



December 11, 2013

To: City of Los Angeles, Transportation Committee, re: file #13-1551.

"Relieving the traffic that burdens our neighborhoods is one of my top priorities". (Per Honorable Councilmember, Mike Bonin.)

Honorable Mike, and Transportation Committee members, I present you with photos of how traffic is burdened on **Kenter Avenue, by Food Trucks.**

In the 54 years I've been a resident of Kenter Avenue, I've never seen the obstructionist, traffic impeding, debris dropping, sidewalk blocking, activities, that are created by these Food Trucks!

This Food Truck "restaurant row" menace has existed for about two years, but has really become much worse during 2013.

My neighbors and I urge you to adopt the resolution;

13-1551

CD 11 Resolution (Bonin – Englander) relative to prohibiting the parking of vehicles that are in excess of 22 feet in length or over 84 inches in height, during the hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Saturday, on both sides of Kenter Avenue between Tigertail Road and Robinwood Drive, and on both sides of Homewood Road between Kenter Avenue and Bonhill Road.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: No

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Thank you,

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Donald G. Keller, Vice President

Photos attached.

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Deputy: Public













The 100/200 block of North Kenter Avenue has been turned into a **mobile restaurant row** with four catering trucks parking daily for up to four hours at a time. Although the posted signage forbids parking at the locations where many of the vehicles routinely park, the food truck drivers ignore the no stopping signs and park there anyway. They frequently block access to driveways of residents as do the vehicles of their customers.

In addition to the obvious blight these vehicles represent they also present numerous safety issues as they infringe on the driving lanes resulting in larger vehicles migrating into oncoming lanes thereby causing opposing traffic to slow or stop to accommodate these enormous trucks. In addition, these parked food trucks block the view of residents trying to back onto busy Kenter Avenue when leaving their homes.

As if the foregoing isn't enough, these large trucks take up at least two parking spaces thereby making it difficult for visitors and service people to park near the homes of residents. To make matters worse, they have begun placing "holder" vehicles, (old junkers) to "reserve" spaces for these commercial vehicles. As a further hazard to the normal traffic, trucks belonging to customer of the catering vehicles often make illegal u-turns and/or three point turns to find or leave parking spaces further jeopardizing normal traffic flow. Last but not least, workers running back and forth across the street to these food trucks endanger themselves and others who are often required to stop suddenly increasing the likelihood of rear end accidents. Not to be overlooked are the workers/customers who install themselves on the front lawns and walls of area homes leaving behind food particles and other refuse to attract vermin.

It goes without saying that all of the foregoing will undoubtedly result in tragedy sooner or later as school buses and other vehicles frequently travel up and down Kenter Avenue full of children on their way to Kenter Elementary, Tumbleweed Camp and Crestwood Hills Co-op Nursery School. It is only a matter of time before two of these vehicles traveling in opposite directions will collide with tragic results. If that were not enough, criminal elements can install themselves near the trucks and observe the comings and goings of area residents increasing the likelihood of burglaries or other crime.

All of the foregoing is going to have a dramatic effect on property values in the area. It is difficult to imagine any buyer purchasing a home where these commercial vehicles are present 6 days a week. One only has to imagine a caravan of real estate agents having to park up or down the block who will then be obligated to inform potential buyers of the conditions present on Kenter. If that wasn't enough, a visit to any home in the area will readily disclose the unsightly and potentially dangerous condition brought about by these catering trucks.

Although residents have considered asking for permit parking they have been told that our area is NOT in a "preferential parking program district" and is NOT eligible for permit parking.

The city cannot continue to use the same food truck ordinances for commercial and residential zones. Neighborhoods like ours are being held hostage by these trucks as the situation continues to get more and more out of control as the truck drivers get more and more blatant and brazen in their disregard for our neighborhood, our property values and the safety of our families.