

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Mail theft in Los Angeles Not a Small Issue Please set an agenda item to address the rampant & unrelenting mail theft and mailbox vandalism in Los Angeles county. 1) Citizens have no recourse for apartment properties that fail to address repeated vandalism and theft of tenant mail delivered by USPS (& others for packages) to broken mailboxes, or mailboxes that are no longer secure. 2) ID THEFT since 2020 has significantly increased. Having a secure mailbox to address ID THEFT is essential. Citizens cannot receive a secure ID THEFT PIN from the IRS w/o a secure mailbox. The IRS does not sent mail w/signature confirmation (confirmed 12/22/22). 3) Property managers are either financially unable to replace / secure broken mailboxes or are apathetic. Please work w/USPS to implement city-wide USPS fines for violating mailbox codes for secure mailboxes. Some older units have never upgraded to the new security regulations - taking advantage of exceptions in the regs. Fines should roll out at the same time as opportunities for inspection of mailboxes that have been reported for mail theft. Any property that agrees to a mailbox inspection should be helped by postal inspectors in getting mailboxes up to code in the most economical way possible. 4) At the same time, it might be helpful if the city could provide apartment properties in financial stress w/grants to install and/or construct spaces for secure mailboxes.