is out of control. There are too many cars for our roads. It's impossible to get in and out of our neighborhood quickly and safely. Cars do illegal U-turns, park on the wrong side of the road, block the road, double park etc. As an elderly person I am very concerned that when I need emergency services they will be delayed in traffic. Our safety is at stake.

Illegal vendors including food trucks, fruit vendors, large hiking groups, and large tour vans are in our area most days. Tourist ignore the no smoking signs, they litter, play loud music, and even urinate on our streets and lawns, they knock on our doors to ask to use the bathroom or ask for directions.

The Lake Hollywood Park requires dogs to be on leash, yet dogs are always off leash. The Lake Hollywood reservoir prohibits dogs from entering the lake area, but

people are bringing their dogs into the reservoir. Again there is no enforcement of the rules.

Also, some residents are now finding it difficult to rent or sell homes in the Lake Hollywood area. Potential renters or buyers do not want to live in a tourist destination, and are discouraged by all the traffic when entering the neighborhood.

All of these issues are diminishing our property values and safety not to mention the impact of wildlife in our local mountains.

We respectfully request your time and attention to these matters.

Thank you,

Shake Tashjian

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Park and Environs

Dear Nithya Raman,

I am writing to you today to express my concerns regarding issues specific to my community, Lake Hollywood Estates. Due to our location and proximity to the Hollywood Sign, public trails, and other Los Angeles landmarks, we have been enduring an ever-increasing problem stemming from the significant number of visitors coming to our area. The issues we are facing are a threat to the well-being of our residents, their property, and to the wildlife that traverse our landscape. We need your help to navigate the demand and to find pathways to ensure access remains but not at the expense of those that call the area home. We feel previous attempts to address these concerns have not been adequately addressed or given the attention the situation merits.

For some time now, we have witnessed a steady increase in traffic, illegal parking, disregard for traffic rules and signage, vandalism, garbage - including lit cigarettes and alcohol, and, most recently, illegal commercial businesses (food trucks, street vendors, hiking/biking tours) setting up in our streets and on our trails. As an R1 zoned area, many of these activities are illegal and we simply do not have the infrastructure to manage them on our own. At my own home, we have had strangers knocking on our doors asking to use our bathrooms. This is not a random occurrence! Many of my neighbors have shared similar stories. We need your help!

These problems persist throughout the week but are particularly problematic on weekends and holidays. We feel trapped in our homes, unable to take alternate routes to get in and out of the area easily and limited space to allow for parking for those who would come to visit us. While not all visitors are unruly, I've witnessed

countless people walk in areas clearly marked "no pedestrians," vehicles holding up traffic so occupants can take photos, reckless driving around the reservoir and in neighboring streets, tour groups and vehicles blocking access to the trails, and a significant increase in vendor related garbage scattered around the area and tossed in landscaping of private residences. I feel the situation is not sustainable and will only get worse if our concerns continue to be dismissed and/or minimized.

We are proud of our community, and of the landmarks and wildlife that we share the area with. We are not trying to stop people from visiting. Rather, we are asking that a more comprehensive plan be put in place that addresses our concerns and makes it fair and safe for all. This should not be our burden alone to bear.

Thank you for your attention,

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Overlook: Overcrowding Pollution and Declining Property Values

Dear Council-member Raman,

My name is Mark Hope and I reside on Arrowhead Drive just below the Hollywood sign overlook. I have been a resident here for the past 45 years and have seen this neighborhood grow from an idyllic, quiet paradise (where neighborhood kids safely played in streets) into a crowded, traffic congested, polluted Tourist destination. I am barely able to leave my house on the weekends for fear of having a confrontation with peddlers, pedestrians, park gawkers, tour bus hawkers and sport car stalkers and out of town tourists fighting to get a photo of the iconic Hollywood sign. It is beyond an annoyance!!!! I have been accosted by transients and even had vagrants camping out on the hill behind my house.

The tourist and other transients are a public nuisance and are a threat to our neighborhood's safety and security.

There has been no law enforcement, and the quality of life of this once beautiful neighborhood has been vastly diminished!

Vehicles are double parked or parked on the wrong side of the road, do U-turns in the middle of the road, blocking driveways and cause traffic congestion. They honk their horns, dump their trash in our park and on the side of the road, and play amplified music, with total disregard for the neighborhood and the homeowners.

Pedestrians cross the road unsafely, discard their cigarette butts in a high fire danger area, yell, and urinate in the bushes and on resident's lawns. The tourists have

disregarded the signs of a fire hazard and we have had to alert the fire department to extinguish several fires.

Emergency vehicles are unable to respond to our neighbors, especially the elderly.

Google maps and social media direct countless visitors and vehicles to our area, seeking the best view of the Hollywood sign. Our streets are simply not designed for this amount of traffic!

This is a RI zoned area: yet illegal vendors, including food trucks, juice and fruit vendors, large hiking groups (in excess of 30 tourist in a group), and large tour vans with amplified sound, are here continuously!!!

Our Lake Hollywood property is losing value when people witness the chaos entering the neighborhood.

It is the city's duty and responsibility to address these issues on a daily basis. Perhaps a designated patrol can be assigned.

IT IS TIME FOR ACTION NOW.

We need to work with you to develop a plan to address these issues.

We are very unhappy with the city's lack of response. I look forward to hearing from your office.

Disgruntled Homeowner:

Respectfully yours,

Mark Hope

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Estates Dangerous Situation

Dear Councilmember Raman,

I am writing to you about issues related to a very dangerous situation in my neighborhood.

My husband and I moved to our home on Arrowhead Drive in 1975. It is such a beautiful area to live in. I am extremely frightened that a fire emergency will destroy our home and, possibly, the lives of the people who live here. The backyard of my home is directly underneath the Lake Hollywood Park. Tourists climb down the hill across from the park and smoke cigarettes or take drugs. I think they think that the people above will not see them smoking.

I have asked many people to stop smoking. One person told me it was perfectly fine since there were so many cigarette buttes right by his feet, so it was obvious to him that smoking was accepted here.

There seems to be no enforcement of laws relating to the extreme fire danger in our neighborhood. Since I know that our homeowners' representatives have provided detailed examples and photos of the fire danger, I believe the city is negligent and responsible in every way for any mishaps that happen here, since there is no enforcement or oversight, even after numerous attempts and pleas for help in this matter.

On weekends, there are so many cars and tour vans that there is gridlock on Canyon Lake. Again, there is no help coming from the city. In an emergency on a weekend, there would be no way for an ambulance or fire truck to reach us.

There are so many other issues here, including commercial vendors, paid hiking tours, paid commercial Ferrari photo shoots in front of my home, and defecation on the hill above my home.

Again, my primary concern is the extreme fire danger and lack of enforcement.

Please help us to avert a very serious disaster.

Best regards,

Rhoda Coleman

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From: Lisa Hope

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Estates Public Safety and Nuisance problems. ACTION NEEDED!

Dear Council member Raman and city leaders,

I am writing to you to express my sincere concern over the safety of the residents of Lake Hollywood Estates. Tourist to the Hollywood sign have become unbearable for our neighborhood and have created an increase in crime, and an ongoing public nuisance and a public safety hazard, as well as destroying the natural habitat for the wildlife that exist in our local mountains.

Google maps and social media direct countless visitors and vehicles to our area, seeking the best view of the Hollywood sign. Our streets are simply not designed for this amount of traffic!

Regulations that exist are completely unenforced, destroying the quality of life of this once beautiful neighborhood,

Lake Hollywood Estates is a RI zone, yet illegal vendor are here continuously, including food trucks, juice and fruit vendors, large hiking groups (sometimes 30+ in a group), and large tour vans with amplified sound.

Cars double park, do u turns, park on the wrong side of the road, block driveways, honk their horns, play amplified music, and cause traffic congestion. Pedestrians cross the road unsafely, discard their cigarettes in a high fire danger area, yell, urinate in the bushes and on resident's lawns, and litter.

The Lake Hollywood Park requires dogs to be on leash, yet dogs run freely off leash and owners do not pick up after their dogs. The Lake Hollywood reservoir prohibits

dogs from entering the lake area, yet more and more owners are bringing their dogs into the reservoir.

Emergency vehicles are delayed in their response to our neighbors, especially concerning for the elderly residents of our community.

In addition, residents are now experiencing financial damages, as it is becoming increasingly difficult to rent or sell homes in the Lake Hollywood area. Potential renters or buyers are deterred by the chaos just entering the neighborhood. Clearly they are being financially damaged by the city's inaction to address these problems.

It is the city's duty and responsibility to address these issues on a continual basis. **IT IS TIME FOR ACTION NOW.** We need to work with you to develop a plan to alleviate these issues.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hope

From: Annette York

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Safety Concerns

Dear Councilperson Raman,

I am writing to you regarding the safety issues in Lake Hollywood. As you may be aware, our area has seen a significant increase in tourism over the past few years. While we welcome visitors to our community, this surge in tourism has also brought with it a rise in crime and traffic, which is causing concern among residents.

The increased traffic has made it difficult for residents and emergency services to navigate the streets safely, particularly during peak times. We are worried that if these issues are not addressed soon, our community will continue to be an unsafe place to live. We urge you to take action to ensure the safety and well-being of our neighborhood, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Annette York

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Subject: Lake Hollywood problems

Dear Ms Raman,

As a resident of Lake Hollywood Estates, I am writing to express my concern about the increasing number of tourists visiting our neighborhood. While we welcome visitors to our community, the recent influx has created a number of public safety issues that need to be addressed.

One of the main concerns is the unsafe driving of tourists on our streets. The streets in our community were not built to handle the amount of traffic that is now passing through. It is not uncommon to see cars speeding and driving recklessly, creating a dangerous situation for pedestrians, cyclists, and other drivers.

In addition to the unsafe driving, tourists are leaving a significant amount of trash in our neighborhood. It is disheartening to see so much litter on our streets and in our parks. We take pride in our community and it is frustrating to see it disrespected in this way.

Furthermore, one of the tourists recently broke one of my trees, which is a source of frustration and expense. I believe it is important that the city takes responsibility for the damage caused by these tourists and ensure that the residents are not left to bear the burden of their reckless behavior.

Additionally, the influx of tourists has created a parking problem in our community. Tourists frequently park in our driveways and on our streets, which not only causes congestion but also creates a safety hazard as emergency vehicles may have difficulty accessing the area.

In light of these issues, I believe that a restricted parking program may be necessary to alleviate the parking problem. Alternatively, the city could consider implementing a system of designated parking areas for tourists that would be clearly marked and located in areas that do not create safety hazards or inconvenience for residents.

I urge you to take action to address these issues and work towards finding solutions to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. This could include increasing the presence of law enforcement in the area, implementing traffic control measures, and increasing awareness campaigns to encourage responsible tourism.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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From: Daisy Hutton

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Estates are not a tourist zone

To Council Person Nithya Ramen and others whom this may concern,

I am a constituent of CD4 who voted for you and am now demanding action to protect my neighborhood.

I have lived in the Lake Hollywood Estates for 14 years and sadly have watched the safety of our neighborhood decline from the onslaught of tourists who come on a daily basis and the city that does nothing to stop them.

The Vista point and Lake Hollywood Park are meant for local enjoyment, but have become overrun with visitors that this small neighborhood was never intended to handle.

The traffic alone is beyond hazardous. Cars park in the wrong direction on both sides of our narrow road. They stop to wait for spots to open up, creating blockages up and down the two only exit points we can use to enter and exit the neighborhood.

We as a community live in fear of an actual emergency where we would not be able to get out of the neighborhood due to these daily blockages. It's bad on a daily basis, but weekends and holidays are completely unacceptable.

The tourists are disrespectful not only of parking, but traffic in general. They stop their cars in the middle of every neighborhood street to get their pictures, holding up anyone who is behind them. They smoke their cigarettes and toss them into our dry Griffith park brush. They sit on neighbors' lawns trying to book ubers without cell coverage and ask to use bathrooms since none are provided. Some just treat the entire park as their own private bathroom.

Our R1 residential neighborhood is also overrun with businesses- from food trucks and street carts to tour buses, and luxury car rentals. There are loud cars zooming down our neighborhood streets where my children ride bikes. They constantly park outside my driveway to get their perfect photo ops.

This problem is not just an annoyance. It's a matter of public safety. We can no longer let this continue to go on. As we head into another summer, we demand that the city takes our plea seriously and helps to come up with a plan to remove the tourist flow and redirect it elsewhere.

We have asked repeatedly for the city to take responsibility for this activity that endangers us all on a daily basis. Please help before it's too late.

Respectfully,
Daisy Hutton
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From: jeff hutton

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Area Neighborhoods

I'm writing this letter to inform you of an untenable situation that has developed in our part of Los Angeles.

The advent of GPS, combined with the willingness of companies like Google to list our neighborhood as the "Hollywood Sign Viewpoint" have led to unacceptable levels of traffic here, levels that this area was never designed for or intended to accommodate. Lack of parking or turn arounds has led to Canyon Lake Drive, home of Lake Hollywood Park, becoming a permanent snarl of cars looking for parking and tourists running across the road, accompanied by a constant din of horns and cursing. Illegal tour vans (banned from this area) block roads, while car rental businesses from Hollywood Blvd transport multiple carloads here daily to race around the lake. Visitors pitch cigarettes and trash wherever they can, and use the park and surrounding areas as a public toilet. Multiple residents (including myself) have been the recipients of vehicle and home break-ins over the last few years, something that was once a rarity.

Many visitors who come here have no respect for the residents. The lack of suitable spots to take pictures from leads them to occupy people's lawns and driveways, utilize their properties to wait for ubers, and block streets (even those with blind curves) while they get their shots. I watched a group of tourists sit on a neighbor's steps, throw trash in her hedges, and wander her garden picking flowers while they waited for a ride. They also commonly ignore posted laws designed for everyone's health and safety here. I've lost count of how many dogs are brought in to the reservoir in violation of sanitary regulations prohibiting them, and despite clear signs specifying Lake Hollywood Park as "on-leash", this is blatantly ignored, and countless piles of feces dot the grass. The number of pedestrians who insist on walking in the road on Montlake Drive and Mulholland Highway (both non-residential areas with faster traffic) is staggering. Montlake Drive has a path that runs alongside it, as well as a sign that clearly states "Pedestrians: for your safety, please use the provided path", yet these visitors prefer to put themselves and drivers at risk by ignoring it. Mulholland Highway has no path at all, as an attempt is being made to grow trees there. This is in order to prevent the previous problem of drivers blocking the road (even leaving vehicles entirely) and obstructing traffic. It's even more dangerous than Montlake, as the screen fence there renders all of its curves blind, and while another sign prohibits pedestrians there entirely, this is also routinely ignored. This area simply cannot handle the huge numbers of people who visit. On weekends, the numbers are massive, and holidays are another level beyond. Unfortunately for the people living here, the very remoteness of the area (in a relative sense) seems to have contributed to the lack of city authorities/representation. It's just too far away to deal with.

The neighborhood was not like this when my family moved here. It's not as if the residents blame the city for the influx of tourists here: that's something bound to happen when one combines a desirable area with instructions on how to access it. Everyone here realizes the importance of tourism to our city, it is a part of choosing to live in Los Angeles. It's more that the city needs to do something to address the problem now that it exists. If the Hollywood Sign had been constructed today, major planning would have gone in to how to accommodate the masses of people that would surely flock to visit it. The infrastructure

necessary for such an endeavor would have been a priority. Instead, the sign was constructed as an advertisement, abandoned by its creators, acquired by the city, then left to rot. Although concerted efforts to attract private funding have resulted in its renovation (and resurgent popularity), nothing has been done to create the badly needed infrastructure necessary for such a public attraction.

I'm certainly not a city planner, and have no way of knowing whether the various solutions I hear about are practical in the least, but I would feel remiss if I didn't include some sort of idea, given my limited knowledge of the situation. The best option I can see would entail the building of said infrastructure (including parking, a visitors center, etc.) in Griffith Park below the sign. An access road bypassing the adjacent neighborhoods could be constructed to reach it and, once there, visitors could travel a short distance up (by paved path or other option) to the sign. The city could even run trams, obviating the need for a large parking lot. Locating everything in the vicinity of the sign itself would require a constant city presence and security, but would have the benefit of isolating the commercial nature of a project like this from the residents who just want to be left in peace. After all, if the city allowed visitors to actually go up to the sign, they'd have far less reason to cluster in areas further away from it. I understand that the establishment of such infrastructure requires budgeting, management, and liability issues. For much of its history, the sign would not have required such expenditure, but anyone can see that the dynamics have changed mightily, requiring a revisitation of its handling.

What is certain is that many residents here feel that this cannot continue, and this number is steadily rising. The alternative of lawsuits, and private security interacting (in what would almost certainly be a negative fashion) with the tourists who journey here, was never popular before. We all love this city, and want them to make the right decisions regarding the management of this area. Clamor for private solutions that would solely benefit our neighborhood and leave everyone else less happy was not the norm here, and is more the result of disgust with the state of things and dissatisfaction regarding the city's inaction. This is what it more or less comes down to: The sign has become a public attraction, whether or not it was intended to be originally. If the city is willing to establish infrastructure for it at its location, pressure on our neighborhoods will abate, and everyone will benefit. If nothing is done, the city cannot expect the people here to continue to allow their residential streets to be treated as a commercial district, and indeed, should expect that they will, instead, seek ways to insulate themselves from this encroachment.

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Subject: City Council has to address neighborhood problems by Lake Hollywood Park

My husband and I have lived in the Lake Hollywood estates for over 30yrs. When we first moved to this area it was a quiet, residential R1 neighborhood. This is no longer the case. After a multitude of requests for help, the city has refused to address the serious and potentially life threatening problems we now face with no permanent solutions in sight.

Small businesses such as vendors, paid hiking, bike tours and touring vans are operating in our community. This is illegal. We are in an **R1-Zone**, which is strictly a residential zoned neighborhood, not a commercial area where small businesses can operate such as vendors, paid hiking, and bike tours. It is also illegal to operate these businesses (paid tours) in Griffith Park, however, they have been successful in stopping all this, so why is this being allowed in our area?

Many of these companies are well aware that their operations are not legal in our area. For example the touring van companies, which used to advertise on their vans, now surreptitiously disguise their vans with no advertisement so it's hard to report them. These vans, when filled with tourists, also exceed the weight limit for vehicles driving on our streets. So these companies are breaking two laws: illegally operating a business and driving vehicles over the weight limit.

The following identify many of the other issues and problems which are in front of us:

Theft- both homes and vehicles

Public Safety, Traffic and Reckless driving. (There are only 2 ways in and out of our area). What will happen in an emergency situation? As it is now, if cars can't find parking they double park and expect cars to drive around them which can cause accidents as well as long lines forming behind them tying up

traffic. There is no room to turn around. The patrol/safety

personnel can't even find parking for their vehicles to give citations. Most of the time they aren't walking up and down the sidewalk to enforce laws.

Illegal Parking and Blocking Personal Driveways

Smoking and Discarding Lit Cigarettes (a large number of our tourists are from other countries where smoking is allowed and are unaware that our area is a fire danger zone and if they do, they don't care.) When I have confronted some of these smoking tourists, they just throw their cigarette on the ground and tell me it's

none of my business.

Public Urination, Defecating, Loitering and Trespassing

Food trucks (running their generators in a residential neighborhood)

Illegal Vendors

Trash/Littering
Large Hiking groups – Paid to outside businesses
Tour Vans – Illegal Weight / Size Limits
Tour Buses – Illegal Weight / Size limits
Amplified Noise from Tour Vans
Street Racing

Frustrated property tax payer. Below are some recent pictures.





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Subject: Lake Hollywood Under Siege

Dear Councilperson Raman,

Lake Hollywood has been besieged by uncontrolled tourism. Our hillside residential neighborhood does not and cannot ever have the infrastructure to accommodate this overwhelming pedestrian and vehicular traffic. This is a public safety issue, particularly regarding brush fires and crime. Improved parking enforcement, preferred parking (PPD), and enhanced security are mandatory at a minimum. The City has a duty to act— lives are at stake.

Sincerely,

Ken York
LHHA Board Member

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Homeowner re Hollywood Sign Tourist Issues

Dear Councilwoman Raman,

I have made my home in Lake Hollywood Estates since 1978. I know you have heard about the challenges our neighborhood faces because I met you at an event hosted by our Homeowners Association (LHHA) when the impact of tourism relating to the HOLLYWOOD SIGN was discussed.

As you know, these problems are not recent. I have written to our Councilpersons going back to Tom LaBonge and our homeowners association (LHHA) has tried for many years to engage with city officials to seriously consider and act on proposed solutions.

The problems caused by the uncontrolled tourism in our area range from annoying to FRIGHTENING AND DANGEROUS. Among those that most concern me are visitor traffic (including parking) in our community and on our limited access/exit roads and THE POTENTIAL FOR FIRE.

Particularly, but not exclusively, on weekends and holidays the foot and vehicle traffic is constant at the intersection of Arrowhead Dr. and Canyon Lake Dr. making it a dangerous for to safely turn onto Canyon Lake (the only way you can leave the Arrowhead Dr. cul de sac, which is my street). Cars park right up to the curbs making it nearly impossible to see the constant traffic coming down Canyon Lake where there is no stop sign. By the time you see that traffic is clear one way, people are crossing or traffic is coming the other way and you must start over again - looking back and forth, hoping, praying that it is safe to exit. This is a problem that has a solution if the city would help.

I have been ignored, threatened and cursed at when I ask people not to smoke or flick lit ashes from a car or not to come onto my property across from Canyon Lake Park to smoke. Just a few weeks ago, I asked a woman to extinguish the "joint" she lit just a few feet from the sign about smoking fines she had just passed on the Montlake path. I have no problem with what one smokes only with where the smoking occurs and the danger it creates. Although she put it out, I was sure it would be lit again further down the path. With all the anger and weapons people have these days, I confess I am afraid every time I ask someone not to smoke.

I am hoping that you and other officials who are in a position to effect change will commit to work seriously with LHHA to find and implement solutions for the good of Lake Hollywood and our neighboring communities.

Sincerely,

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Subject: LAKE HOLLYWOOD ESTATES IN DISTRESS!!!

To our Los Angeles City Officials:

As you are already aware, our neighborhood of Lake Hollywood Estates has been under siege by tourism, traffic and all that comes with the onset of WAZE / Google Maps and social media. **This has become a public nuisance and more importantly a public safety issue.**

Yet there has been NO enforcement of the laws that are broken on a daily basis here in our hillside community. CD4 can start addressing our many problems by declaring our area a “**Preferred Parking District**” (PPD) to relieve our residents from blocked driveways, 3 point turns, etc. At least three or four times a week I now experience delays in getting to my workplace and once was even blocked into my own driveway - this is absolutely unacceptable.

Parking is just the beginning of the problems plaguing us, however. I personally moved here at 1998 at a time where we did not even have to lock our front doors. Today, crime is up exponentially, with daily break-ins of cars, and now even our homes.

The trash and littering that is occurring, along with public urination and defecation is disgusting. Street racing is a regular occurrence, as well, endangering everyone nearby.

We are in an R1-Zone, which is strictly a residential zoned neighborhood, not a commercial area where small business can operate such as vendors, paid hiking, and bike tours. Griffith Park is free for all to enjoy; all paid tours are illegal. I personally witness an average of two or three paid tours on the Innsdale Trail EVERY DAY. Large groups of 20 or even 30 tourists for each tour show up at all hours of the day, making a lot of noise, smoking, playing loud music, and taking up all the parking on the streets!

Oversized & overweight tourist vans and buses visit daily, with some actually utilizing an amplified "tour guide" sound system, which is distorted and deafeningly loud.

Dozens of people loiter and trespass on a daily basis, and the most frightening thing is the smoking that occurs - not a single day goes by that I don't have to tell multiple people to put out their cigarettes, and the number of discarded cigarette butts in this high fire district is absolutely staggering. **THIS IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS** AND THERE HAVE INDEED BEEN FIRES UP HERE ALREADY due to these individuals' carelessness.

Illegal vendors also seem to have no problem setting themselves up to make a buck in this R-1 zone, including a large juice truck running its noisy generator all day long while selling its products to people visiting Lake Hollywood park.

For over a decade our LHHA Board of Directors has been offering solutions and trying to work with the city and very little action has been taken. Things have been going downhill rapidly, and they will only get worse, unless something is done, immediately. We demand that the city work with us and all departments to develop solutions and put them into action! We want our community back to being a safe place to live and enjoy the nature that once surrounded us.

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Subject: Safety concerns in Lake Hollywood Estates

Dear Ms Raman et al.,

I am writing to you today in hopes you will address the growing problems in our community and recognize their serious impact on the people and wildlife who call this area home. While we understand that we live in a neighborhood near a tourist destination, we feel we are unfairly burdened with the ramifications of so many people visiting an area with no infrastructure to support the volume of visitors we see.

As you are aware, our neighborhood is designated an R1 zone and as such is not an authorized area for commercial activities such as food vendors and bike/hiking tours. Nonetheless, these businesses are routinely operating in our neighborhood. In recent weeks we have seen an uptick in these kinds of practices and a subsequent increase in blocked trails and garbage in our streets.

Not surprisingly, the increase in human traffic has also led to a host of other issues and concerns. We are constantly bombarded with excessive vehicles who park illegally, block driveways, hold up traffic to take photos, and whose occupants leave litter, including lit cigarettes and alcohol, in our streets and some who engage in home/vehicle theft and vandalism too. Also of concern, visitors are frequently observed walking in non-pedestrian zones (Mulholland Hwy above Lake Hollywood Park), driving recklessly, and ignoring speed and other traffic signage in our immediate area and around the reservoir. It is only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt or killed as a result.

Lake Hollywood Estates have no public washrooms and limited waste receptacles available to visitors. As a result, it has become a common occurrence in our neighborhood for visitors to approach private residences in hopes of using private washrooms in our homes. This is unacceptable, not to mention, a significant safety concern! More and more often, too, visitors are resorting to trespassing on private property, using the nearby bushes and trails to relieve

themselves and/or to dispose of their personal trash on our trails and in our property landscaping and driveways. These issues are a biohazard and cannot be allowed to continue.

We also have very real concerns that due to the increase in vehicular traffic, emergency vehicles responding to fire or medical crises may struggle to reach our area. With only two ways in and out of our community, these vehicles have no option to access alternate, less populated routes to reach their location.

These issues pose significant threats to the safety of human and wildlife alike. Please help keep our residents and visitors safe by prioritizing actions to address these concerns! Do not dismiss our concerns as simply those of a disgruntled community seeking to keep their area private. We understand and take pride in the landmarks in our community. However, these trails and landmarks belong to all Los Angeles' residents and the responsibility for their maintenance, preservation, and safety, should be shared among all who call Los Angeles home, not just by those who live in the immediate area.

Respectfully,
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Subject: PLEASE HELP LAKE HOLLYWOOD!

To counsel-person Nithya Raman,

Your constituents are in desperate need of help! Begging you to take the time to read.

Over the past decade plus of living in the R1 Lake Hollywood neighborhood here in Los Angeles my husband and I have witnessed a massive decline in quality of life for all residents.

When we first moved in this was a quiet neighborhood with a public park that was enjoyed by local Los Angeles residents and the biggest problem was people occasionally taking their dogs off leash. Now (thanks to Google maps and illegal tour buses) we are encountered by hundreds (and 1000's on the weekends and holidays!) of smoking, littering, defecating tourists.

I can't even count the number of times I have asked people to stop smoking and watch them, roll their eyes and throw their cigarette into Drybrush.

There have already been multiple brushfires up here that - thank God due to quick response of the LAFD or local residents -have been put out.

It is only a matter of time till the tourists start a fire that cannot quickly be extinguished because there are only two roads into the Lake Hollywood's area and they are both constantly clogged with tourists and traffic... making impossible for trucks to get up on here quickly.

I have had to have conversations with my children that if the neighborhood goes up in flames, they need to run through a neighbors yard to make it down to the reservoir to stay safe. I worry that if we tried to evacuate we would be stuck in tourist traffic, and not be able to get out in time.

There are weekends in the past where I have not felt like it was safe for my kids to leave the front door because of the language, pot smoke and public drinking I have witnessed in the neighborhood.

We have been sitting in our yard hosting a preschool party, and I have had to go out front and ask people to put out Joints because the kids were asking what that smell was.

Not to mention people parking in front of driveways so that residents can't leave their homes. Constantly, people are parking in the red and causing fender benders.

One time I caught a man peeing ON MY HOUSE and told him to stop that. And he turned and screamed "fuck you lady. I know where you live!" I am scared when I'm out walking the dogs alone to say anything to people now...

I have watched the illegal open air tour bus vans come back to Lake Hollywood blaring their loud speakers. I have watched illegal vendors come and permanently park in the neighborhood selling their goods. I DAILY see illegal tours for hiking to the Hollywood Sign where they take up blocks of street parking.

The residents of this neighborhood have been continually and constantly asking for help for years. The problem continues to get worse and nobody does anything.

How the city hasn't figured out a way to protect its residents and also monetize one of their biggest tourist attractions is unbelievable to me.

We need our neighborhood taken back and protected. We need another place for the tourists to go.

I am tired of being saddened by walking by neighbors' houses and seeing broken Jack Daniels bottles, cigarette butts and beer cans after the weekends of tourists coming in droves.

PLEASE help save our homes!

Sara Schlackman
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90068
Illegal Tour bus

No parking, person smoking

Tourists parked on curb to get pictures

This fruit stand was parked right by a home!

An illegal walking tour

Tour bus parked outside a home letting tourists on and off.

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Neighborhood Degradation

Dear Los Angeles,

I have lived in the Lake Hollywood neighborhood my entire life. And up until 10 years ago nobody knew about our neighborhood, it was idyllic, peaceful, a wonderful place to live. But then our very own neighbors, with the help of city officials, decided to expose our sanctuary to the public. And now what used to be a beautiful place is literally hell, We avoid making unnecessary trips outside of our homes because just getting in and out of our neighborhoods - WHICH THERE ARE ONLY 2 WAYS TO ENTER AND EXIT - and the Mulholland Drive route I have completely avoided for the past 10 years because even the idea of attempting to use that route gives me a headache, It's honestly become completely unusable as I would immediately be stopped in traffic. Can you believe that? Traffic - to enter and exit my own neighborhood. That has to be a fire hazard. God forbid there's any emergency here - we would probably all be blocked trying to get out by an Uber full of people trying to take a selfie. Tourists are extremely hazardous. They do not care about the biodiversity that our neighborhood supports, they smoke NEXT TO signs that say no smoking - our neighborhood is an EXTREME fire danger zone. They pollute our neighborhood- I constantly find fast food litter and the other day saw a full diaper just left on the street - this is all happening in front of people's HOMES. I was even harassed and threatened by tourists for informing a tour bus that it was not allowed in our neighborhood which, might I remind you is **an R1-Zone**, which is strictly a residential-zoned neighborhood, not a commercial area where small businesses can operate such as vendors, paid hiking, and bike tours. Griffith Park is free for all to enjoy; all paid tours are illegal. We have also experienced an increase in theft- our mail has been snatched off of our porches and vehicles have been broken into. There is no need for there to be Traffic in a residential neighborhood, as it would be fatal if there were any sort of emergency and Reckless driving. There is Illegal Parking and cars Blocking Personal Driveways - all so people can take a picture and as I said, Smoking and Discarding Lit Cigarettes which could burn down our whole neighborhood and take the Hollywood sign with it. There is also Public Urination which is disgusting and disruptive to the ECOSYSTEM that resides here. Why should there ever be anyone pissing in a neighborhood? Do people piss in YOUR neighborhood mr or mrs government person? There is also Loitering and Trespassing - which, again, what the hell. And now to put the cherry on the shit cake there are Food trucks!!! (running their generators in a residential neighborhood) and Illegal Vendors.

If it were up to me I would shut down the whole neighborhood but I fear that we are too far gone. And when the summer starts it's just going to get even worse. And we as the neighbors are just going to get more and more frustrated. Please- help us. This can't be legal. Imagine this all happening to YOU! In the only place you have ever called home. We need REAL and EXTREME changes to happen to make our neighborhood livable again because honestly, I don't know how we are meant to put up with any of this much longer.

DO YOUR JOBS as PUBLIC SERVANTS.

We are asking you to take responsibility, especially regarding parking, CD4 can start by declaring our area a **"Preferred Parking District" (PPD)** to relieve our residents from blocked driveways, 3 point turns, etc.

For over a decade, our LHHA Board of Directors has been offering solutions and trying to work with the city and very little action has been taken. As a community, we need to support each other and use our voices as taxpayers and **STEP UP!** Put down in writing your own words and tell the city that we will **NOT** stand for the dumping station our community has become.

Thank you,
Ruby

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Estates

Greetings All,

I live on Tahoe Drive, the main pass-through of the two roads going in/out to view the Hollywood sign, to picnic, to hike in the hills and to walk the Lake Hollywood Reservoir. I'm writing with sincere and due respect to all of you on this email list. While I may sound snarky in my "flier", below and attached, please know that I'm not pointing fingers to any one individual, of course, and I chose that format in the interest of brevity, being conscious of your busy schedules and knowing that you'll receive letters today from the Lake Hollywood Estates community. This flier absolutely expresses how it feels and what we all experience, living here day to day. That an open invitation announcement to see the world renowned, iconic Hollywood sign had been and is continually broadcast to 'come one, come all – It's a free for all'.

Due to the extraordinary and constant influx of visitors, we know by now that the City is more interested in inviting and accommodating visitors than it is in consideration and protection of the Lake Hollywood community members. And, with a complete lack of concern for the safety and security of the residents. The onus and anxiety have been placed on us, not to mention the additional costs that most of us have been compelled to incur with building privacy walls, installing fences, gates, security cameras, privacy trees and the like. The residents of Lake Hollywood Estates, and immediate surrounding areas, have written countless letters to the City over the years, held meetings, and attended meetings and hearings regarding the impact of the Hollywood sign and the open access to unlimited quantity of visitors up here. We've proposed many potential solutions. Does the City really need a reminder that this neighborhood is not just another hillside in Los Angeles? And that we are a go-to destination for visitors from around the world? We have been pawns to use and abuse. It's outrageous that next to nothing and nothing significant has been done to protect us or to control this ongoing and compounding situation. **The extraordinary risks and issues here require extraordinary solutions.**

You must put the brakes on. I believe the only serious and sustainable solution will be found if an immediate, comprehensive survey is conducted with current statistics and temporarily closes Lake Hollywood Park and the Reservoir to the public until significant and obviously extraordinary amendments are made. Of course, you all know that the privately owned horseback riding facility, Sunset Ranch, sued the City in 2015 and the LA Superior Court Judge "found the City was channeling 15,000 visitors per month and interfering with Sunset Ranch Hollywood Stables

business". It's 2023 and because of exponential growth since the closing of that gate in 2017, Mayor Bass, State and City Representatives, along with neighborhood reps, need to utilize this information to make projections for the next year, five years, ten years, etc. When the Beachwood gate was closed, the City intentionally and purposefully redirected the masses to the Lake Hollywood area and it was done without interest, care or a hint of a plan for the impact the decision would have on this community, and the City was clearly aware. This is an extraordinary situation up in the hills here, with not only every issue of all other hillside communities, *but* with the additional, compounded challenges of resting at the foot of this iconic worldwide attraction. The thousands of people flowing through our neighborhood presents constant, potential for accidents, injuries and worse, via car and/or for people walking on our sidewalks, driveways and steps, as well as the outrageous potential for liability and financial burden on all of us in this neighborhood. **Is the protection and quality of your residents' lives not as important as protecting the solvency of a local, private business?**

Thank you in advance for your attention.
Sincerely,
Joyce Lewis

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COME ONE, COME ALL! IT'S A FREE FOR ALL!

The Iconic

HOLLYWOOD SIGN

IF YOU LIKE TO BE WHERE THE ACTION IS YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO PASS THROUGH THIS LOVELY HOLLYWOOD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD IN LAKE HOLLYWOOD ESTATES.

YOU HAVE 24/7 FREE ACCESS TO ONE OF THE MOST ICONIC LANDMARKS KNOWN AROUND THE WORLD.

WHAT YOU, THE VISITORS GET – YOUR ALL ACCESS PASS

FREE OF CHARGE, FREE OF HASSLE,

FREE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD IS NOT ZONED FOR BUSINESS BUT BRING YOUR BUSINESS HERE!

ATTRACTION HIGHLIGHTS

- **FREE PARKING** – NO PERMITS AND NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.
- **UNLIMITED ACCESS TO THE HOLLYWOOD SIGN**, LISTED AS THE BEST AND CLOSEST VIEW IN ALL OF LOS ANGELES.
- **NO CAPACITY LIMITS** WHATSOEVER
- **HIKING TRAILS** TO "THE WISHING TREE" AND DIRECTLY TO HOLLYWOOD SIGN
- **LAKE HOLLYWOOD RESERVOIR** – 3.5 MILES AROUND THE LAKE. **DOGS NOT ALLOWED**, BUT **NOT ENFORCED**
- A PUBLIC PARK AND PERFECT MEADOW FOR VIEWING THE HOLLYWOOD SIGN
- **UNLEASHED DOGS** NOT ALLOWED BUT **NOT ENFORCED**
- **SMOKING NOT ALLOWED** BUT **NOT ENFORCED**- WHICH IS A PLUS FOR TOURISTS FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD
- **LITTERING NOT ALLOWED** BUT **NOT ENFORCED**
- **RECKLESS DRIVING NOT ALLOWED** BUT **NOT ENFORCED**

- **RACING MOTORCYCLES AND SPORTS CARS** – SPEED HUMPS ON TAHOE DRIVE - THEY PROVIDE JUST THE RIGHT LIFT ON YOUR RIDE
- COUNTLESS CARS TO BREAK INTO
- NEIGHBORHOOD WITH **HIGH-END HOMES** TO BREAK INTO
- PLENTY OF DELIVERED **PACKAGES TO STEAL DAILY**
- NO WORRIES ABOUT ALL OF THE RING CAMERAS – JUST WEAR YOUR FACE MASKS
- **WIN BIG-SET UP A SLIP & FALL** WALKING THE NEIGHBORHOOD – THEY ALL HAVE INSURANCE
- **FEEL FREE TO SLEEP IN YOUR CAR**
- **VENDORS WITH FRUIT AND SCOOTERS NOT ALLOWED BUT NOT ENFORCED**
- **OPEN-AIR, OVERSIZED TOUR BUSES NOT ALLOWED BUT NOT ENFORCED**
- **LOUDSPEAKERS ARE NOT ALLOWED BUT NOT ENFORCED** AND THE NEIGHBORS HAVE THE GOOD FORTUNE OF HEARING ABOUT THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE HOLLYWOOD SIGN FROM THE COMFORT OF THEIR OWN HOMES
- **HIKING TOUR COMPANIES NOT ALLOWED BUT NOT ENFORCED**
- **AIR B'N'B NOT ALLOWED FOR SHORT TERM AND NO PARTIES ALLOWED BUT NOT ENFORCED**
- YOU HAVE A GREAT CHANCE OF SEEING **FILMING IN ACTION** FROM SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE SHOWS AND UPCOMING MOVIES
- **LOOKING FOR A HIGH-PROFILE LOCATION TO SEND A MESSAGE AND INTENTIONALLY DO HARM?** NO CAMERA MONITORING, NO GUARDS, NO SECURITY TO BREACH AND NO ENFORCEMENT WHATSOEVER, WITHOUT ANY KNOWN PLANS TO SET UP SECURITY
- **THE CITY HAS SPECIAL OCCASSIONS HERE AND THE LAKE HOLLYWOOD ESTATES RESIDENTS ARE ALWAYS TOLD TO STAY CLEAR AND TAKE GOOD CARE** – SO THE RESIDENTS SHOULDN'T PRESENT A PROBLEM IF YOU WANT TO CELEBRATE YOUR SPECIAL OCCASIONS IN **LAKE HOLLYWOOD PARK** OR JUST JOIN THE GROUP OF TAILGATORS ON THEIR LOCAL STREETS
- **HAVE A DREAM TO LIVE UNDER THE HOLLYWOOD SIGN? KEEP CHECKING YOUR MLS LISTINGS** –MORE HOMES ARE UP FOR SALE. **THE PROPERTY VALUES WILL GO DOWN**, SO YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO AFFORD A HOME IN THIS NON-EXCLUSIVE AREA SOONER THAN YOU THINK!
- **TIME WILL FLY BY WITH THE OLYMPICS COMING TO LOS ANGELES – COUNTLESS MORE VISITORS TO CONNECT WITH AND EXPERIENCE AND THE 'ALL ACCESS PASS' LIST ABOVE WILL LIKELY REMAIN IN PLACE**

***** WARNING** < There is only one main road in and out of *Lake Hollywood Estates* >

Rush hours and especially on weekends and holidays - Roads will be busy, with traffic likely backed up and bottlenecked near Barham Blvd - Allow extra time to come in and out of the area. **Your cell phones won't likely work up there**, so plan ahead and don't knock on doors to ask residents to use their phone.

There are countless google search links that will lead you to the Hollywood sign, the reservoir, the vistas and hiking trails – all conveniently located in Lake Hollywood Estates, nestled at the foot of the Hollywood sign. Here are just a few:

How to get to the Hollywood sign: <https://theatlasheart.com/how-to-get-to-the-hollywood-sign/#:~:text=What%20is%20this%3F,->

Report%20Ad&text=Confusingly%2C%20Mulholland%20Drive%20and%20Mulholland,pictures%20of%20the%20city%20below

The Best Viewpoints to see the Hollywood Sign without hiking Lake Hollywood Park, Canyon Lake Drive, Los Angeles, California, United States

How to get to Lake Hollywood Reservoir: <https://hikingguy.com/hiking-trails/best-la-hikes/lake-hollywood-reservoir-hike/>

WAZE – Type in “Hollywood Sign”: <https://www.waze.com/live-map/directions/hollywood-sign-viewpoint-canyon-lake-dr-los-angeles?to=placew15840085315838119251364245>

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May 8, 2023

Councilperson Nithya Ramon

Council District 4

**200 N. Spring Street
Room 415
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Councilperson Nithya Ramon:

We are writing to you today because our neighborhood can no longer be ignored.

Lake Hollywood Estates is sandwiched in between a historic city landmark, city park and various public city hiking trails. There are no city agencies monitoring all the car traffic and activities that are associated with visitors coming to our neighborhood to visit these places. The list of issues that our community is having to deal with daily is quite long, but I feel it is time that some of them are listed below again to remind you and your staff that something needs to be done ASAP:

- **Trash/Littering**
- **Theft- Homes and vehicles**
- **Traffic/Reckless driving**
- **Illegal Parking**
- **Smoking in Nonsmoking areas (dangerous brush fire area)**
- **Public Urination**
- **Food trucks (running their generators in a residential neighborhood)**
- **Illegal Vendors**
- **Large Hiking groups**
- **Loitering/Trespassing**
- **Tour Vans – Illegal Weight Limits**
- **Tour Buses – Illegal Weight limits**
- **RV Parking**
- **Amplified Noise**
- **Street Racing- Cars and Motorcycles**

The dangerous scenarios are endless for catastrophic fire to our neighborhood along with thefts and vandalism, dangerous driving and unenforced car and pedestrian capacities that continue to invade our streets. We feel like prisoners in our own homes, unable to safely, or God forbid quickly, get out of our neighborhood streets. Compounding that prisoner feeling is the flea market atmosphere that has now germinated outside of our windows with illegal food trucks, illegal vending carts, paid hiking tours dropping off large groups of people at our front doors, illegal pop up tents selling merchandise, our front yards being used as rideshare waiting zones, trash cans and diaper changing stations while people are carelessly walking in streets and parking which ever they want with no regard for the public safety, the neighborhood and those that live here.

We can no longer sit back silently and be confronted daily with these dangerous situations, while the city does nothing to help protect our neighborhood and its surrounding hillsides. Something needs to be done quickly before something more tragic occurs. It feels as though it will take a death or a tragic fire to get someone to listen and help us. They need to act and enforce the laws around city property now.

There are solutions to these problems and there is no reason why our neighborhood should be left to fend for ourselves with no help from the city and their resources. We need to work together and end all the chaos, and the illegal and dangerous activities that are inundating our neighborhood. Please open your eyes and ears and see and listen to our community and its cry for help. If the city does not do something quickly in response to our plea, we will be left with no other option than to seek legal counsel.

Signed:

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Public Safety and Public Nuisance Letters

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my concern about the situation in our neighborhood. Our community has been greatly affected by tourism, traffic, and the use of WAZE/Google Maps and social media. These issues have become a public nuisance and a public safety concern. It is time that we let the relevant authorities know that we will not continue to live under these circumstances and conditions.

As residents of an R1-Zone, a strictly residential zoned neighborhood, we believe that our community should not be turned into a commercial area where small businesses such as paid hiking, and bike tours can operate. We want our community to remain a safe place to live and enjoy the natural surroundings that once attracted us.

Firstly, I would like to highlight the issue of traffic and reckless driving on the limited access roads in and out of our community. Our neighborhood is located in an R1-Zone, which is strictly a residential zoned area. However, the limited access roads have become a major thoroughfare for people trying to avoid traffic on nearby highways. This has led to an increase in speeding and reckless driving, endangering the lives of our residents. Additionally, there are only two ways in and out of our community, making it difficult for emergency vehicles to access our neighborhood promptly. This is a serious public safety concern that requires urgent attention from the city. Therefore, I urge the city to take action to address the traffic and reckless driving on the limited access roads in and out of our community. We need to ensure the safety of our residents and provide easy access to emergency services.

Secondly, I would like to draw attention to the issue of large hiking groups paid by outside businesses. These groups often bring large crowds to our residential neighborhood, causing safety hazards and noise pollution. They disturb the peace and tranquility of our community, leave behind trash, and damage the environment. The presence of these groups creates traffic congestion and makes it difficult for emergency services to access our neighborhood in the event of an emergency. It is crucial to ensure that all hiking groups comply with city regulations and do not disrupt the safety and well-being of our community. Therefore, I urge the city to enforce regulations on hiking groups and prevent them from causing safety hazards and noise pollution.

Moreover, one of the major public safety hazards that affects our quality of life is the amplified noise from tour vans that pass through our neighborhood. These tour vans, often overloaded and illegally overweight, come through our neighborhood daily. They use loudspeakers to provide commentary to their passengers, and the amplified noise echoes through our quiet streets, causing disturbance to the residents. The noise pollution is particularly disruptive during early morning and late evening hours, disturbing the sleep of the residents. Furthermore, the amplified noise also affects the wildlife in Griffith Park, home to many species of birds and animals. Therefore, we urge the authorities to take action and implement measures to regulate the noise levels of these tour vans. I suggest enforcing noise limits and requiring tour companies to use noise-canceling equipment on their vehicles. Additionally, I would like to recommend the city to consider alternative routes for these tour vans rather than allowing them to pass through our residential neighborhood.

In conclusion, the safety and well-being of our community should be a top priority for the city, and we hope that you will take this matter seriously and take steps to address it. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Nicolas Chartier

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Subject: LHHA - public safety issue

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you with great concern for the well-being of my community in the Lake Hollywood neighborhood. Our community has been experiencing a serious public nuisance and dangerous public safety issue due to the influx of tourism and traffic caused by WAZE/Google Maps and social media. As a result, our residents have been facing a range of issues, including blocked driveways, illegal parking, theft, littering, human defecation, and even street racing.

Despite the efforts of our Lake Hollywood Home Association (LHHA) Board of Directors to offer solutions and work with the city, very little to no action has been taken. We urgently need the city to get involved and take responsibility for the public safety and quality of life of our community.

We are sandwiched between the Hollywood Sign, a world-renowned tourist attraction, and numerous hiking and walking trails. There is no parking enforcement, no city surveillance, no security. We need the city to take immediate action to declare our area a "Preferred Parking District" (PPD) to relieve our residents from blocked driveways, 3-point turns, illegal parking on the red curb, etc.

We are also extremely concerned about the impact of the upcoming Olympic Games and Soccer World Cup in Los Angeles because of the massive influx of tourists invading our neighborhood to take pictures or hike to the Hollywood Sign. These events will worsen the existing situation, and the city needs to act NOW to prevent further deterioration of the neighborhood and its wildlife.

In addition to the above concerns, we are also facing issues related to public safety, traffic, and reckless driving. Our neighborhood is strictly zoned for residential use only, but there are small businesses operating in the area, such as vendors, paid hiking, and bike tours, which are illegal.

There is also a significant amount of theft from homes and vehicles, smoking and discarding lit cigarettes, public urination and defecation, loitering, and trespassing, as well as illegal food trucks and vendors.

We urgently need the city to take action to enforce the laws, remove the temporary chained linked fence that has been erected to prevent pedestrians from walking on the scenic road, and build a walkway to protect pedestrians and drivers, and return this scenic road to what it is supposed to be - a scenic road.

The city also needs to collaborate with the studios to put an immediate halt to unplanned tourism and establish a well-organized tourist plan.

We implore you to take immediate action and address these issues. Our community's safety and well-being depend on it as much as tourists.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Urgent Action Needed to Address Safety Hazards Caused by Tourism in Our Neighborhood (Lake Hollywood 90068)

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to draw your attention to a pressing concern that has been affecting our neighborhood near the Hollywood sign. Our community, which is situated in a fire danger zone, has become increasingly inundated with tourists, posing significant risks to both residents and visitors alike. Firstly, it is essential to emphasize that our neighborhood was not designed or equipped to handle the influx of tourists it is currently experiencing. The infrastructure, including narrow roads and limited parking, simply cannot accommodate the surge in vehicular traffic caused by tourist visits. This results in congestion and potentially hazardous situations where emergency vehicles may struggle to navigate through the area efficiently.

Moreover, the fire danger zone status of our neighborhood raises serious concerns regarding the safety of both residents and tourists. The Hollywood sign area is known to be at high risk for wildfires, particularly during dry seasons. The increased footfall and vehicular traffic brought about by tourism exacerbate this risk, as accidental fires or incidents involving discarded cigarette butts, fireworks, or other ignition. Firstly, it is essential to emphasize that our neighborhood was not designed or equipped to handle the influx of tourists it is currently experiencing. The infrastructure, including narrow roads and limited parking, simply cannot accommodate the surge in vehicular traffic caused by tourist visits. This results in congestion and potentially hazardous situations where emergency vehicles may struggle to navigate through the area efficiently.

Consequently, the safety of our community is being jeopardized due to the sheer volume of tourists visiting our area.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully request that the City Council take immediate action to address this issue. I propose the following measures to mitigate the risks associated with tourism in our neighborhood:

- 1 Implement strict traffic regulations and enforcement in the vicinity of the Hollywood sign, including designated parking areas and restricted access for non-residents during peak times.
- 2 Increase the presence of law enforcement officers and park rangers to monitor the area, enforce regulations, and educate visitors about the potential dangers of the fire-prone environment. Launch an educational campaign to raise awareness among tourists about the fire risks and safety measures they should adhere to when visiting our neighborhood.
- 3 Collaborate with relevant agencies and organizations to develop an emergency response plan specifically tailored to the unique challenges posed by tourism in a fire danger zone.

4. Explore the feasibility of implementing a permit system for visitors, which would help manage and regulate the number of tourists allowed in the area at any given time.

By implementing these measures, we can strike a balance between promoting tourism and ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents and visitors. I kindly urge you to treat this matter with the urgency it demands and to take proactive steps to address the concerns outlined above. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to a favorable response and the implementation of measures that prioritize the safety and well-being of our community.

Yours sincerely,

Anet Shamiryan

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Subject: **IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED**

May 8, 2023

Dear Office of Nithya Raman,

I am writing to bring your attention to the major public safety hazards that are destroying our quality of life in the Lake Hollywood Estates neighborhood. As residents of an R1-Zone, we understand that our community is strictly a residential zoned neighborhood, not a commercial area where small businesses can operate such as vendors, paid hiking, and bike tours. Unfortunately, we are experiencing numerous issues related to public safety and quality of life due to these activities.

Firstly, theft is a major concern for residents in the area. There have been multiple instances of theft of homes and vehicles, leaving residents feeling unsafe in their own community. Additionally, public safety is at risk due to reckless driving and traffic congestion, with only two ways in and out of the neighborhood. This has become a significant problem as there are often vehicles parked illegally, blocking personal driveways, making it difficult for emergency services to access the area.

The radically growing population of traffic creates a major safety issue as there are cars blocking all ways in and out of our neighbourhood. Cars are parked facing the wrong direction, cars are driving over curbs and sidewalks, vehicles are making multi-point turns on steep grades and bid tunes, vehicles are stopping while blocking traffic for extended periods to take photos of the Hollywood sign. There is no enforcement of our laws and the "public nuisance" that has been plaguing our hillside must be dealt with before it ends in a fatality! CD4 can start by immediately declaring our area as a "preferred Parking District (PPD).

Another MAJOR issue is related to the illegal activity of smoking and discarding lit cigarettes. This creates a fire hazard and puts residents at extreme risk of property

damage and injury. Lake Hollywood Estates is centered in a "FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE" as can be confirmed on the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Fire and Resource Assessment Program at <https://egis.fire.ca.gov/fhsz/>. There is also a problem with public urination, loitering, and trespassing which creates an unsanitary and unsafe environment for residents. There are zero toilets for all of this new pedestrian traffic and they are forced to relieve themselves in our neighborhood! Food trucks and illegal vendors operating in our neighborhood have also become a concern. The noise pollution and the running of generators in a residential area are disturbing, and littering from these vendors is adding to the growing trash problem as well as increased coyote activity. Additionally, there are paid vendors who take tourists to our neighborhood in luxury race cars (Ferrari's Lamborghini's, etc) who speed the streets and create major noise pollution in addition to creating extreme safety issues for our children and residents in the neighborhood.

The large hiking groups and tour vans that are run by paid businesses are illegal and are causing significant problems in the area. These groups and vans contribute to the illegal weight and size limits on our streets. Furthermore, the amplified noise from tour vans and tour buses is disturbing the peace and quiet of the residential community. As concerned residents, we would like to request that the city officials take immediate action to address these issues. We would like to see increased police presence and enforcement of the laws prohibiting these illegal activities. Additionally, we ask that the city officials consider implementing measures to address the issue of street racing and ensure that tour vans and buses abide by the weight and size limits of our streets. We understand the importance of tourism and the economic benefits that it brings to our city. However, we believe that it should not come at the expense of the safety and quality of life of the residents in our community. We hope that you will take our concerns seriously and take action to address these issues.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Estates: Public Safety Issue!!

Dear Nithya Raman,

I am writing to express my deep concern and growing frustration regarding the numerous public safety hazards that are severely infringing upon our quality of life in the Lake Hollywood Estates. The influx of traffic and tourism in our neighborhood is driving out longtime residents and deterring new ones, leading to the degradation of a once peaceful, quiet, beloved community. My husband Brian and I dread walking our dogs on weekends when the neighborhood is infiltrated and overcome by loud, littering, smoking tourists, paid group hiking tours, tour buses, street vendors, chaotic traffic, etc. For the safety of our family and the quality of life we pay exorbitant homeowners insurance to protect we urge you to take immediate action.

First and foremost, the matter of public safety and traffic congestion is of utmost importance. Lake Hollywood Estates has only two entry and exit points, which are becoming increasingly congested due to the influx of vehicles from non-residents. Just today, it took us twenty minutes to exit the neighborhood for lunch due to various vehicles attempting six point turns on a single lane street, cars parked facing the wrong direction, and people jumping out of their vehicles to capture photos of the Hollywood sign in the middle of the street. When we politely asked these tourists to "Please move it along" informing them that this is a "no stopping" zone, they flipped us off and continued with their photoshoot. When we returned home, a car was parked in front of our driveway, obstructing the entrance and forcing us to park on the congested street.

We urgently request enhanced traffic management strategies, including increased presence and stricter enforcement of traffic regulations, to ensure the safety and convenience of our community.

Reckless driving has become a common occurrence, endangering the safety of pedestrians and residents to the point that we don't allow our daughters to bike on the weekends anymore. In addition to tourists racing and driving erratically, a ring of guys who run a Ferrari rental service rip down our street daily, stopping in our driveway to take photos of their clients with the Hollywood sign. In addition to the speeding, the engines and stereos of these vehicles are highly disruptive

Another critical concern is the blatant disregard for our residential zoning regulations. Lake Hollywood Estates is an R1-Zone, strictly designated for residential purposes. However, we have witnessed the unauthorized operation of small businesses such as vendors (including food trucks with loud generators), paid hiking and tour buses that exceed legal weight and size limits further obstructing the already overwhelmingly congested streets. This disturbance disrupts the peaceful environment we cherish, adversely affecting the quality of life for residents and violates the zoning restrictions that are in place to protect the community. We urge you to intervene to enforce the existing regulations, and prevent the continuation of these illegal activities. It is important to emphasize that Griffith Park, a nearby recreational area, is freely accessible to everyone, and the operation of paid tours within the park is also illegal.

With the influx of tourism, theft incidents targeting homes and vehicles have become distressingly frequent in our neighborhood, causing significant financial loss and emotional distress to the affected residents. Additionally, we have seen an increase in rowdy and dangerous behavior in the hours after the park is closed— screaming, racing, fireworks etc can be heard throughout the night. We urgently need increased police patrols and proactive measures to combat theft, noise and ensure the safety and security of our community. We kindly request your support in allocating additional resources to address this alarming issue.

Public urination, loitering, smoking and trespassing from increased foot traffic have become pervasive problems that contribute to a sense of unease and compromise the overall livability of our neighborhood. At least three times a week I have to ask someone standing just behind the fence of my backyard to put out their cigarette or stop urinating on our property. We urgently request heightened enforcement of existing regulations and the implementation of measures to discourage these behaviors, safeguarding the well-being of our residents.

In conclusion, I implore you to prioritize the public safety concerns in Lake Hollywood Estates and take swift action to address the dire issues outlined above. By doing so, we can restore peace, security, and a high quality of life to our beloved neighborhood.

We eagerly await your positive response and assistance in resolving these pressing matters.

Sincerely,

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Subject: We need your help now! Lake Hollywood Estates is now a dangerous place to live!

Ms. Raman – and everyone else I have copied on my eMail.

I live in Lake Hollywood Estates where are besieged by an onslaught of tourists, traffic, tourism companies, illegal vendors and thieves and robbers who have taken advantage of the mass of people and vehicles to hide their constant break-ins and robberies.

All of these people and vehicles (come here to get closer to the Hollywood sign or hike trails to the sign) overrun us every day and treat our neighborhood with total disregard. They block driveways, trespass on our property defecating and urinating, drive and park illegally, and block traffic. Cigarettes are discarded everywhere in the neighborhood making the fire danger very real.

The Hollywoodsign.org encourages people to come and park in our neighborhood to hike to the sign, advertising the "free street parking". They benefit from the sign, but leave our neighborhood to deal with the traffic, people, and debris left behind. Lake Hollywood Park has been promoted as a vantage point to see the sign – but our neighborhood and the small amount of parking available next to the park cannot handle the huge number of people and vehicles that come there.

If we have a fire or medical emergency here, there are many days where emergency crew will be significantly delayed trying to get here due to long traffic lines endangering lives even more.

On week-ends I hide in my home to keep myself and my pet safe. When summer arrives, every day will be like the week-end where it's dangerous to even try to get in and out of our neighborhood much less walk around.

We have raised the issue of the danger to our safety due to the uncontrolled traffic and parking as well as the increasing fire danger and robberies many times over the years and have been ignored. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

As a starting point our neighborhood should be declared as a Preferred Parking District so that we and our families can park in front of own homes and get into our own driveways. We **NEED** whatever changes are necessary to eliminate the tourist traffic overrunning our neighborhood.

I'm great with blocking access to the trails I love and fencing off access to the Hollywood park from our neighborhood – anything to stop the incessant onslaught of traffic and people that are ruining our neighborhood and even our ability to walk safely on the sidewalk in front of our homes.

I am waiting on your response and on your actions to address this urgent and dangerous problem facing our neighborhood and our families.

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Estates

Dear Mayor,

Dear Ms Raman,

I am writing to express my concern about the recent increase in tourism in our neighborhood. While it's great that our community is attracting more visitors, the influx of tourists has brought with it a number of problems that are negatively impacting the quality of life for residents.

First and foremost, the increase in tourism has resulted in a severe shortage of parking spaces. It's becoming increasingly difficult for residents to find a place to park near their homes, which is especially problematic for those who rely on street parking. This has also led to congestion on our streets, as tour buses and other large vehicles block traffic and create dangerous driving conditions.

Additionally, many of the tourists who visit our neighborhood seem to have little regard for the rules and regulations that are in place to protect public safety. We've noticed many visitors smoking in areas that are clearly marked as fire hazard zones, which is incredibly dangerous and puts our entire community at risk. We have also seen public urination by tourists.

Finally, the influx of tourists has also turned our once-quiet neighborhood into a bustling and chaotic mess. We've seen an increase in litter, noise, and other disruptive behaviors, which is making it increasingly difficult for us to enjoy our homes and our community.

I urge you to take these concerns seriously and take action to address the issues that are negatively impacting our community. We appreciate the economic benefits that tourism can bring, but not at the expense of our safety and quality of life.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Estates

Dear Ms. Raman,

We are writing to express our deep concern about tourism's impact on our neighborhood today. We live in a small residential area sandwiched between the Hollywood sign, a world-renowned tourist attraction, and numerous hiking and walking trails near and around the Hollywood reservoir. As a result, our neighborhood is constantly inundated with visitors, tourists, hikers, and the impact on our safety and quality of life is significant.

The main problems we are facing are:

- **Public Safety, Traffic, and Reckless Driving:** Our neighborhood has only two main roads in and out, frequently gridlocked with tourist traffic. This makes it difficult for residents to get around and increases the risk of accidents; A few "entrepreneurs" are driving up to the Hollywood sign in Ferraris to take pictures of the car with the Hollywood sign in the background. These photos are taken from our neighborhood streets, often at angles placing the cars diagonally in the middle of the street. These 30-minute tours are offered on every travel platform (Expedia, Viator, Tripadvisor, AAA, Groupon, trip.com, Marriott.com, golden tickets, startline tours, etc.) and are often seen driving at high speed on our residential streets. It is not safe and shouldn't be allowed.
- **Parking:** Our neighborhood has very limited parking, which is a major problem when so many tourists visit. Tourists often park illegally, blocking personal driveways and creating hazards for pedestrians.
- **Noise:** Amplified Noise from Tour Vans. Tourists often make a lot of noise, disrupting residents trying to sleep or relax.
- **Trash/Littering:** Smoking and Discarding Lit Cigarettes. Public Urination, Loitering, and Trespassing. Tourists often leave litter behind, which is unsightly and can attract pests.
- **Safety & Theft (Homes and vehicles:)** There has been an increase in crime in our neighborhood, which we believe is linked to increased traffic. Cars have

been vandalized and broken into every week. Our mail was stolen from our mailbox (we now have a locked mailbox.)

- **Illegal Vendors:** Large Hiking groups – Paid to outside businesses. Tour Vans – Tour Buses – Illegal Weight / Size Limits. We are in an R1-Zone, strictly a residentially zoned neighborhood, not a commercial area where small businesses can operate, such as vendors, paid hiking, bike tours, and food trucks (running their generators in a residential neighborhood.) Griffith Park is free for all to enjoy; all paid tours are illegal.

We have tried to address these problems with the city but have not succeeded. The city needs to take more action to protect our neighborhood and the quality of life of our residents. We are asking the city to take the following steps:

- Declare our neighborhood as a "Preferred Parking District" (PPD). This would allow residents to park in designated areas without paying for parking;
- Increase enforcement of traffic laws. This would help to reduce traffic congestion and make our neighborhood safer;
- Increase enforcement of noise ordinances. This would help to reduce noise pollution and make our neighborhood more peaceful;
- Increase litter enforcement. This would help to keep our neighborhood clean and free of litter;
- Work with the LAPD to increase police presence in our neighborhood. This would help to deter crime and make our neighborhood safer.

These steps would help improve the quality of life in our neighborhood and make it a more pleasant place to live. We urge the city to take action to address these problems.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Francois Bergeron

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Subject: CD4 Concerns

Dear Councilmember Raman,

My partner and I have lived in the Lake Hollywood Estates neighborhood for eight years now and have stood by as our community and surrounding areas become more and more besieged by tourists and others. This has created many issues that we have to deal with daily including:

- Theft of vehicles and homes.
- Public urination, loitering and trespassing on our properties.
- Smoking and discarding lit cigarettes. We are in a very high fire zone and this is literally playing with fire.
- Illegal parking and blocking personal driveways.
- Tour vans and buses which are not zoned for the area.
- Illegal vendors and food trucks
- Trash and littering.
- Public safety and traffic. Weekends are discouraging for venturing out due to the crowds. This is particularly concerning if there were an emergency situation with only one road in and out of the area.
- Noise at night from people coming here late, 10:00 and after. People are driving here late at night to stand on a hill and we've been woken up at all hours with screaming and yelling.

As this problem has increased over the years, the solutions have not been as forthcoming. We do have some suggestions:

The most immediate relief we can receive is to have the area declared a Preferred Parking District. A PPD would allow for stricter enforcement and revenue to cover what is needed to maintain the PPD.

More ambitiously would be to move the sign to Griffith Park somewhere in the vicinity of The Greek Theater and Observatory. I know that's big and bold but consider that the roads and parking in that area are able to handle the volume of vehicles. Setting up a visitor's center would be a win-win for everyone.

For ongoing collaboration it would be useful to set up a task force within the City to work with our HOA

and develop solutions and implement them.

Many of the concerns brought up above - from fire, to access during an emergency - are keeping many of us up at night - especially during the upcoming busy summer. Hopefully it will not take a disaster to bring this to the City's attention.

Best,

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Neighborhood Ongoing Concerns

May 8, 2023

Councilmember Nithya Raman

Los Angeles CD4

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Dear Councilmember Raman,

I have lived in the Lake Hollywood Estates neighborhood for eight years now and have watched our community and surrounding areas become more and more besieged by tourists and others. This has created many issues that we have to deal with daily including:

- * Theft of vehicles and homes.
- * Public urination, loitering and trespassing on our properties.

- * Smoking and discarding lit cigarettes. We are in a very high fire zone and this is particularly concerning.
- * Illegal parking and blocking personal driveways.
- * Trash and littering.
- * Public safety and traffic. I literally feel like a prisoner in my own home over the weekend due to the traffic and avoid leaving unless I must. No one should have to feel like this in their own neighborhood.
- * Noise at night from people coming here late, 10:00 and after. People are driving here late at night to stand on a hill and we've been woken up at all hours with screaming and yelling.

I know you've heard our concerns before, and despite our Lake Hollywood Homeowners Association continued efforts to affect change with the City for over a decade now, no meaningful solutions have been developed and implemented. I have a suggestion:

Move the sign to Griffith Park somewhere in the vicinity of The Greek Theater and Observatory. I know that's big and bold but consider that the roads and parking exist to handle the traffic - unlike in our neighborhood and the City could build a Visitor's Center and make money. This could be a win-win for everyone.

Short of that, something that the majority of our neighborhood agrees on, would be to implement a Preferred Parking District in our neighborhood and provide enforcement. I don't doubt the City could make a bundle on tickets. Just come here on a weekend and you'll see why. This is something that could be done quickly that could provide an immediate benefit.

Long term, set up a task force within the City to work with our HOA and develop solutions and implement them.

It is only a matter of time before something really bad happens such as a fire due to careless smoking or emergency services needed by a resident are not able to get here in time. I sincerely hope it doesn't take something like that to get the City's attention and begin to address our concerns.

Thank you,

Michael Rominske

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Resident's Safety and Sanitation Assistance desperately needed

Attention City, County and State Elected officials,

We have lived in Lake Hollywood for 13 years and have seen this neighborhood deteriorating in safety, sanitation, and extreme overcrowding. This is a residentially zoned area and there are several tours and vendors "moving in." There are walking, biking and van driven tours constantly conducting business in our R1-Zone. They take up our parking in front of our houses and leave behind their trash.

This also opens up our neighborhood to outside elements which brings me to my next point, the Crime rate and safety of our neighborhood.

With the overwhelming and increased amount of unsupervised visitors in the area there has been an increase amount of crime in our neighborhood of our homes and vehicles. There is now graffiti, littering, open containers, illegal parking and unsafe and illegal driving. Our drive way has been blocked. I have found beer bottles and trash in our front yard. I have seen public urination and have found evidence in our front yard of someone using the side of our house as a toilet! We have had 2 statues stolen from our front yard. Also a drunk and drugged up man tried to breakdown our front door! It was terrifying! It is often hard to get out of our driveway due to the heavy traffic and illegal parking. And our mailbox is often blocked by inconsiderate vehicles. People speed down our street constantly. Also I have witnessed unsafe passing as well. I have also seen motorcycle racing and take overs on our street and around the lake.

I am also EXTREMELY concerned about the fire risks and hazard brought to our area by this overcrowding and cigarette smokers in the area. This overcrowding will also bring danger because of our clogged streets slowing the Fire Department's response time capabilities.

We need to have residential parking permits immediately. We were once offered them by the city when the Beachwood area received their permits unbeknownst to anyone in our neighborhood except one person. That person took it upon themselves to turn down the permits without consulting any of the other residents! This is so infuriating! If we were offered them once then we should still be eligible for them now.

I also recommend to help limit visitors and accessibility to the area, the city should add metered parking along Canyon Lake Drive and along Lake Hollywood Drive. This would also bring financial aid to help with fire clearing of the area and to add the much needed security agents to the area.

We along with our neighboring residents are paying ENORMOUS amounts in Property tax and get nothing for our contributions! It is ludicrous... We are now paying to live in an unsafe, unsanitary

and overcrowded area. Please provide the protection our area needs and the Residential Parking Permits we so desperately need. Help us, please.

Thank you,

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Subject: Fire Danger

Hi,

I've living in Lake Hollywood for sixteen years. When I decided to buy a home here, I realized that some tourists would be coming up here for the Hollywood sign. That was expected. But, with social media taking off in the last decade it's gotten unmanageable. I don't mind the foot traffic. People should be able to walk any neighborhood that they want as long as they don't smoke. The problem is the car traffic causes 20 to 30 minute traffic jams frequently. Where cars are stuck because they can't get past each other on narrow roads. Then cars pull up behind them in both directions and you have a 30 minute jam. If this happens during a fire emergency over a thousand people will be stuck. Helicopters can't help very many.

All of that can easily happen because some tourists don't understand that smoking in the hills can kill peoples, animals and cause millions in property damage. Even the CO2 released from a fire that big can cause more damage to the environment than hundreds of factories running at the same time and place. I stop and nicely tell tourists to stop smoking and put their cigarette out in a safe manner. Some do so politely. Unfortunately, others respond in a use way and keep smoking. Please help us.

Sincerely,

Levon Patanyan

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Subject: Lake Hollywood Estates Tourism Nightmare

To Councilmember Raman & City Leaders:

This note is one of extreme frustration with the level of tourism our neighborhood has been subject to since Tom LaBonge illegally cleared a site off Mulholland Hwy overlooking Lake Hollywood Park to view the Hollywood Sign.

Promulgation on Google and other scenic websites, in addition to the daily promotion of (illegal paid) hiking apps and car rental guidance, Lake Hollywood Estates has been subjected to the daily onslaught of vehicles trying to access the Hollywood Sign. Vehicle counts have been tracked at over several thousand vehicles daily in an area that was designed for low to moderate residential traffic.

The impact has been a severe deterioration in the quality of life in a residential neighborhood that is zoned R1, meaning no commercial activity. More and more entities are bringing vendors to the area in addition to commercial bus transports and illegal hiking tours in Griffith Park.

The totality of the problem has fallen on deaf ears by City officials including our councilmember 4 who is sworn to act in the best interest of her constituents but sadly has taken a blind eye to the growing problem.

Moreover, the safety of area residents has been sacrificed by City officials as emergency vehicles are subjected to the traffic roadblocks created by the high volume of vehicles. This has resulted in emergency care being delayed and will eventually involve a serious medical incident turning tragically wrong.

The residents expect city officials to mitigate the influx of vehicles to the area including issuing permit parking restrictions and citing companies that promote commercial activities including paid hiking tours that originate off the Innsdale Dr. trailhead.

Your immediate solutions are expected.

Greg Rosicky
6332 Innsdale Drive

Sent from Greg's phone



Kim Kevorkian <kimkevork@gmail.com>

Lake hollywood

Shelley Rabin <shelleydawnrabin@gmail.com>

Sun, May 7, 2023 at 10:29 PM

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- > Yours sincerely,
- > Shelley Rabin.

From: Lisa Hope
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 4:12 PM
To: Kim Kevorkian
Subject: Fwd: Lake hollywood

Begin forwarded message:

From: Trevor Rabin <hellotrevorrabin@gmail.com>
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Yours sincerely,

Trevor Rabin.



LEE METZGER

3037 Arrowhead Drive, Los Angeles, Ca. 90068 | 323.363.3061 | lm@crosshairent.com

5/8/2023

Dear Recipient:

My name is Lee Metzger, and I've been a resident of Lake Hollywood for almost 12 years. In that time I've witnessed an extreme uptick in traffic on the residential streets in the neighborhood. There is a constant running of stop signs at the corner of Tahoe and Canyon Lake, illegal U-turns into Arrowhead and a complete disregard for pedestrians, especially children and animals. Additionally, I've personally had to yell at people to extinguish cigarettes while literally standing in front of the Smokey the Bear sign. My street has now become a photo-op for influencers and people who rent out Ferrari's who park wherever they want in order to take a picture. It's time the city does something about it. We pay taxes and yet receive zero consideration for the safety of our children and property. While I understand I live in a neighborhood with a famous landmark. It was not a destination on Google Maps 12 years ago. The traffic, noise, and dangerous level of tourism is clearly going to get worse until you do something about it. It's a miracle there hasn't been a deadly car accident or out-of-control fire. But this is not a question of if but when. Please take action before this gets any worse.

Sincerely,

Lee Metzger




Nithya or to whom it may concern:

We moved into our home in 2011 at 3037 Arrowhead Drive Los Angeles 90068. One of the main reasons that we fell in love with our home and area was the peaceful transition as you come into Lake Hollywood Estates. Our children were nine and six years old. They could bike ride and scooter around our safe little cul-de-sacs, but that all ended with a year of living there when the city added our area on as a place to visit and see the Hollywood sign. We quickly became overrun by tourists. Over the years, the congestion has worse and so dangerous. They park illegally, leave their cars in the middle of the street, smoke, yell at us, scare our dogs when we walk, urinate where ever they want and discard waste. This is just a few things that we experience every day. Cars and homes have gotten broken into. The amount of litter and graffiti on a daily basis is disgusting. Fires have been started. We have lost all privacy between people looking into our homes to drones flying over our backyards and in front of our windows. The police barely even respond to us or call back hours later. The other day when I was going to get my daughter from school, there were over a dozen dirt bikes up at the vista all parked in the area where people walk and take pics as well as 4 huge pick up trucks blocking the exit areas. It was perfectly planned for when the LA DOT parking people were gone for the day and we had to Park Rangers for help. LAPD line was too long of a hold. We also have tour vans all the time big and small, open and enclosed. The tour guides actually have the audacity to tell the people to wave to us while we walk our dogs. There is no control and we have lost our neighborhood. We can't even utilize the park as it is just overrun and not peaceful. People can't even pull out of their driveways because of the way people park and we have wide streets. Groups of people walk in the streets and don't move to let cars through let alone the dangers of the blind turns and they could be hit. We need help. We are a residential zoned community. We are not zoned for commercial operation. We need help day and night to keep our community safe. We are one cigarette flick away from a massive fire. It's not even summer and we are at full congestion especially on the weekends. Emergency responders would not be able to get through. I don't even know what else to say anymore to get the city to listen.

Sincerely,

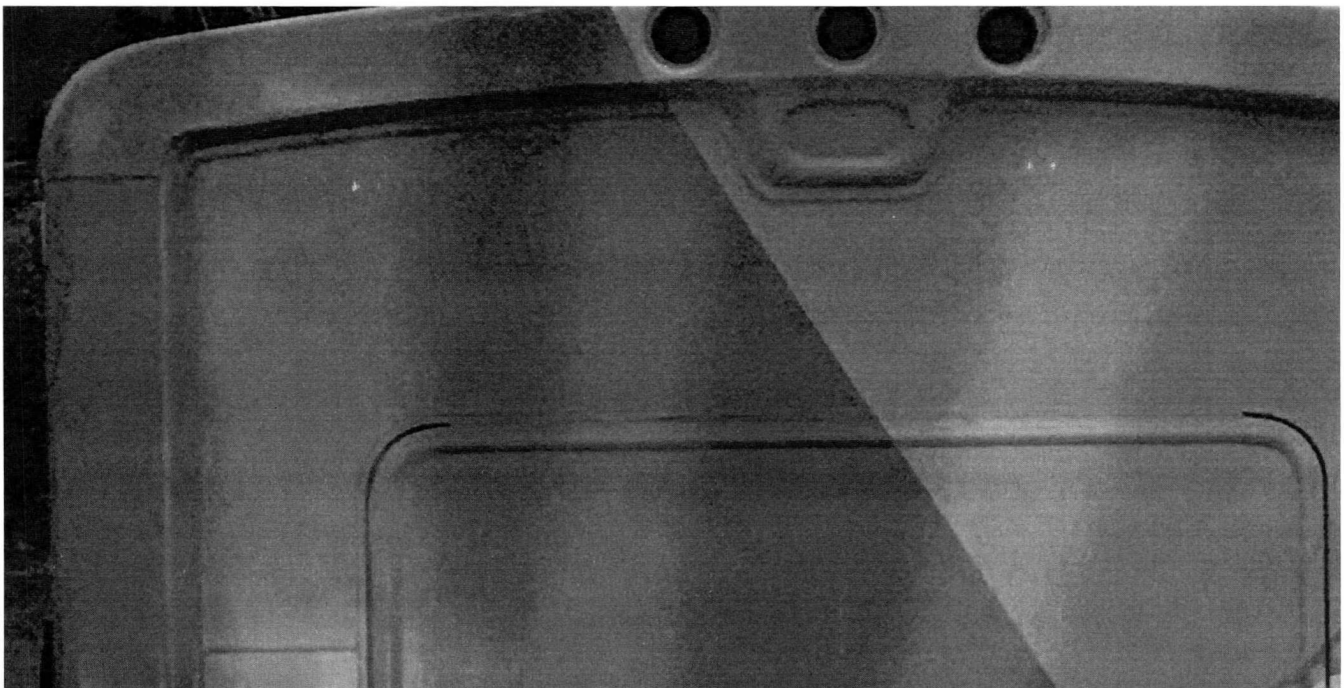
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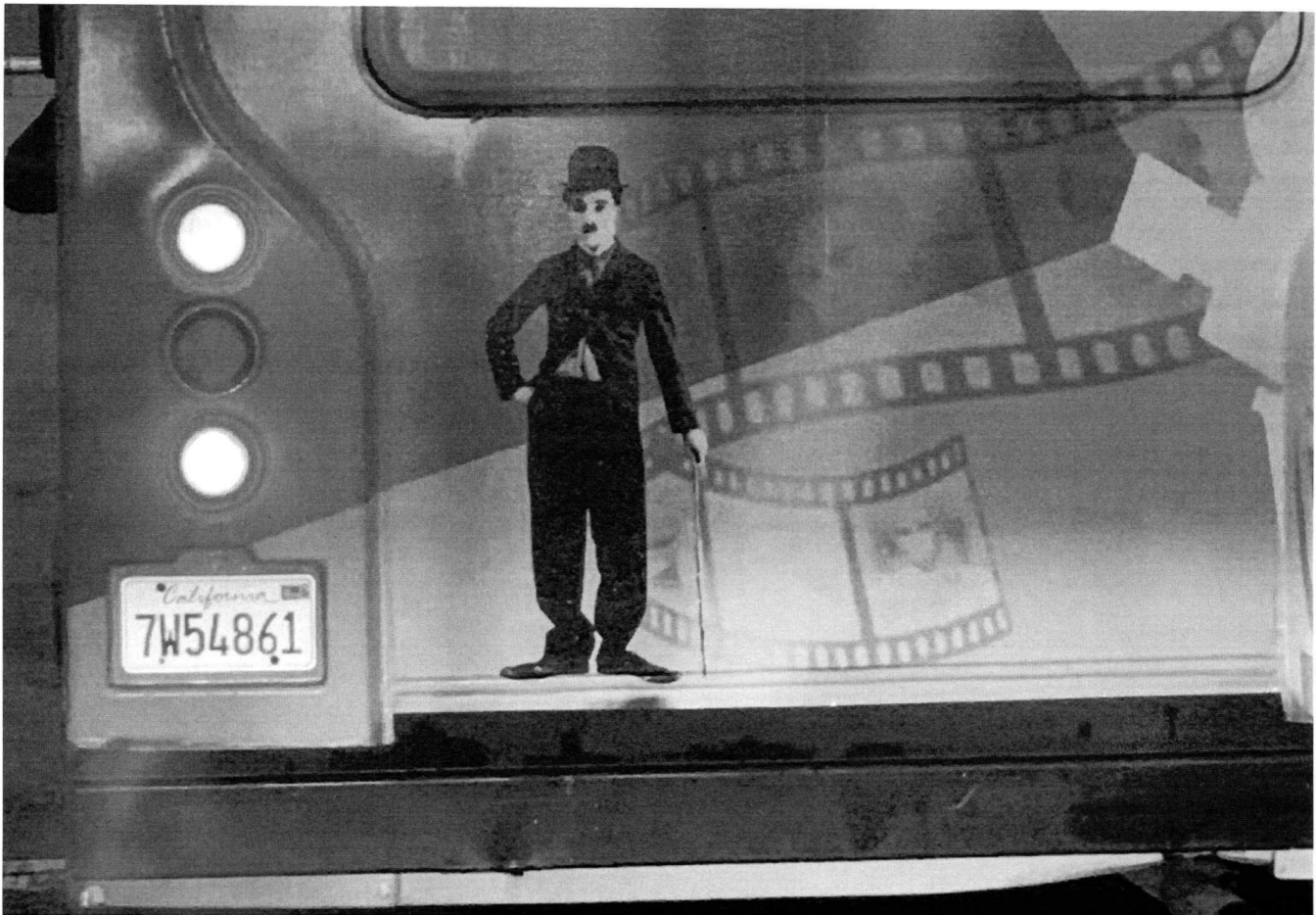
From: Janice L janicelatv@gmail.com 
Subject: Concerns about Lake Hollywood Estates

Date: May 8, 2023 at 11:26 PM

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I am writing because of concerns regarding our neighborhood. We understand we live in LA's main attraction and expect tourists. However the number has dramatically increased over the years. With social media and increased efforts to promote the city, this little neighborhood is forced to just grin and bear it without much help from the city. It is more concerning not to have help especially with huge events coming up: 100th year Hollywood sign anniversary, the Olympics, etc.

My major concern is fire. We have signs that say \$1000 penalty for smoking, however no one is enforcing it. We constantly see people smoking even under the no smoking sign. One year, a neighbor picked up close to, I believe, 500 butts of cigarettes in that year alone. That could have provided the city, \$500,000. This is coming only from one neighbor, and in a small area. Imagine how much the city could get if this penalty were enforced. It could have been millions. We do see traffic enforcers. However, wouldn't it make sense, with the millions the city would gain, to enforce the no fire sign? If there is enforcement, then the smoking would stop in this high fire danger zone community.

As you know, our roads are narrow. With the rise of tourism, we already have a hard time getting in and out of the area. What more if there is a fire. **Please do not wait until we become another Paradise before any action gets taken.**

The other concerns the neighborhood have are: the trash and littering of the area. It is left up to the neighbors to clean. The public trash receptacles that are available are constantly overflowing.

A number of times I have seen tourists urinate at a neighbor's property. I have even seen a teenage girl pee right on the street at Old Mulholland Highway. One day we saw, in three different spots, human feces. We knew they were human since there was toilet paper.

I have also seen a big tour bus parked briefly near the reservoir while the group went out and took pictures. We constantly see tour buses.

Before the pandemic, I saw marks on the street of cars having done donuts. We constantly hear the engines of cars racing, even at night. This is not safe for anyone walking at night but also the wild animals.

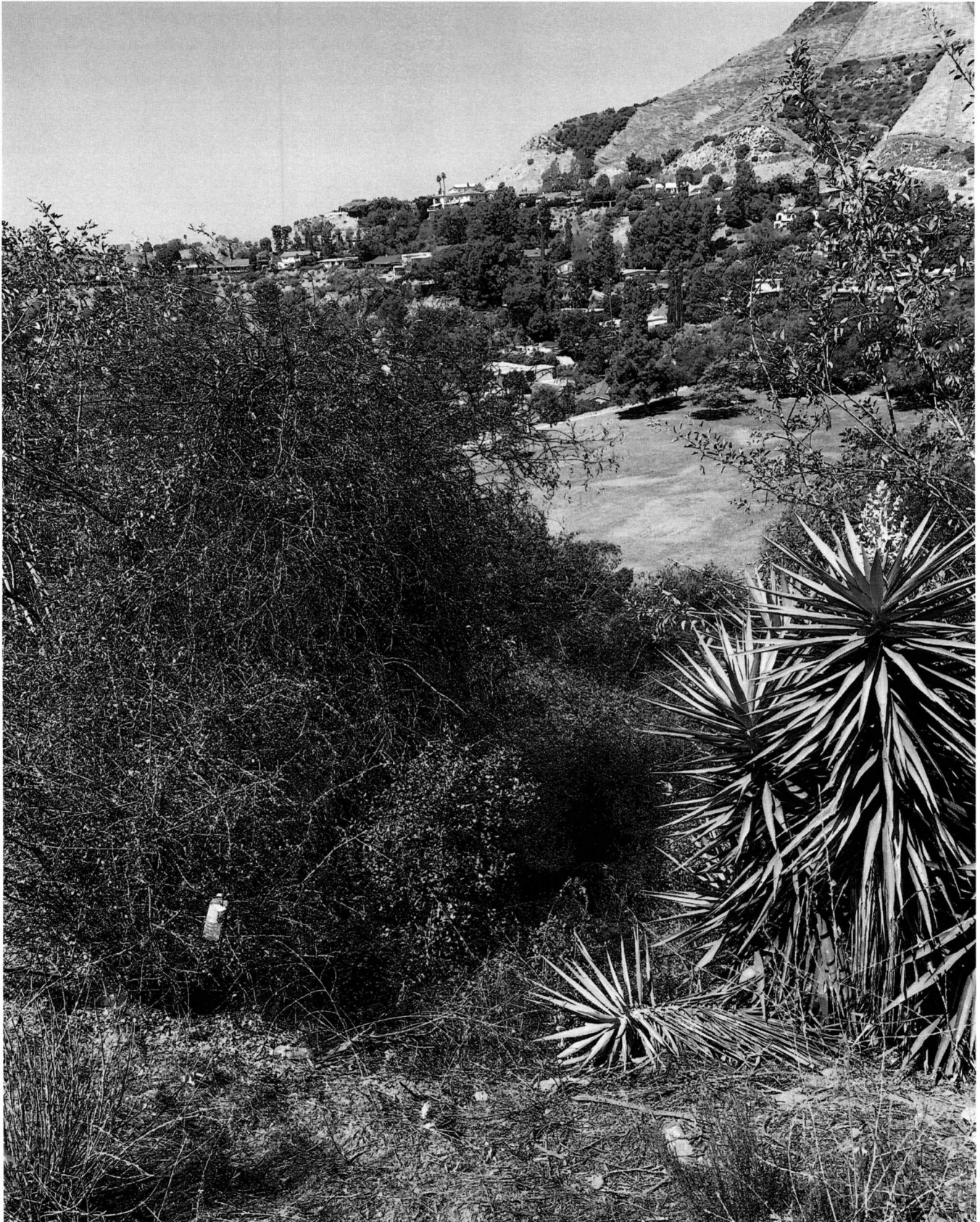
A few days ago, near the park, one tourist car was going opposite my direction, and was driving in my lane. Within a minute, another one just abruptly went in my lane and tried to park against the traffic.

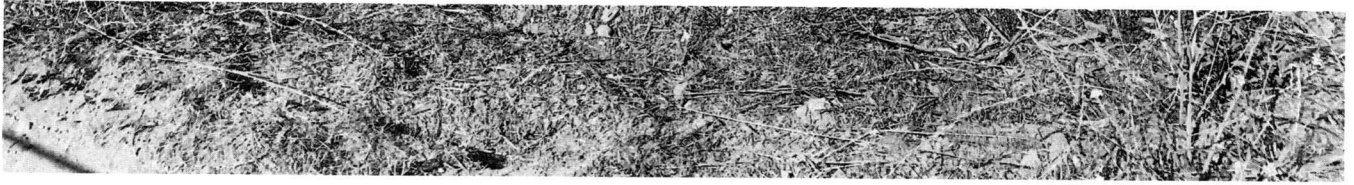
These are just a few of the instances that our neighborhood has to put up with. There is a lot of reckless driving which not only endangers our kids and pets but also the wild animals.

We ask for your help.

Sincerely,

Janice Latimer





From: Marissa Allen Cohen m.allencohen@gmail.com 

Subject: LAKE HOLLYWOOD PUBLIC NUISANCE

Date: May 8, 2023 at 10:25 PM

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Ms. Raman,

Attached find a letter detailing the issues plaguing the Lake Hollywood neighborhood which you represent.

- Be advised and note the list of representatives also included. You can no longer ignore or set aside the chaotic and dangerous conditions occurring daily in this neighborhood.

I look forward to your reply and action plan.

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Marissa Allen Cohen

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(818) 679-5004

Marissa Allen Cohen

May 8, 2023

Chosen Representatives and City Leaders,

I am writing to you today on behalf of myself and my family. Last year, we moved into my husband's childhood home in the Lake Hollywood Estates area. We quickly discovered that the same beautiful and peaceful neighborhood which my father-in-law helped to design, and build was no longer. In its place is now a neighborhood held hostage by a mass of human movement, occupation and commercial activity within it.

Due to the intrigue of the Hollywood sign, the attraction of Lake Hollywood Park, and the privacy that cover of darkness provides, we are now in a dangerous and unacceptable situation.

Daily, we are subjected to non-stop motorized traffic, which includes passenger vehicles, motorcycles, private car-service tours, open-air van tours, UBER, LYFT, and others; foot traffic, including paid walking tours, hikers, and vacationers. Our streets are completely overcrowded and consistently block traffic flow. Cars are using private driveways to make 3-point turns, causing other cars to honk or scream obscenities at each other. The lack of restricted parking allows cars to park for an unspecified amount of time. Tourists and others pose for photos on private lawns, sit on private mailboxes and stairs, and set up photo spots in private driveways. Some have cut flowers from private, front yards.

Once the sun sets, the unsupervised and wide-open Lake Hollywood, Lake Hollywood Park, and neighborhood streets seem to invite people looking for "dark and private" spaces. Evidence of the previous evening's activities can be discovered in the morning. Used condoms, empty alcohol bottles, half-smoked marijuana cigarettes, water bottles filled with urine, food trash, and discarded cigarettes are just some of the items found. I brace myself every evening as I hear cars and motorcycles racing around the lake road on their way up to the neighborhood. I fear one day, people are going to lose their lives while speeding. Residents who choose to walk their pets in the evening are also at risk of being struck. You are being given this information and an opportunity to act now! I cannot imagine that any of you would accept this in your own neighborhoods.

My pet was rushed to the Emergency Room last month because he ingested some marijuana which was dropped on the sidewalk in front of my home. I came home to find two tourists standing in my driveway and one sitting on my mailbox.

Adding to the already out-of-control situation, we now have food trucks coming into the neighborhood and fruit stands being dropped off everyday in unsafe positions on the lake road and at Lake Hollywood Park. These businesses are causing illegal stopping and parking in the most unsafe areas. These are one-lane roads. They were not designed to and cannot accommodate this type of activity. Someone is going to get seriously injured or worse. PLEASE take this opportunity to take effective and permanent measures to prevent probable tragedy. It is just a matter of time. "An ounce of prevention"

No one could have predicted the explosion of humanity that would find its way up to the Lake Hollywood area thanks to Social Media, travel sites, and other public ventures. The City of Los Angeles will find themselves vulnerable to lawsuits for lack of attention. However, YOUR CITIZENS are making YOU AWARE NOW. We MUST act on finding solutions.

SOMEONE must take responsibility for Lake Hollywood Park! We need set (and enforced) operating hours. We need limits on the numbers of visitors per day. Residents need parking permits. These changes are not difficult. The City of Burbank has some of these suggestions already in place. Surely, the City of Los Angeles can implement a simple parking restriction. We have options; however, the conversations, decisions and implementation must begin immediately.

Frustrated and Concerned Resident,

Marissa Allen Cohen



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To - all the elected and other public officials on this email

When we moved to Lake Hollywood Estates in 2018, we thought we were moving into a wonderful quiet residential neighborhood in our beloved city of Los Angeles.

Unfortunately, it turns out, we are prisoners in our own homes because we can't get out of the neighborhood due to the completely out of control tourist traffic. We are afraid to walk our dog in our neighborhood for the fear of getting run over. We have people defecating, urinating and vomiting in our front yards, leaving disgusting trash in our streets, and indulge in activities that we don't want our children to see. Many of our neighbors can't sleep because of the loud noises late into the night from the visitors. People constant ring our door bells asking us to help get uber!!

We now have food trucks and other illegal vendors all day long making our residential area feel like a carnival. We have a rash of robberies making us afraid to leave our cars unattended even for a few minutes. We can't park our cars on our own streets because all the parking spots are taken over by the tourist traffic.

We have a lot of older people that live in our neighborhood. They have lived here for decades. This is their home. And, they are now absolutely terrified that if they ever have a medical emergency, there is no way the emergency crews can get here in time given the horrific tourist traffic all day long. We are absolutely certain that all it takes is one carelessly tossed away lit cigarette to cause major fire damage to our area.

The [Hollywoodsign.org](https://www.hollywoodsign.org) encourages people to come and park in our neighborhood to hike to the sign, advertising the "free street parking". They benefit from the sign, but leave our neighborhood to deal with the traffic, people, and debris left behind.

Lake Hollywood Park has been promoted as a vantage point to see the sign – but our neighborhood and the small amount of parking available next to the park cannot handle the huge number of people and vehicles that come there. This is a residential neighborhood where we live. Not a theme park. And certainly not a zoo.

We have raised the issue of the danger to our safety due to the uncontrolled traffic and parking as well as the increasing fire danger and robberies many times over the years and have been ignored. This situation has become absolutely intolerable and bordering reckless endangerment of our lives.

Here is what we need you to do ASAP:

1. Immediately declare our neighborhood as as a Preferred Parking District so that we and our families can park in front of own homes and get into our own driveways.
2. Issue the permits necessary to gate the Hollywood Estate neighborhood so the area is no longer a pass through area, and the Lake Hollywood park reverts to what it was always intended to be - a small residential park for the area residents. (The area residents are ready and willing to pay to construct the gates).
3. Make it clear to 'Hollywoodsign.org' that the residential neighborhood is not a visitor attraction.
4. Significantly increase police patrols and traffic patrols to make sure rules are strictly followed until the above changes fully take effect.

Ms. Raman - following your logic of holding Toyota accountable for robbers stealing the catalytic converters (probably the most moronic argument I have heard ever) - if you can't help get any of the above done, then you should hold the 'hollywood sign' responsible for our misery and pass a bill to remove the sign altogether. We will welcome that progressive measure from you.

I am waiting on your response and on your actions to address this urgent and dangerous problem facing our neighborhood and our families.

Tilak Mandadi
6312 Arrowhead PI, LA

From: alatimer23@yahoo.com
Subject: Concerns about our neighborhood
Date: May 8, 2023 at 8:26 PM
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I am writing because I am very concerned about our residential neighborhood of Lake Hollywood Estates. I am a homeowner residing at 6311 Arrowhead Place and have a number of concerns about what is occurring. Our neighborhood is being overwhelmed by tourists and tour groups without the infrastructure to support it. Some examples of the problems we have include the following:

- Illegal smoking with enforcement. Even when LAPD or park rangers are present they fail to sight individuals violating the non-smoking ordinance. This is a huge risk to the entire area with our risk of wildfires.
- Traffic and parking congestion on our narrow small streets. Our area should be designated residents only parking area.
- Public urination on people's property and on the street since there are no restroom facilities.
- Cars speeding in and out endangering the children of neighborhood.

I look forward to hearing what you intend to do to address these concerns.

Andrew Latimer

From: Bob Homier bobhomier@gmail.com
Subject: Lake Hollywood Estates Neighborhood Concerns

Date: May 8, 2023 at 7:57 PM

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Councilmember Nithya Raman,

I am writing to express my concerns about the changes in Lake Hollywood Estates that have had a significant impact on my family's safety and quality of life.

With the exponential spike in tourist visitors to our neighborhood, the risk of fire has grown tremendously. Many of the visitors smoke and we find thousands of cigarette butts thrown in the brush at the edge of the road or on the hiking trails every year.

This behavior is concerning, especially given that with only two ways in and out of the neighborhood, a wind-driven fire event would be catastrophic, similar to what we've seen in central and northern California.



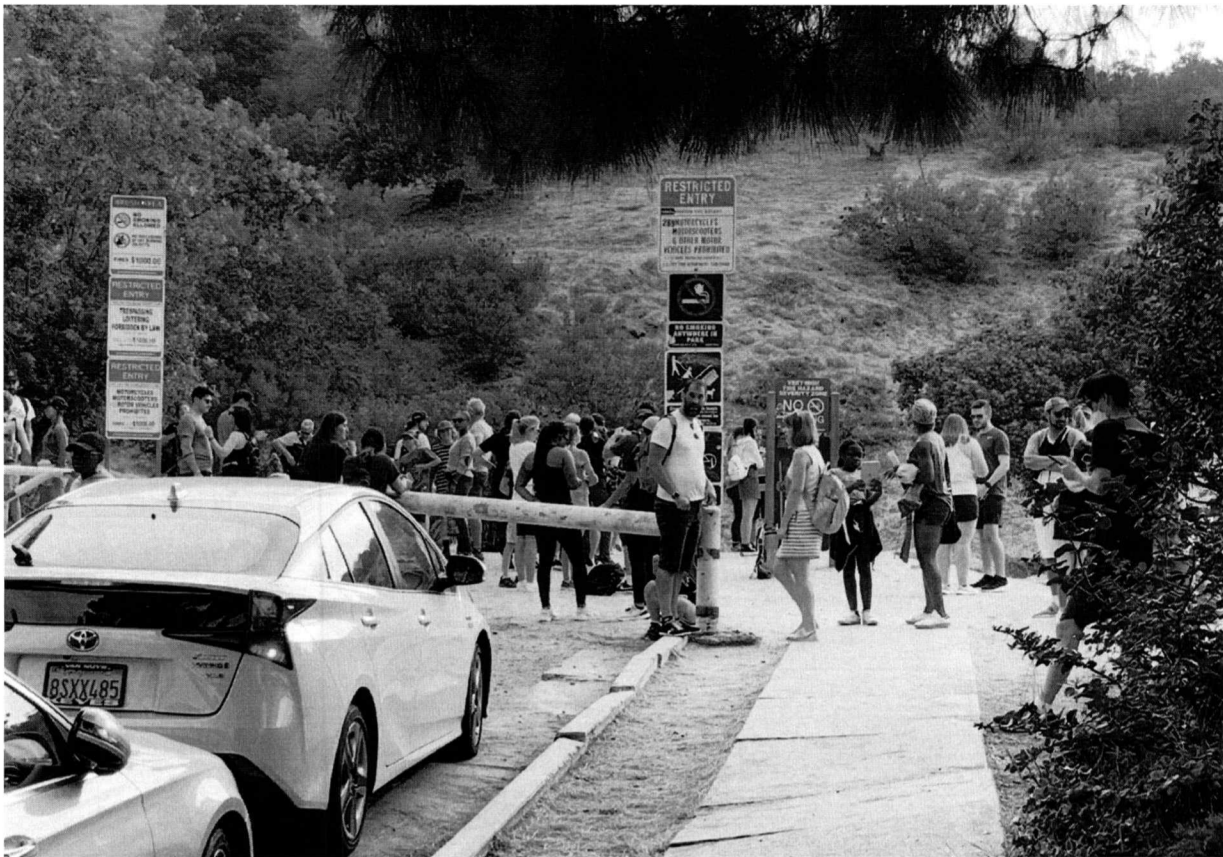


On a regular day, it's already challenging to leave the neighborhood. However, with the increase in visitors, it sometimes takes sitting through two or three lights at the Lake Hollywood and Barham intersection just to get out. The situation has become unsafe, and we cannot imagine what would happen if a fire were to break out. Or an emergency vehicle needs to get through and is delayed due to the traffic bottleneck.

We live at the Innsdale trailhead, which is currently being overrun by commercial hiking tour groups. We often wake up to find dozens of tourists standing in our yard, waiting for their tours to begin. On weekends it's hundreds per day. Our sprinkler heads are broken every week and need frequent repairs. We've spent over \$1000 on repairs.

Worse, we find used toilet paper, soiled diapers, condoms, underwear, needles, broken beer and liquor bottles, trash, and a great collection of stuff you never want to be left in your front yard.





We frequently have people knocking on our door and asking to use the restroom.

Parking is a mess with illegally parked cars, car alarms going off while tourists are on the trail, and horns honking all day long as people make illegal U-turns or come to a halt for Uber and Lyft drivers stopping in the middle of the street for loading and unloading.

The exotic car rental companies that come and park illegally in the street to take their picture in front of the Hollywood Sign exacerbate the situation. The tourist drivers frequently rev the engines of the Lamborghini or Ferrari they've rented and race through the neighborhood. Moreover, the tour vans that bring tourists here use speakers and microphones, which are incredibly loud and annoying.





It's disruptive to have the tour buses parked next to our house and blasting their tour script. Many of the vans and busses are over the weight limit for the neighborhood.

Given that we are on a trailhead, car break-ins are frequent right outside our house, meaning that thieves are camped out on most busy days and all summer long. Nice to know they're there. Every week we see freshly broken glass of the windows they've smashed both here and for those parked around the lake.

Overall, we implore you to take action to address these issues - they are getting worse every year. Safety and quality of life are declining at a rapid pace. We will vote based on these issues as they are among our main concerns and see very little being done to help.

Sincerely,

Bob and Elizabeth Homier

3256 Canyon Lake Drive

Los Angeles, CA 90068

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Date: May 8, 2023 at 6:55 PM

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Subject: Re: PEOPLE TO SEND IT TO
Date: May 8, 2023 at 6:14:45 PM PDT
To: lisabhope@yahoo.com
Reply-To: Steve Tashjian <svtash@aol.com>

I have been a resident of Lake Hollywood States for nearly fifty years. This place was known as "small Paradise". Great lake and mountain views; Lovely park for the kids; Jogging around the lake; Enjoying the trails and the gigantic Hollywood sign. Unfortunately all this have changed the last several years since the city allowed the public to visit the Hollywood sign. It completely changed the safe and beautiful are it once was:

- 1) Visitors park in all places denying the residents to parking in front of their homes;
- 2) The beautiful park has become a dog park dirty & dangers for kids to play;
- 3) Cars zoon from Hollywood to the Valley at screechingly dangerous speeds;
People walk in the middle of the streets designated for car traffic;
- 4) Noise levels have increased many decibels, noise pilusion;
- 5) Visitors bring picknik baskets and trash the sidewalks;
- 6) loud music plays at all hours of the day;
- 7) Finally, visitors try to reach the Hollywood sign even transpassing private property.

Obviously this dire situation can not continue as it is getting worse by the day. I believe it is incumbent on the Mayer and her associates to take prompt and immediate measures to make the area safe as it once was. Thank you.

Sebouh V Tashjian
Resident

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Councilmember Raman,

I am writing to add to the cacophony of voices raising concern regarding the state of our neighborhood of Lake Hollywood Estates.

My husband and I are located on Canyon Lake Drive, just up the street from the Hollywood sign look out and 3 houses below the mini trail at the top of our street. In the five years since we have lived here we have experienced many things that are indicative of a location zoned for tourism, not homes. There are specific, obvious activities that are unacceptable anywhere (I.E. tourists peeing on our lawn) and then there are things that are no doubt side effects from the neighborhood being treated as a tourist location, regardless of the fact that it isn't. Many of these items could be seen as legal but they would not be happening if our neighborhood was not being used so thoroughly as a tourist destination. And example of a lighter offense that is not illegal but certainly wouldn't be happening if the neighborhood had not gone tourist, is people coming up and ringing the doorbell, begging to come inside and use our bathroom.

And while things like peeing on our lawn or asking to come inside our home may seem innocuous, when combined with the many other issues we face living here, the picture ends up being painted as us sort of forced to partake in myriad inconveniences that collectively affect our quality of living here in the neighborhood and dare I say, quality of life.

Examples of such items include but are not limited to: Tourists dropping mass cigarette butts in our lawn, loitering outside our house, crowds of tourists walking the tiny trail at the end of Canyon Lake, these crowds often include a tour guide who I understand charges by the head. The tourists park up and down our street and meet on foot at the head of the trail. I have overheard him saying they were walking to the sign so I guess for some reason he starts them out on Canyon Lake to take that small trail and then out to the other side where they walk up the street to the proper entrance. Whatever the case it makes it quite unpleasant and reminds me of why I stopped hiking Runyon.

Moving on, getting in and out of the neighborhood is VERY laborious at times. Easily over 50% of the time when I am trying to get out I end up behind a tourist vehicle of some kind that doesn't know the streets and/or is sightseeing so they go incredibly slow. I have tried to encourage people to move over so they can do their sightseeing and the rest of us can get on with our day but it doesn't work. It seems there is a feeling amongst the tourists that they are in a Disneyland like environment. I should note that while there are often packed cars there are also very often packed white or black van like vehicles. I have thought about calling the companies to beg of them to start moving over to let traffic by but it seems that the companies have become hip to the neighbors not being happy about them being here and their vans/vehicles are unmarked. There are also sometimes VERY large vehicle like busses with tourists and I am surprised that is allowed at all.

We have literally stopped going out through Beachwood as the sign viewpoint that is listed online (the address is on Canyon Lake) prevents anyone from coming/going in anything remote to reasonable time. As a result I need to go out the other side sending me to Burbank.. even if I am trying to get down to Hollywood. Seems crazy that we can't utilize our local roads.

I hope you are still with me as these issues added up really do add up to a big issue each one of us are dealing with.

Before I close up I want to note that for the life of me I don't understand why no tickets are being given out on the streets or by the look out. Every day of the week it seems someone is parked above the look out area (I can see and hear the area from my house over the canyon) in a lane that doesn't permit parking. People LITERALLY get out of their cars to get a picture. I have seen it with my own eyes. And then the honking ensues. And it is dangerous and the streets are winding and if someone drives around the parked car not only can they have an accident but they will be liable for that accident. Honestly there are so many violations it would take another page to list. Suffice it to say, it seems to me this would be a way to help the neighborhood, enforce the law AND make the city money. I propose people get ticketed for violations of the law. If tickets start being given out word will spread.

Another idea that has been floated in the neighborhood is that of a parking permits- something I very much used to not want. I want guests to be able to come visit without having to limit how many people I have or God forbid I forget to put the plaque on our guests's window. It's a hassle. BUT!! I have changed my mind as it seems like a very sensible, reliable way to likely get the traffic down (and again it makes money for the city because you can ticket the people without the permits). If people know they cannot park up and down our streets for hours at a time to loiter/litter/pee, they won't do it. Eventually word will spread.

Now this won't take care of the ride share issues but it is a start.

Lastly, and trust me there is more but this has become a novel... I get woken up at night literally by what sounds like race car driving up by the look out point. It happens between 12:20-2AM. I have to think they are choosing this location due in part to it's fame on the internet/the Hollywood sign/ etc. It's another thing that contributes to the overall degradation of the neighborhood.

And I want to be clear. I understand why people want to come see the sign. But the neighborhood is not set up to accommodate the thousands of people who come and smoke, leave garbage and cigarettes, clog up the roads, are loud, etc. etc. We are just not set up for it so while I have understanding for the people coming out, something has to be done to minimize the damage to the lives of the people who live here and the environment.

Thank you for your time. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or wish to discuss this further.

- Lela Edgar
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Subject: Lake Hollywood Needs Your Help

Date: May 8, 2023 at 10:39 AM

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Councilperson Nithya Raman,

I am writing to you in the hopes that SOMETHING will be done about the issues that are affecting the Lake Hollywood neighborhood here in Los Angeles. When my wife and I bought our house twelve years ago, we were amazed that this beautiful, quiet, out of the way neighborhood existed in Los Angeles. At the time, I'd occasionally see a tourist hiking through the neighborhood and happily advise them of where to find the best view of the sign. However, soon after the visitors began to multiply and within a couple of years the neighborhood began to be overrun by tourists.

Once the onslaught began, the negative impact on our lives soon followed. Now, once we leave the front door of our home on the weekends or during summer or holiday breaks the chaos that the neighborhood has become stares us right in the face. There are hundreds of cars searching for parking as tourists take pictures from every spot in the neighborhood with a view of the sign because they can't find parking at Lake Hollywood Park. This has effectively ended any local use of the park on these days because Los Angeles residents don't want to deal with the traffic and parking nightmare in the neighborhood. Visitors to our home are also forced to deal with this and sometimes have to park two blocks away. We've also had tourists park directly in front of our driveway, making it impossible to leave our home on multiple occasions. I once saw someone doing this while I was out walking our dogs and told the man "You can't park there. That's someones driveway." His response was "Fuck off. I'm only going to be a minute." What a lovely way to be treated while out for a walk in your neighborhood. The tourists that use ride sharing have also become a problem because instead of waiting to be picked up at the park, they camp out in front of homes and talk loudly and often smoke while waiting for their rides.

The neighborhood also has to deal with tour buses, vendors and dozens of walking tours that bring greater numbers of visitors to this R1 neighborhood. And, unfortunately, how some of these tourists treat the neighborhood once they are here is an even greater problem. On numerous occasions, I've found human feces and on the ground and spread on napkins as people just go slightly out of view onto someone's lawn to defecate. I'm sure the amount of urine being spread around our neighborhood is far greater, but certainly more difficult to get photographic evidence of. Although I did see a tourist crawling over the hedge of a house in the neighborhood to squat down and pee in their front yard. Unfortunately, I wasn't quick thinking enough to take a picture of the incident.

Although, some tourists treating our neighborhood like a toilet is upsetting, the greatest risk is the potential for tourists starting a fire. Tourists already set the hillside behind Arrowhead Dr. on fire once a decade ago, but it is only a matter of time before it happens again. Many of the tourists that visit the neighborhood smoke and it seems most have no idea about the fire dangers that exist in the region as they frequently toss cigarettes into the various grassy areas around us. On multiple occasions I've told smoking tourists "I'm sorry, You can't smoke here because of the fires." And they will give me an apologetic wave as they obliviously flick the cigarette into the brush.

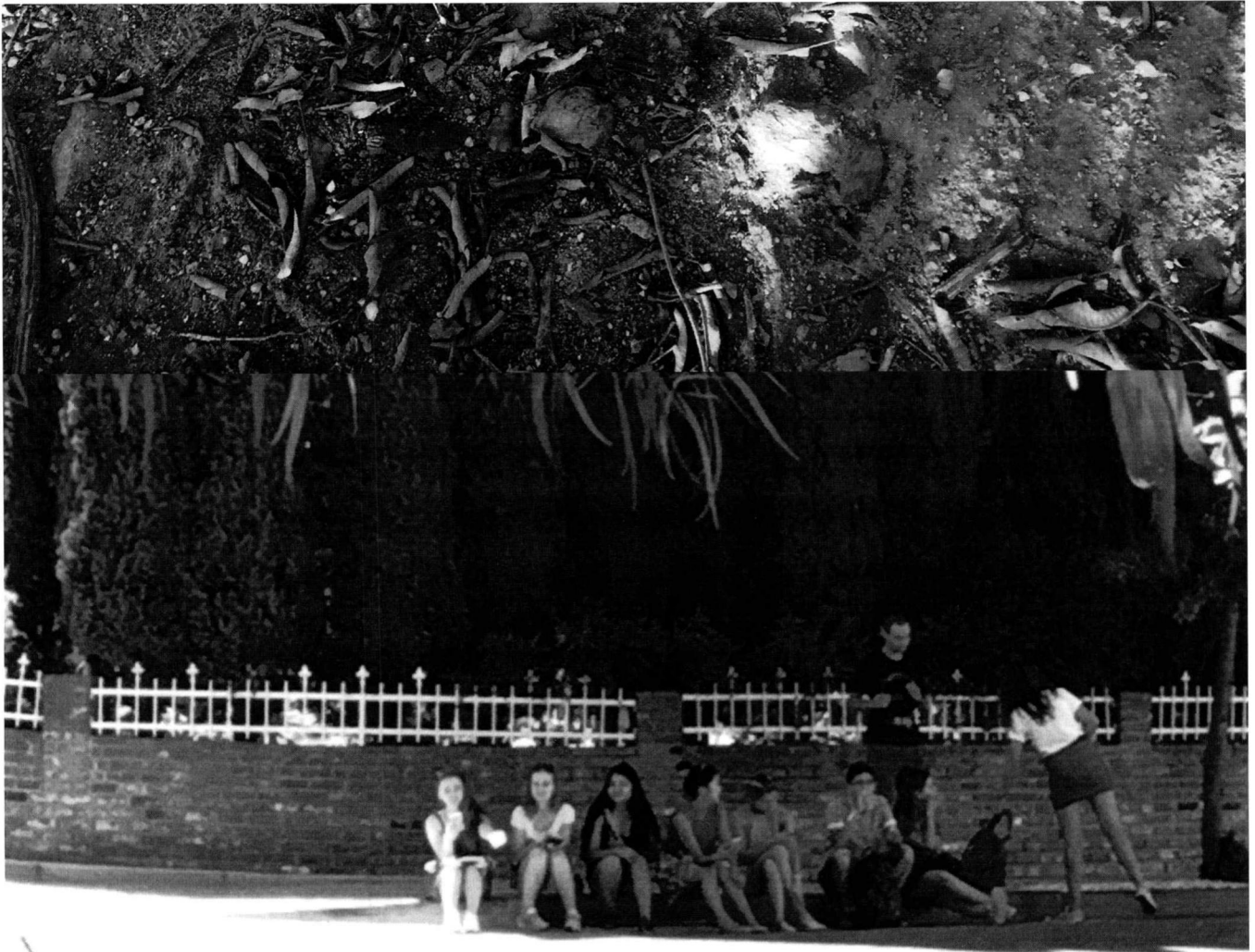
The simple truth is that our R1 neighborhood is taking the brunt of a complete lack of planning by the city on how to deal with Hollywood Sign tourism. Mount Rushmore brings in \$4 million per year in parking revenue, but here, no parking revenue is raised as the only costs being paid are by the residents of this neighborhood in quality of life. You have all been repeatedly made aware that this problem exists, and we've heard countless excuses over the years as to why things can't be done, but virtually no plans on how to actually FIX the continuing problem. This is a public safety issue that can

no longer be ignored. If somebody in this neighborhood dies because an ambulance was delayed by Hollywood Sign traffic or homes burn to the ground because nobody did anything to manage the droves of smoking tourists, the citizens of Lake Hollywood will not sit idly by. We ask that SOMETHING be done before anything terrible happens.

Thank you for your time,

Kevin Price
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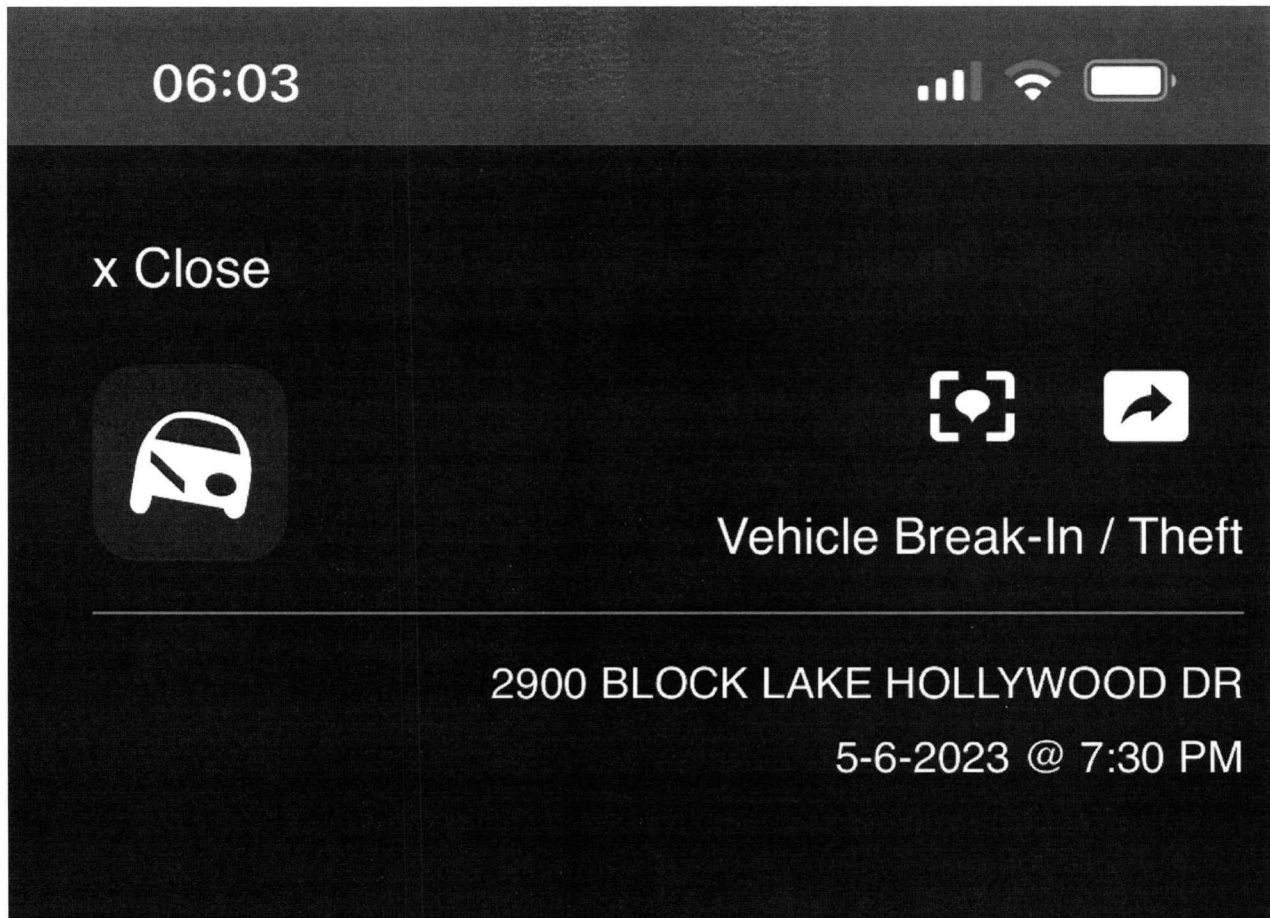
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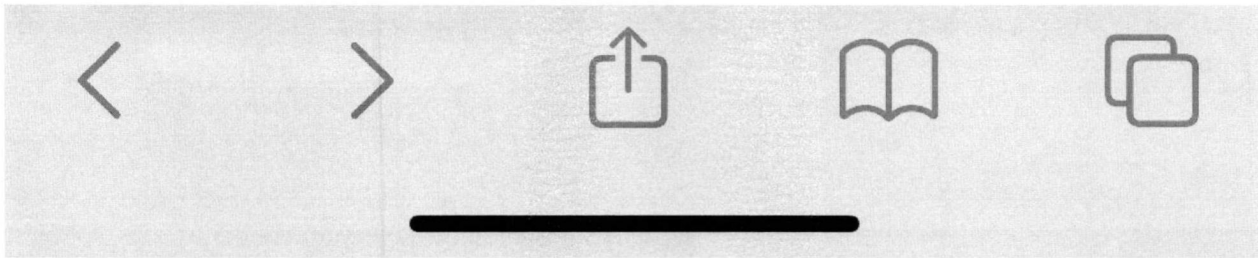
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Council Member Raman et al,

I have been a resident in the Lake Hollywood Estates since 2010. Over the last seven years this once tranquil and safe neighborhood has plummeted into an unsafe and chaotic community.

This is not a newsflash for most copied here, as our community has been requesting civic intervention and mitigation for at least five years. Many of our concerns center around illegal activities taking place in our strictly residential **R1-Zoned** neighborhood, and yet we are now a popular area for businesses to operate such as food vendors, paid hiking, Segue and bike tours.

Despite a few tepid and ineffective efforts from civic leaders, the Lake Hollywood Estates community remains a popular organized tour destination with dangerously clogged ingress/egress routes and a popular destination for car thieves.

The daily issues we encounter include, but are not limited to:

- THEFT from homes and vehicles
- PUBLIC SAFETY threats from reckless driving and clogged vehicle ingress/egress
- ILLEGAL PARKING and blocked residential driveways
- SMOKING and disposal of lit cigarettes
- TRESPASSING
- PUBLIC URINATION
- LOITERING at late hours
- AMPLIFIED NOISE from tour vans, buses, car stereos and large groups congregating at trailheads, often times for sunrise or midnight hikes
- FOOD TRUCKS that run generators

- ILLEGAL BUSINESSES
- LITTERING an growing amount of street trash
- PAID HIKING GROUPS, often upwards of 20 clients at a time
- TOUR VANS with illegal size and weight limits for zone (I counted nine today alone)
- TOUR BUSES with illegal size and weight limits for zone
- STREET RACING

I was made aware our civic leaders are duty bound to enforce public nuisance laws, most notably **California State Law, Civil Codes 3479 and 3480:**

Section 3479 - *"Anything which...interfere[s] with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property...is a nuisance".*

Section 3480 - *"A public nuisance is one that affects at the same time an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, although the extent of the annoyance.*

We are past the point of requesting CD4 to act, as we have not experienced any improvements in our plight. We now demand action, least of which is the implementation of declaring our community a **"Preferred Parking District" (PPD)** to relieve the lack of parking for residents and their visiting guests.

Please find attached only a scant few photographs of the illegal and criminal activity in our small patch of neighborhood. These represent only a small percentage of what occurs here daily.

Please respond to this letter within a reasonable period of time (less than 60 days) with planned actions for all the bullet point concerns.





Respectfully,

Michelle Rosicky

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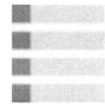
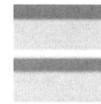


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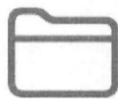
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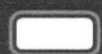


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MULHOLLAND & LEDGEWOOD

5-2-2023 @ 10:30 AM

Description

BURGLARY FROM VEHICLE

Incident #

230609272

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Dear Councilmember Raman,

Over the past 10 years Lake Hollywood Estates (LHE) has been directly exposed and left vulnerable in the most extreme of circumstances. Through each administration the Estates have been promised resolutions from our outcries for help, and each administration has responded by offering “band aid” solutions that have not satisfied the problems at hand. Each day our safety and quality of life gets worse, the constant reminder that LA tourism is growing rapidly while our iconic sign is attracting more activity, sincerely puts us at a disadvantage and the city is not taking responsibility for their inaction.

Please consider the attached petition an addition to the many emails our community have sent to you this week. The purpose of this petition is to inform our District Councilperson, Elected Mayor, State Governor, and US Representative that action needs to be taken to resolve our public safety and public nuisances that plague our neighborhood.

Thank you for your immediate attention in these matters.

Lake Hollywood Estates Homeowners

LAKE HOLLYWOOD ESTATES ~ PUBLIC NUISANCE and PUBLIC SAFETY ~ PETITION 2023

LAKE HOLLYWOOD ESTATES

TO: **City Councilmember Nithya Raman**
City Council District 4
200 N. Spring Street. Room
415 Los Angeles, CA 90012.

DATE: May 11, 2023

FROM: Lake Hollywood Estates

RE: Signed Petition

Dear Councilmember Raman,

As you are aware, the residents of Lake Hollywood Estates have sent many letters to your attention regarding their outrage involving the unmanaged and disorganized "Theme Park" styled environment that is causing Public Safety hazards and nuisances throughout our hillside neighborhood. The crime rate has gone up 400% of what it was 6-8 years ago, which was NO CRIME AT ALL.

The primary responsibility of a council member, in any district, is to represent and protect their constituents. As an elected official for CD4, we expect you and your staff to look out for our best interests, our living conditions, our right to leave our homes and feel safe to walk around. Bring our family and friends to Lake Hollywood Park, have a picnic, toss a ball around, however we don't feel safe and there is no room for us to do so.

The summer season approaching, the crime and numbers of visitors is growing at an exceeding rate, plus our environment and wildlife are suffering. Additionally, the *World Cup in 2026 and Summer Olympics in 2028* is right around the corner, therefore time is of the essence.

We understand there is not one answer to solve these problems, therefore we look forward to working with you and your team to develop a comprehensive plan to tackle every concern we deal with daily and have outlined in the emails sent to you thus far.

Attached, please find a petition that contains 166 signatures and growing by the day from homeowners and families who reside in Lake Hollywood Estates.

Please contact our LHHA Board President, Kristina O'Neil to schedule time to meet.

Thank you in advance for your quick response.

Sincerely,

Lake Hollywood Estates

Lake Hollywood Estates Homeowners

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The purpose of this petition is to inform our District Councilperson, County Supervisor, Elected Mayor, State Governor, and US Representative that action needs to be taken to resolve the public safety and public nuisances issues that plague our neighborhood.

The Hollywood Sign, a world renowned icon for the City of Los Angeles, has become a dangerous public safety hazard over the past decade. Lake Hollywood Estates is a small community directly affected by increasingly high numbers of tourism brought to the sign via social media, Waze and Google Maps.

Our neighborhood is left with no law enforcement, unrestricted parking, overcrowded streets, no capacity limits, traffic backups, delayed emergency response, smoking in a high fire zone, illegal vending, paid hiking tours, amplified noise, littering, trash, debris, vandalism, and the various criminal and unauthorized actions that are taking place in an R1 zoned area not designed for commercial activities.

Lake Hollywood Estates will no longer tolerate living under these unenforced conditions. Something needs to be done to save our communities and hillsides, preserve our public green space and protect our wildlife.

A call to action is overdue! Our quality of life and safety are at stake.

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4/29	Lisa Blackwood	3116 Arrowhead Dr	L Blackwood
4/29	Mark Hope	3116 Arrowhead Dr	Mark Hope
4/29	Joyce Lapinski	6411 Tahoe Dr	Joyce Lapinski
4/29	John Lapinski	6411 Tahoe Dr	John Lapinski
4/29	Sheila Irani	3219 CANYON LAKE	Sheila Irani
4/29	Kelly Zweig	2601 Lake Hollywood Dr	Kelly Zweig
4/29	Jonathan Zweig	2601 Lake Hollywood Dr	Jonathan Zweig
4/29	Ellen Perry	3392 TARBOP	Ellen Perry
4/29	Steven Heister	2616 LAKE HOLLYWOOD DR	Steven Heister
4/29	Robert Burris	2616 Lake Hollywood Dr	Robert Burris



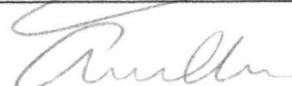
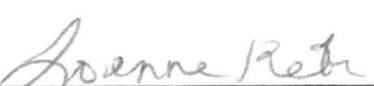
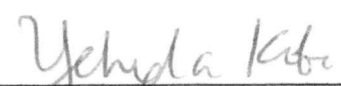



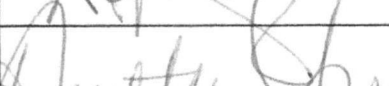
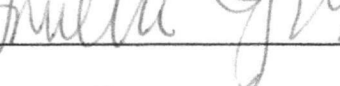
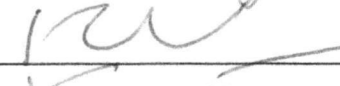
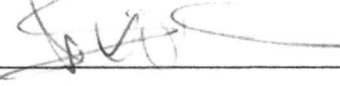
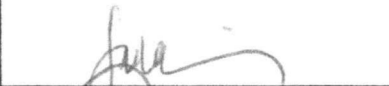
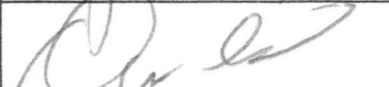
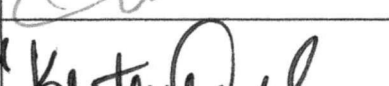
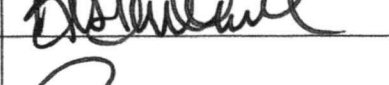
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4/29	Kevin Price	3206 Canyon Lake 90068	
	Mandy Melton	6315 Mirror Lake P2 CIT CIT 90068	
	Wendy Melton	6315 Mirror Lake Dr	
	Jim Melton	6315 Mirror Lake	
"	Paul Mucci	1936 / Innsdale	
2	Ana McPherson	6435 Innsdale Drive	
1	Walter McPherson	6435 Innsdale Drive	
4	Peter McPherson	6435 Innsdale Drive	
	Marina Pierce	6357 Innsdale	
	Jules Horowitz	6314 Arrowhead Pl	
	Richard Pierce	6351 Innsdale	
	Bernard Emmamelle	6352 Innsdale Dr	
	SUZANNE GARCIA	6312 TATCE	
	Vivian Kosibabian	6434 drive Innsdale	
4/29	Joanne Pearce Martin	6331 Innsdale	
4/29/23	Perren Cobb	3161 Arrowhead Dr	

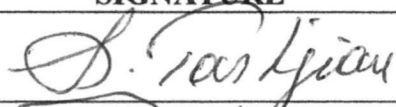
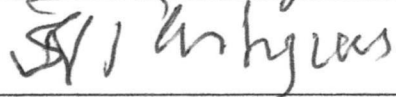
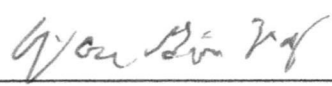


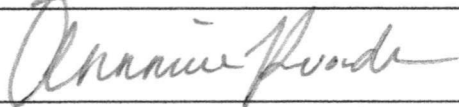
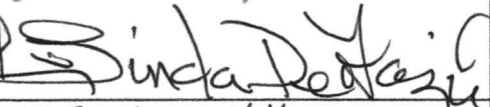

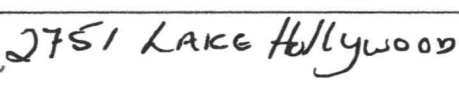


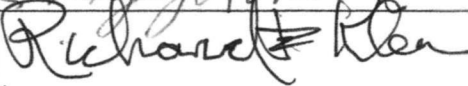

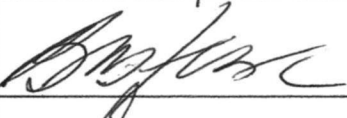
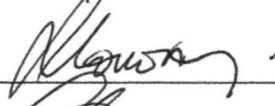

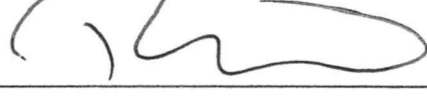
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4-29-23	Avi Kobi	Same	
4-29-23	Arielle Kobi	Same	
4-29-23	Lorenne Kobi	Same	
4-29-23	Yehuda Kobi	Same	
4/29	Anda Geringas	6304 Taher Dr	
4/29/23	KATHARINE GERINGAS	2700 LAKE HOLLYWOOD	
4/29/23	ALEX	2700 LHD	
4-29-23	Annette York	6443 Innsdale LA 90068	
4/29/23	Ken Yal	"	
4/29/23	SAMUEL S.	3000 Arrowhead	
4/29/23	Janice Lammie	6311 Arrowhead Dr	
4/29/23	Andrew Lammie	6311 Arrowhead Pl	
4/29/23	Kristen Dica	3003 Arrowhead Dr.	
4/30/23	Daisy Hutton	6301 Arrowhead Pl	
4/30/23	Jeff Hutton	6301 Arrowhead	

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4/30/23	STEVE TASAJIAN	6310 ARROWHEAD Place	
4/30/23	WON GIN NG	6305 Arrowhead Place	
4/30/23	Rose Ng	"	
4/30/23	Brian Riodan	3146 Arrowhead DR	
4/30/23	ANNMARIE RIODAN	" "	
5/2/23	Sinda Rios	Lake Hollywood 2633	
5/2/23	Shelley Rabin	Sub -	
5/2/23	Treacy Rabin	Sub -	
5/2/23	GAIL WALKER	2708 Lake Hollywood dr	
5/2/23	Myung Roh	2654 Lake Hollywood Dr	
May 5/2/23	RICHARD KLEIN	2646 LAKE HOLLYWOOD DR	
5/2/23	DONNA KLEIN	2646 LAKE HOLLYWOOD DR.	
5/2/23	Brian Hesse	2701 LAKE HOLLYWOOD DR	
5/2/23	Michael Conway	2718 LAKE HOLLYWOOD DR	
5/2/23	Candyn Wingfield	2740 Lake Hollywood dr	
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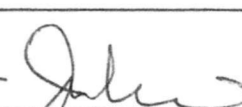
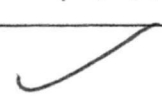
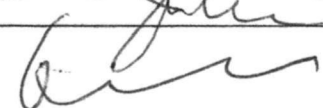
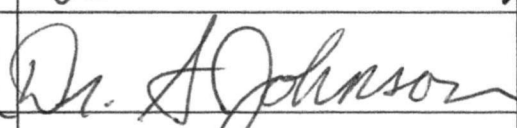
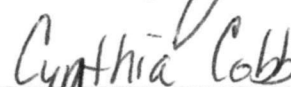
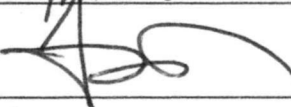
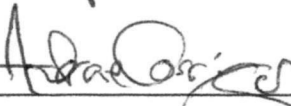

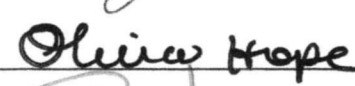

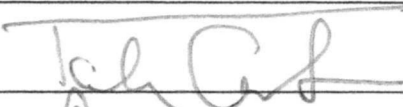

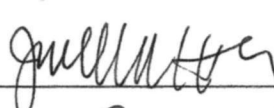


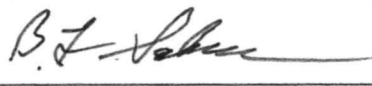

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4/29/23	MARISA O'NEIL	3003 ARROWHEAD	Marisa O'Neil
4/29/23	VALERIE YALE	3036 ARROWHEAD	Valerie Yale
4/29/23	Dolly Buchanan	3228 TAHOE PL	Dolly Buchanan
4/29/23	Michael Liebig	3228 TAHOE Place	Michael Liebig
4/29/23	Rhoda Colerna	3128 Arrowhead Dr.	Rhoda Colerna
4/29/23	Cecelia Andrews	3136 Arrowhead Dr.	Cecelia Andrews
4/29/23	Eugene Matthes	3213 Canyon Lake LA 90068	E. Matthes
4/29/23	David Lerner	3002 Arrowhead Dr. LA 90068	David Lerner

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4-29-23	Kenneth Chan		
4-29-23	Cynthia Johnson	3130 Cherokee Dr.	
4.29.23	Cynthia Cobb	3161 Arrowhead	
4-29-23	Angel Duran	Chapman Lake Dr.	
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4/29	Tiger Rose	6304 Tahoe	
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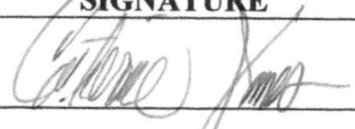
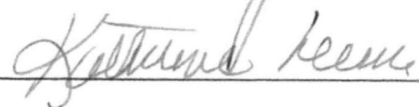
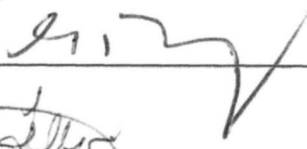
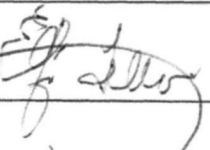
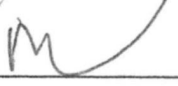
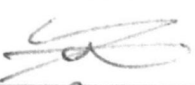
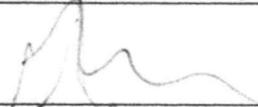
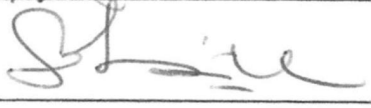
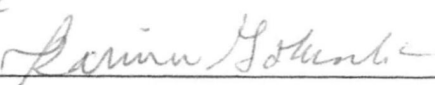

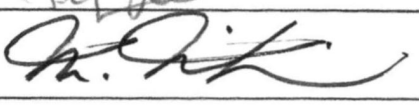


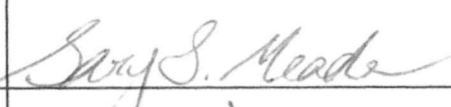

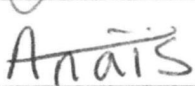
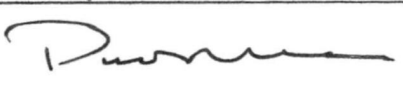
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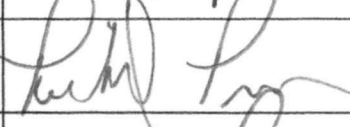

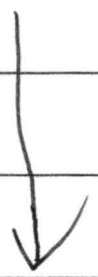
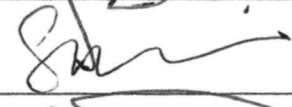

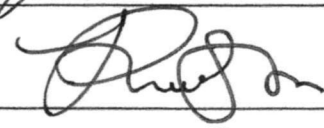

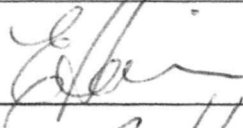
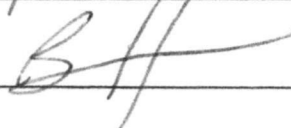
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5/1	Katherine Lerner	3002 Arrowhead	
5/2	Gregory Rosicky	6332 Innsdale Dr.	
5/2	Eric Telier	6332 Innsdale Dr.	
5/2	MICHELLE ROSTICKY	6332 Innsdale	
5/2	GRAND JANE PRICE	6454 INNSDALE DR, 90068	
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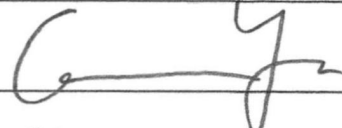
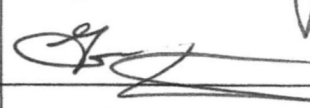

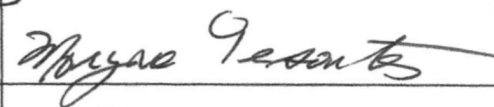
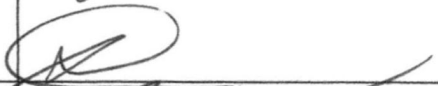

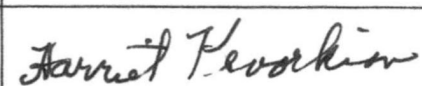
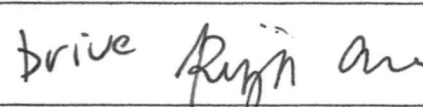
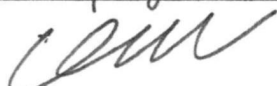

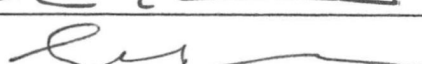

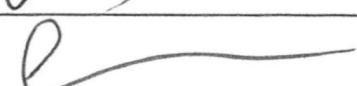
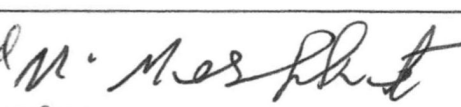
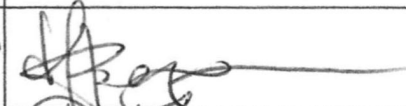
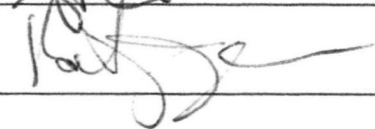
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5/6	Mary Nucci	6361 Innsdale Dr.	Mary Nucci
5/7	Richard Pierce	6351 Innsdale Dr.	
5/7	Marina Pierce	6351 Innsdale Dr.	Marina Pierce
5/7	SCOTT SHAPIRO	6427 INNSDALE	
5/7	SYDNEY SHAPIRO		
5/7	ANNA SHAPIRO		
5/7	RUBY SHAPIRO		
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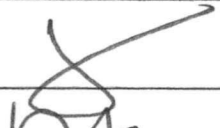

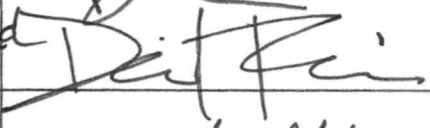

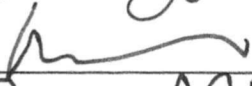
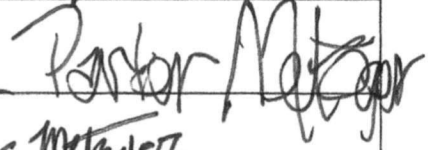
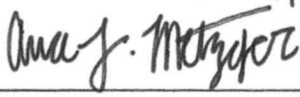
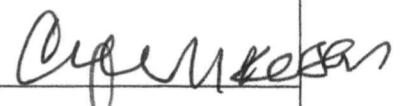
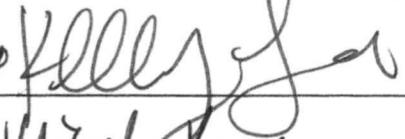

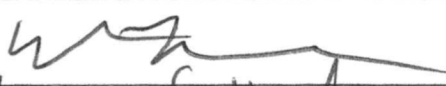
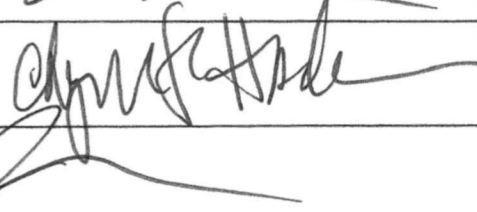

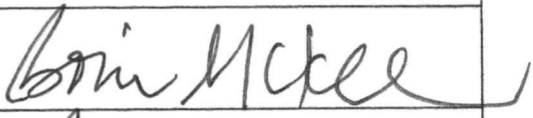
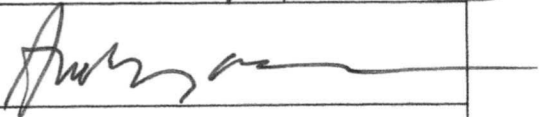
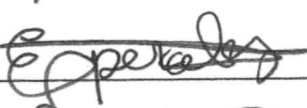
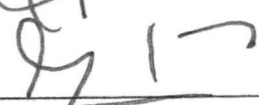
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5/2/23	VANESSA BERMANN	3160 Arrowhead	
5/2/23	Maryne Puentes	360 Arrowhead	
5/2/23	Sonia Gutierrez	3160 Arrowhead	
5/2/23	Ken Mansur	3100 Arrowhead Dr	
5/2/23	Harriet Kevorkian	3015 Arrowhead	
5/2/23	Rizzi Annunzio	3015 Arrowhead	
5/5/23	David Benz	6446 Innsdale Dr	
5/5/23	Susan Lawson	6312 Arrowhead PL LA 90068	
5/5/23	Tilak Mandadi	6312 Arrowhead PL, LA 90068	
5/5/23	Andrew Gilbert	3025 Arrowhead Dr. LA, CA 90068	
5/5/23	Lisa Gilbert	3025 Arrowhead Dr LA, CA 90068	
5/6/23	MARY MESKAT	3005 Arrowhead Dr.	
5/7/23	Francois Bergeron	3012 Arrowhead LA CA 90068	
5/7/23	Kathryn J Bergern	3012 Arrowhead Dr LA 90068	

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5/2/23	David Piskey	3040 Arrowhead LA	
5/2/23	Mikki Metzger	3037 Arrowhead Dr	
5/2/23	Lee Metzger	3037 Arrowhead Dr	
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5.2.23	Cynthia Zouari	3050 Arrowhead Dr.	
5/2/23	Matt Zaidman	3050 Arrowhead Dr Los Angeles	
5/2/23	Bonnie McKee	6316 Arrowhead Pl.	
2/2/23	Adrew Harris	6316 Arrowhead Pl.	
5-2-23	Emperado	3151 Arrowhead Dr.	
5/2/23	Gideon Yabo	3151 Arrowhead Dr.	

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From: Sherrie Matthews

Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 2:30 PM

To: nithya.raman@lacity.org

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Subject: We need your help!

Dear Councilmember Ramen,

I am writing to request your help. my husband, children and I live in, what was a quaint quiet, safe neighborhood, until recently. We live in the Lake Hollywood area, right under the historic Hollywood sign. Our address is 3213 Canyon Lake Drive, Hollywood, CA 90068. Recently, When we bought our home in 2001, hardly anyone drove through our neighborhood. About five years ago, a lot of tourist started driving and parking on our street, trying to take photos of the Hollywood sign. This has been a big problem with traffic. Several times, tourist have started small fires from cigarettes and the fire trucks could not get through the traffic.

Now the problem has been exasperated by three fruit cart vendors and a "smoothie" truck parking directly in and /or at the entrance of the small park. Because of this, people stop their cars, and line up in the street to buy smoothies or fruit cups. This has dramatically increased congestion, trash, and people urinating and defecating in our yard and our neighbor's yards. Traffic is so bad that even on a moderately busy day, it will take over ten minutes to drive the last two blocks to my home.

I am writing to ask that you help us by doing the following:

1. Stop the street vendors from in our quiet , strictly residential, neighborhood.
2. The fire department and traffic control came to our neighborhood meeting and said that they were going to impose "residents only" limitations, for fire safety and access. This has not yet happened. I ask that you please implement these limitations on weekends.
3. Reevaluate the "permit parking" in our area. This was looked at before, however, a certain number of streets had to be impacted. Right now, the only two ingress and egress roads to our neighborhood. On the weekends, both are almost impassable.

I can send you photos of the three street vendors and the smoothie truck. Please let me know when you, or one of your deputies, may be able to come to our home to see how challenging this problem has become and how simple it is for your to fix the problem. Please give me a call so that we may discuss this in greater detail.

Sincerely,

Sherrie K Matthews

323-533-2370

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May 8th, 2023

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Subject: Re: Public Safety for the Lake Hollywood Estates
Date: May 10, 2023 at 11:18 AM

To: Nithya.raman@lacity.org

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On May 9, 2023, at 10:22 AM, Kristina O'Neil <oneilk283@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Councilmember Raman,

The conditions surrounding Lake Hollywood Park and the Vista have reached a breaking point. I have attached a letter reiterating these conditions and their severity.

Thanks Nithya

Sincerely,



Kristina O'Neil

oneilk283@yahoo.com

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KRISTINA O'NEIL

TO: City Councilmember Nithya Raman
City Council District 4
200 N. Spring Street. Room 415 Los
Angeles, CA 90012.

DATE: May 9, 2023

FROM: Kristina O'Neil
Homeowner
Lake Hollywood Estates

RE: Public Safety, Fire / Earthquake Dangers and Illegal Vending at Lake Hollywood Park

Dear Nithya,

As previously discussed, Lake Hollywood Estates (LHE) is at its most vulnerable these days and things are increasingly turning from bad to intolerable. Lake Hollywood Homeowners Association (LHHA) recently hosted, along with LAFD, an Emergency Disaster Workshop in where we took a CPR class and were certified, learned how to use a fire extinguisher hands on, educated on brush clearance and the importance of regular maintenance, annual inspections, and much more. **LAFD is doing their part and LHE are doing our part 100%. We need CD4 to do theirs.**

We are a solution and problem solving community; however, as much as we try to work with and not against the city, our voices are still not being heard. I have received feedback from CD4 that the reality of our expectations is not within the cities power to change, and I find that unbelievable. At this time change is what is necessary and it takes a leader to finally see that public safety must be a primary focus.

The internet keeps promoting "Lake Hollywood Park" is the best place to photograph the sign. Social media and mapping applications continue to spread the word about how great the views are and that the **PARKING is FREE**. The crowds keep getting larger, vehicles doubling in numbers, as well as, size and weight. Campers are arriving and spending the night.

In the past eight years LHHA Board of Directors have been told by three different council district administrations that the city has little to no resources to provide staff to enforce laws already in place in order to protect city taxpayers. The reasoning behind why the staff resources is low changes every year, but the outcome is the same. Eight years and we still get band-aids, NO fulltime park ranger to man the park or way to close the park, scattered LADOT and generally not issuing parking citations, non-existing LADOT traffic mitigation officers, unfinished fencing, etc.

There are multiple situations where the law is already dictating what is legal and enforceable. **NO SMOKING** in high fire zones or any hillsides is illegal and there are \$1,000.00 fines issued to first time violators. **Smoking starts FIRES**, which is our communities biggest fear. It is the responsibility of RAP and CD4 to remove the problem and the problem is too much activity and too little space – Something has to give. **FACT:** There are only 2 ways in and out of the Estates and both routes force us to go through other neighborhoods who are also trying to evacuate. Between the residents, stop signs, traffic signals, and number of daily lost visitors to the Hollywood Sign, if a fire breaks out **people will die. This is a fact for us.**

Emergency Services: Our reality is that on non-emergency days LAPD, LAFD, Paramedics, Park Rangers and other necessary service vehicles will be delayed due to traffic congestions, lost tourists in rental cars, etc. We are terrified at the idea of when an earthquake occurs, the roads are blocked, people are panicked, cell phones don't work and no services can reach us. Our community is prepared, but not for massive crowds who don't belong wandering about aimlessly in the first place.

Vending: I have read the **revised** ordinances on "vending" that clearly state after of the city issues permits to vend in public parks and sidewalks that Recreation and Parks (RAP) has the authority to deem certain areas unsafe for vendors to exist without causing dangerous circumstances and/or blocking the public right of way. These dangers exist every day at Lake Hollywood Park, Vista and neighboring streets. Pedestrians are forced into the street to pass the patrons selling food and beverages, food and beverage carts are next to each other and exceeds the number of units per acre, more arrive and occupy space in the street and as soon as April 2023 oversized trucks are parking and running their generators creating noise and effecting our air quality.

(1) www.laparks.org

(2) www.streetsla.lacity.org

KRISTINA O'NEIL

For these reasons the homeowners of Lake Hollywood Estates are officially requesting that CD4 enforces these laws and meets with Jimmy Kim: General Manager, Norma E. García-Gonzalez: Director and Chief Losorelli of RAP, along with Street Services / Streets of LA and deem that vending in or around the areas surrounding LHE and Lake Hollywood Park are unsafe. Add Lake Hollywood Park and Vista to the list of other locations where vending is prohibited, for the safety and welfare of park goers, bikers, hikers and local residents.

Understandably, as the vendors at Lake Hollywood Park may have permits to vend, they are not adhering to LA Parks rules on capacity and the park rangers are unaware of the enforceable laws and refuse to take action. It states clearly... *"We want to keep our parks safe and clean for our patrons and ensure that the vending activities don't take away from the enjoyment of park patrons who come to our parks for active recreation or passive activity. **The number of vendors per park are limited to two (2) vendors per acre and within 25 feet of another vendor.** Vending in a park shall be on a first come first served basis and vendors must keep an accurate log of their entry and departure times". **Additionally, "Violations of these rules and regulations shall be punishable as non-criminal fines under the City's Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 42.13D. California law SB 946 does not restrict RAP from adopting rules and regulations for the prohibition of unauthorized or non-permitted commercial services in parks. The Department of Recreation and Parks reserves the right to amend, change or alter any of these rules in conformance with local and state law at any time and as needed".*** (1)

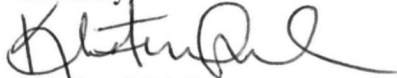
City of Los Angeles Ordinance NO. 185900 / C. Restricted Vending Locations.

1. *The City may establish through the adoption of Rules and Regulations certain limited areas where Vending may be restricted or prohibited. The Bureau of Street Services shall determine restrictions or prohibitions on Sidewalk Vending based directly on objective health, safety and welfare concerns. The Department of Recreation and Parks shall determine restrictions or prohibitions on Park Vending based on whether it is: 1) directly related to objective health, safety or welfare concerns; 2) necessary to ensure the public's use and enjoyment of natural resources and recreational opportunities; 3) necessary to prevent an undue concentration of commercial activity that unreasonably interferes with the scenic and natural character of the Park; or 4) necessary to comply with a condition in a deed conveying the property to the City. These restrictions or prohibitions shall be detailed in the Rules and Regulations and adopted by the City Council through resolution. **For purposes of this section, perceived community animus or economic competition does not constitute an objective health, safety or welfare concern, pursuant to applicable state law.*** (2)

These concerns are long overdue the need for permanent resolutions to be put in place.

I look forward to scheduling a meeting in the near future with action plans in place.

Sincerely,



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From: Kristina O'Neil oneilk283@gmail.com

Subject: Re: LHE Vending and Public Safety

Date: May 10, 2023 at 11:16 AM

To: Nithya.raman@lacity.org, Geoff Thompson geoff.thompson@lacity.org, Mehmet Berker mehmet.berker@lacity.org, Walker King walker.king@lacity.org, Joe Losorelli joe.losorelli@lacity.org, Stefanie Smith stefanie.smith@lacity.org

Cc: Kristina O'Neil oneilk283@gmail.com

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On May 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM, Kristina O'Neil <oneilk283@gmail.com> wrote:

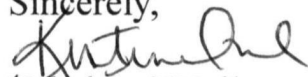
Good evening,

Please consider this an addition to my previous letter, as it points out some concerns and issues I have that are on separate topics. In addition to some other discussion points I have addressed vending in Lake Hollywood Park. I have reviewed the "revised" ordinances on Vending in or around LA city parks, and have referenced them in the attached letter.

It is clear that if vending at an unsafe location is proven to be a public safety hazard that RAP can deem the area not suitable for vendors to do business. Which it is and has proven time and time again.

I could have gone on about vandalism, loitering and crime, however I decided that perhaps the community letters covered those issues.

Sincerely,



Kristina O'Neil

Lake Hollywood Estates

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KRISTINA O'NEIL

TO: City Councilmember Nithya Raman
City Council District 4
200 N. Spring Street. Room 415
Los Angeles, CA 90012.

DATE: May 9, 2023

FROM: Kristina O'Neil
Homeowner
Lake Hollywood Estates

RE: Public Safety Dangers in Lake Hollywood Estates

Dear Councilmember Raman,

As you are aware, I have been a stakeholder in this community since 1996 and have watched this beautiful, quiet, and pristine hillside change drastically over the years. Technology in today's world has grown rapidly over the past decades, bringing tens of thousands of tourists and multiple special events to Lake Hollywood Park and Innsdale Trail daily, to photograph and take selfies of the Hollywood Sign.

Lake Hollywood Estates needs to be included as a designated **Preferred Parking District** (PPD) combined with Hollywoodland's existing PPD. We have discussed the overcrowding, disorganized and unsupervised park, plus the unlimited number of vehicles, campers with weight and size limitations, illegal tour vans and traffic - bringing smoking, fires, speeding, accidents and most recently crime and vandalism. The addition of street vendors is only adding to the dangers by blocking sidewalks for pedestrians and running their generators all day creating a health hazard.

LHE is a **R1-Zoned** community, which is strictly a residential zoned neighborhood, not a commercial area where small business can operate such as vendors, paid hiking, and bike tours. We are sandwiched in between a world-renowned tourist attraction on one side and numerous hiking and walking trails on the other, and we strongly feel forgotten and have been left to fend for ourselves.

Griffith Park is for all to enjoy and third party paid tours are illegal. The commercialization of the sign is out of control and needs to be addressed as a high priority concern for the City of LA. The lack of unified and infrastructure from the Observatory, throughout Griffith Park, all residential neighborhoods, to the Hollywood Sign is crumbling right before our eyes.

Over the past 10 years Lake Hollywood Estates (LHE) has been directly exposed and left vulnerable in the most extreme of circumstances. Through each administration the Estates have been promised resolutions from our outcries for help, and each administration has responded by offering "band aid" solutions that have not satisfied the problems at hand. Each day our safety and quality of life gets worse, the constant reminder that LA tourism is growing rapidly while our iconic sign is attracting more activity, sincerely puts us at a disadvantage and the city is not taking responsibility for their inaction.

Create a revenue source for the city by providing tourists a shuttle from different access points, to photograph the sign, as LHE will have PPD placards and all other parking will be for shuttles only. Offer a guided electric shuttle to the sign with different points of access. Present a tie-in with Paramount, Universal Studios and Warner Bros. to offset the costs. This will automatically change social media posts, internet searches and online mapping apps directing them to other locations to pick up a shuttle. Build a Hollywood Visitors Center, offer an educational and historic virtual tour of Griffith Park, souvenir shop, coffee and snack shop, books, and well maintained restroom, etc.


In 2022-2023, I was honored to be a part of *Hollywood United NC, AD HOC Advisory Committee* whose sole purpose was to express the concerns and impact tourism have placed on the quality of life, dangerous interactions, and potential harm to the environment. This provided the Hollywood Hills Communities surrounding the Hollywood Sign the opportunity to discuss the identifying public safety issues that have plagued our neighborhoods since the beginning of the Internet, Social Media, Online Mapping apps, and more. While recommending viable and reasonable policies and procedures that will create a balance for the stakeholders, visitors, and wildlife. Since the time at which the report we completed, submitted and shared with CD4, to my knowledge there has been no follow-up by the city.

KRISTINA O'NEIL

Ask yourself... What will the above accomplish? Unrealized revenue for the city, safety for its citizens, eliminating thousands of smokers in a high fire zone, lessen crime & vandalism, resolve excessive illegal parking, remove traffic congestions, reckless driving, street racing, public defecation, loitering and trespassing. Reduce amplified noise and noise pollution.

Allow our emergency service units to easily access our residents and communities. Bottom line to eliminate any possibilities and/or tragedies by hearing us and give us back our right to public safety and a well-deserved quality of life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristina O'Neil', written in a cursive style.

Kristina O'Neil

oneilk283@yahoo.com

From: Katharina Geringas

Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 9:17 PM

To: nithya.raman@lacity.org

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Subject: Help us structure the crazy tourism at the Hollywood Sign

To whom it may concern,

Today, I would like to let you know about some concerns and what it means to live in our neighborhood.

I live in the Lake Hollywood Estates neighborhood right under the Hollywood Sign.

On weekends, the neighborhood is crazy. All surrounding streets of the Wisdom Tree Trail, the Reservoir, the Innsdale trailhead and the Hollywood Sign view point are completely blocked with parked cars or tourists chasing and honking to get parking spots.

With that trash, trespassing for those memorable photos and most concerning smoking comes with.

It's like everyone loses common sense and brain function at once, the second they come into our neighborhood, just to see the Sign.

Exiting the neighborhood is nearly impossible during daylight and that is in non emergency situations.

Weekdays are not as crazy, BUT we still get a notable amount of cars and confused and non-attentive drivers.

I know and love the neighborhood for longer than 10 years now and it has become increasingly much much more tourism.

We all know that we can't change people and their behavior, but the biggest issue is that there is nobody to even enforce any kind of rules!

There is simply no presence of any City authority to keep us, who live here, safe and protected.

It all is on us to ask people to not walk in our flower beds, to not leave their InNOut bags on our lawns or to please not smoke cause this is a fire zone....

I am fully aware that shutting down tourism around the Hollywood Sign is impossible, yeah not even wanted, also from me!! I love it here (yes, we all were fully aware of what it means to own property up here!)

The feeling of being left alone with the increasingly difficult situation though is something that the City should change!

The city please has to handle or at least structure the tourism in our home streets.

Please help us to keep our neighborhood safe for everyone! The ones that come to see the iconic Sign and beautiful neighborhood I Griffith Park AND the people that are at home here.

Thank you so so much!

Katharina Geringas

From: mindy Roh
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 10:05 AM
To: Kim Kevorkian; Lisa Hope
Subject: Fw: Public Safety Issues In Our Neighborhood

Dear Kim and Lisa,

I sent my email on Monday but I had a "incorrect email address notice" and wondered if you received my copy. I am forwarding my letter to you just in case. Hope this letter is satisfactory.

Thank you for your enormous effort on behalf of all of us,
Mindy Roh

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPad

Begin forwarded message:

On Monday, May 8, 2023, 2:49 PM, mindy Roh <mrroh@att.net> wrote:

Dear Councilmember Raman,

I am writing to voice my concern over the continual degradation of my once quiet and clean Lake Hollywood Estates neighborhood. This is an area nestled within a very popular tourist attraction and surrounded by several walking and hiking trails overlooking the city. For many years, I have witnessed the steady decline of this neighborhood which has been my home since the 1970's.

Due to GPS applications such as Google Maps and WAZE as well as social media, there has been a vast increase in tourism and traffic. This has resulted in our streets being soiled and increasingly unsafe.

Traffic is often disrupted by tourists who block the roads, park illegally, and even park in front of driveways. Polite requests to move are ignored. This has brought dangerous situations to

vulnerable residents like my elderly mother when trying to transport her to the hospital.

Many tour buses and vans not meeting legal size and weight requirements, come multiple times into my neighborhood, on a daily basis. They bring with them, amplified speaker systems, multiple unsafe stops along two lane windy roads, and large groups of tourists, many who smoke then toss their lit cigarettes. I have on several occasions asked smokers to put out their cigarettes as this is a fire hazard zone. There are only two exits out of my neighborhood.

This is especially egregious because residents in this area must spend hundreds or thousands of dollars in yearly mandated fire prevention measures, yet the impact of tourists is going unchecked. And the city has done nothing about it. These are not scattered, isolated incidents. One neighbor actually gathered a large trash bag full of cigarette buds within a short amount of time. So, the volume is consequential.

Roadside dumping of trash and appliances along streets that were once scenic, public urination, trespassing, theft, burglary of home and automobiles are common occurrences. If this wasn't enough, we have now been overrun with food trucks and other vendors adding even greater challenges to our small, residential neighborhood. Our once peacefully, beautiful neighborhood needs tangible support and relief.

I urge you to make this a priority to reclaim this beloved sector of our city.

Sincerely,
Mindy Roh

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPad

Sent from my iPad

**LAKE HOLLYWOOD ESTATES
PUBLIC NUISANCE and PUBLIC SAFETY
PETITION 2023**

The purpose of this petition is to inform our District Councilperson, County Supervisor, Elected Mayor, State Governor, and US Representative that action needs to be taken to resolve the public safety and public nuisances issues that plague our neighborhood.

The Hollywood Sign, a world renowned icon for the City of Los Angeles, has become a dangerous public safety hazard over the past decade. Lake Hollywood Estates is a small community directly affected by increasingly high numbers of tourism brought to the sign via social media, Waze and Google Maps.

Our neighborhood is left with no law enforcement, unrestricted parking, overcrowded streets, no capacity limits, traffic backups, delayed emergency response, smoking in a high fire zone, illegal vending, paid hiking tours, amplified noise, littering, trash, debris, vandalism, and the various criminal and unauthorized actions that are taking place in an R1 zoned area not designed for commercial activities.

Lake Hollywood Estates will no longer tolerate living under these unenforced conditions. Something needs to be done to save our communities and hillsides, preserve our public green space and protect our wildlife.

**A call to action is overdue!
Our quality of life and safety are at stake.**