

Communication from Public

Name: David Bell

Date Submitted: 04/05/2022 09:07 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council: My name is David Bell. I am a homeowner in Los Feliz, and I live in the middle of the "RV Zone" adjacent to Talmadge Studios. This morning, I counted 8 RVs parked along Talmadge Ave. Most were missing windows, which were covered with tarps, cardboard, and tape. At least one had a gas generator chained to the bumper. This particular RV often runs the generator late into the night. Those of us in the neighborhood know that many of these RVs are owned and rented by one person, who operates an illegal business without any government oversight. Any landlord renting an apartment in the City of Los Angeles without windows, garbage collection, or adequate plumbing would be cited by the City and prevented from collecting rent. That is not the case for what amounts to a slumlord operation on the streets of Los Feliz. I read Nithya Raman's response to the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council letter regarding this illegal operation, and I don't believe she is dealing honestly with the community. I have been in contact with the neighborhood prosecutor, as well as the Senior Lead officers assigned to my area. (It appears that this particular RV zone has been divided between 3 SLO's -- making that much harder to get a solid commitment to do anything about the issue.) Everyone I have contacted has told me that CD4 has given them explicit instructions not to interfere with the RVs in the neighborhood. In addition, I live steps from these RVs and have NEVER seen anyone from the City provide ANY services to these vehicles or the people who live in them. With respect to the dumping of sewage in the streets of Los Feliz, I was told that someone from the City came to look at the spill, and determined it was NOT sewage. This is simply not true. Sewage is one of those things you kind of know when you see it -- and this sewage was dumped directly beneath a derelict RV parked on Talmadge. We have had break-ins in our neighborhood -- including one sexual assault of a young woman in her bedroom which resulted in an arrest. I have been told by LAPD that a woman living in one of the RVs on my street was raped -- although that information is not publicly available. LAPD has also informed me that illegal drug use and prostitution is being carried out in these vehicles. This location is within feet of several daycare centers, and is the major thoroughfare for students attending Franklin Elementary and King Middle School. I have no intention of "criminalizing the

homeless." I understand, for example, that a woman lives in one of these RVs with her young niece. These people need assistance and protection -- not to be left alone in a completely unregulated slum. Does anyone know how this slumlord runs his business? What if one of his tenants doesn't pay the rent? Do you think he takes the tenant to court? Or does he enforce his own rules in his own way? Nithya Raman says she is working with the City to find City-owned property where these vehicles can safely park and receive City services. That needs to happen NOW! This is not a sudden issue -- this a years-long problem that has been festering in this City for years with NO ACTION at all. Ms. Raman's letter only proves that she is willing to spout empty words without doing a thing to address what a majority of the citizens of Los Angeles say is the Number One issue facing the City. The citizens of CD4 -- and the City of Los Angeles -- demand action now -- not words, not plans, but real action now! The people living in these illegal slums are just as much victims of the City's inaction as the people who pay rent and mortgages to live here. I fully supported the Bridge Housing that was built on Riverside Drive to help the unhoused -- and I support any legitimate response to this problem whether or not it is in my neighborhood. This has nothing to do with keeping things out of my backyard. The problem is already here -- in my backyard and in my front yard. Doing nothing helps no one. It is no longer an option. David Bell 4317 Kingswell Ave. Los Angeles CA 90027 213-814-9127

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Comments for Public Posting: A man named Drago has been renting out RVs in my neighborhood in Los Feliz for several years. He drives 4 different cars and moves at least 4 RVs / oversized vehicles around my neighborhood. Many of them are padlocked from the outside which is not safe for whomever may be inside the vehicles. Because Drago has multiple RVs in our neighborhood, he has attracted other vehicle dwellers and vehicle businesses to my neighborhood. Due to Drago's business and the failure of our City Council person to act in anyone's best interest, we have become a growing de facto RV park without proper services for the city of Los Angeles. You must put an end to this growing RV ranching business and other businesses operating illegally on our streets. Many of the vehicles have out of state plates, expired tags, are not operable and do not move for street cleaning. Some use generators that get chained to the bumper and run through the night. One airstream trailer is used as a makeup studio and is periodically visited by a driver of a luxury vehicle. Though this business is not used as a dwelling, the owner capitalizes on the fact that our city allows him to run his business on our streets with no oversight because he's in the de facto RV park. Illegal dumping routinely occurs around oversized vehicles, large jugs of urine get left on the sidewalks and sewage gets dropped onto the street and collects at certain street corners with poor grading. My neighbors have human feces left in their front yards daily. A vehicle dweller was raped by another vehicle dweller in late 2021. Now gang tagging is occurring on the apartment building right across the street from the main stretch of where the RVs are stationed daily. There has been no gang tagging in this neighborhood for the past 10 years but things are rapidly declining due to public policy and the failure to act in the best interest of anyone in our city. Please act now. Our community needs you to be swift. The policies in place must be corrected so that the neighborhood are safe again. There are two day care centers within 500 feet of the RVs, two elementary schools within 500 feet of where the RV and oversized vehicles park, Kids from Marshall High and King Middle Schools walk up and down Talmadge in large numbers five days a week. This is not an ideal place for the de facto RV park to be located. However, if my city councilperson is going to keep encouraging RVs to be stationed here then you must install sewage hookups,

electricity hook ups, and daily social services. Doing nothing is not an option for the city of Los Angeles. On any given day there will be between 6 and 8 RVs on Talmadge / Kingswell / Commonwealth / Prospect Avenues. Not only does this utilize large portions of street parking that taxpayers cannot access but it is also difficult to see around these extremely wide vehicles when they are parked on our neighborhood streets. Some of the vehicles have broken windows and are boarded up with boxes and tarps. One RV dweller uses a pen on the sidewalk to put dogs in. Another has a motorcycle and a couch attached to the back end.

Communication from Public

Name: Brett Rogers

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of CF14-1057-S9 Homelessness and Poverty Committee Proposal to adopt a balanced citywide vehicle dwelling ordinance. My neighborhood in Los Feliz is overrun with RVs, trailers, campers, and vans being rented out by slumlords where people are living in horrid and unsanitary conditions, attracting drug dealers and criminals. These RVs and dwelling vehicles are a public safety hazard. In the past year a number of these large RVs have caught fire, most recently on Franklin Ave. directly in front of the Lloyd Wright house. For years there are a number of run down RVs with people dwelling in them parked on Talmage Ave. outside of Prospect Studios and elsewhere on Franklin Ave, Finley Ave, and around Los Feliz. These RVs and campers are within blocks of Franklin Elementary, and Thomas Starr King Middle School where kids walk past them every day reeking of sewage. We desperately need a balanced citywide vehicle dwelling ordinance, better regulating time, manner and place by establishing a free permit program, and prohibiting vehicle dwelling in all residential areas.



Franklin Ave. Los Feliz in front of The Lloyd Wright house.



Franklin Ave. Los Feliz



Ambrose Ave and Dracena Ave. Los Feliz



Talmage and Kingswell Ave Los Feliz



Talmage and Kingswell Ave. Los Feliz with students walking by



Talmage and Kingswell Ave. Los Feliz

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Name: Los Feliz Stakeholder

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Comments for Public Posting: Please follow the law and Resume Parking Enforcement of posted no-parking regulations for RVs. Our community has turned into an RV park which puts strain on every single resident who lives in Los Feliz. There was already a lack of parking and we have been robbed of the little parking spots we used to have. Furthermore, We see people in the RVs dump feces and urine into the gutters which is a HUGE environmental NO-NO!! RVs MUST GO TO AN RV SAFE PARKING ZONE AND AWAY FROM RESIDENTIAL STREETS AND BUSINESSES!!!!!!!!!!