

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Loretto Elementary School (School), established in September 1911, is situated in the Historic Filipinotown community near Echo Park and serves 187 students in grades TK through 8th. The School plays an important and integral role in the life of this community; and

WHEREAS, the School is located at 258 N. Union Avenue with its playground situated to the north across the adjacent Court Street; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to close Court Street between N. Union Avenue and Belmont Avenue during School hours from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; and

WHEREAS, this street closure is a public safety matter necessary to ensure the safe passage of children crossing Court Street from class rooms to the playground and back again; and

WHEREAS, Section 21102 of the California Vehicle Code provides that local communities may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution closing to vehicular traffic that portion of any street or highway crossing or dividing any school grounds when in the opinion of the legislative body having jurisdiction of such closing the closure is necessary for the protection of persons attending such school; and

WHEREAS, appropriate signs giving notice of such closure must be posted along the affected street;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 21102 of the California Vehicle Code, the City Council finds that it is necessary to close Court Street, between N. Union Avenue and Belmont Avenue, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, to allow for the safe passage of students crossing Court Street from Our Lady of Loretto Elementary School class rooms to the school's adjacent playground area;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Our Lady of Loretto Elementary School be required to install appropriate barriers for the above closure, subject to the approval of the Department of Transportation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that barriers shall be placed so that access to nearby commercial and residential properties is minimally impacted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Our Lady of Loretto Elementary School be required to obtain any necessary permits relative to school-related street closures;

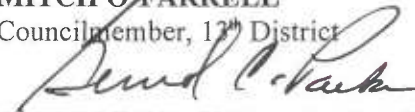
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation be instructed to post such signs necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

PRESENTED BY:


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