

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: August 1, 2017

To: The Honorable City Council, City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Seleta J. Reynolds, General Manager
Department of Transportation

Subject: **EXPANSION OF OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT NO. 556 IN THE EAST HOLLYWOOD
AREA OF COUNCIL DISTRICT 13**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) recommends the expansion of Overnight Parking District (OPD) No. 556 in the East Hollywood Area of Council District (CD) 13.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FIND that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) should have the primary responsibility for the enforcement of the authorized restriction in OPD No. 556, with support from LADOT Parking Enforcement, since the reported problems involve criminal activity.
2. FIND that the expansion of this OPD is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, under Article III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
3. ADOPT the attached Resolution, pursuant to Section 80.54 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), expanding OPD No. 556 to include the following blocks:
 - a. Kingsley Drive between Santa Monica Boulevard and Romaine Street
 - b. Ardmore Avenue between Santa Monica and Romaine Street
4. AUTHORIZE the "NO PARKING, 2 AM TO 6 AM; DISTRICT NO. 556 PERMITS EXEMPT" restriction for use on both sides of the residential portions of the blocks set forth in Recommendation No. 3, except where parking is already prohibited for traffic flow or public safety.
5. INSTRUCT the LADOT to initiate the necessary procedures to prepare, issue, and collect payments for overnight parking permits from the residents within the boundaries of OPD No. 556, as specified in Section 80.54 of the LAMC.
6. DIRECT the LADOT, upon City Council adoption of the Resolution expanding the District, to post or remove the authorized parking restrictions upon written instructions from the Council Office.

BACKGROUND

The expansion of OPD No. 556, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.54, is exempt from the CEQA as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, under Article III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

The City Council has the authority, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.54, to expand by resolution, parking districts with the appropriate boundaries and authorize parking restrictions to be in effect on the streets thereof between 2 AM and 6 AM. The resolution establishing an OPD shall state the maximum number and type of Overnight Parking Permits that may be issued to any one dwelling. The resolution shall also establish the fee charged for each type of OPD.

DISCUSSION

On February 22, 2017, LADOT received a letter from Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell requesting the expansion of OPD No. 556 to include the blocks enumerated in Recommendation No. 3 above. Additionally, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell submitted a letter dated April 7, 2017, from LAPD Captain Cory Palka in support of the expansion of the OPD to include the aforementioned blocks. The letters from both Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell and LAPD Captain Cory Palka indicate that the area is facing the challenges of homeless encampments and criminal activities such as burglary, prostitution, and illegal dumping that stem from the overnight parking of vehicles by non-residents.

COORDINATION

Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell and the LAPD, in consultation with LADOT, concluded that an OPD which limits parking by non-residents between 2 AM and 6 AM is the best solution available at this time to provide relief to the residents.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Revenue from the sale of permits will cover the cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing OPD No. 556. Additionally, violations of the posted parking restrictions may result in citation fines deposited into the General Fund.

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Attachments:

- Resolution
- OPD MAP
- Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell Letter
- LAPD Letter

RESOLUTION

EXPANSION OF OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT NO. 556 IN THE EAST HOLLYWOOD AREA OF COUNCIL DISTRICT 13

WHEREAS, the establishment of an Overnight Parking District (OPD) is an effective tool to address a variety of public safety and public welfare issues associated with non-resident vehicles that are parked overnight in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the residents located on Kingsley Drive between Santa Monica Boulevard and Romaine Street, and Ardmore Avenue between Santa Monica Boulevard and Romaine Street are facing the challenges of homeless encampments and criminal activities such as burglary, prostitution, and illegal dumping in their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell submitted a letter on February 22, 2017, to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) requesting the expansion of OPD No. 556; and

WHEREAS, LADOT received a letter from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) dated April 7, 2017, requesting the expansion of OPD No. 556; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.54 provides for the establishment of OPD No. 556, which will be expanded to include the residential portions of the following streets in the City of Los Angeles:

- a. Kingsley Drive between Santa Monica Boulevard and Romaine Street
- b. Ardmore Avenue between Santa Monica Boulevard and Romaine Street

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.54, hereby expands OPD No. 556 to include the residential portions of both sides of:

- a. Kingsley Drive between Santa Monica Boulevard and Romaine Street
- b. Ardmore Avenue between Santa Monica Boulevard and Romaine Street

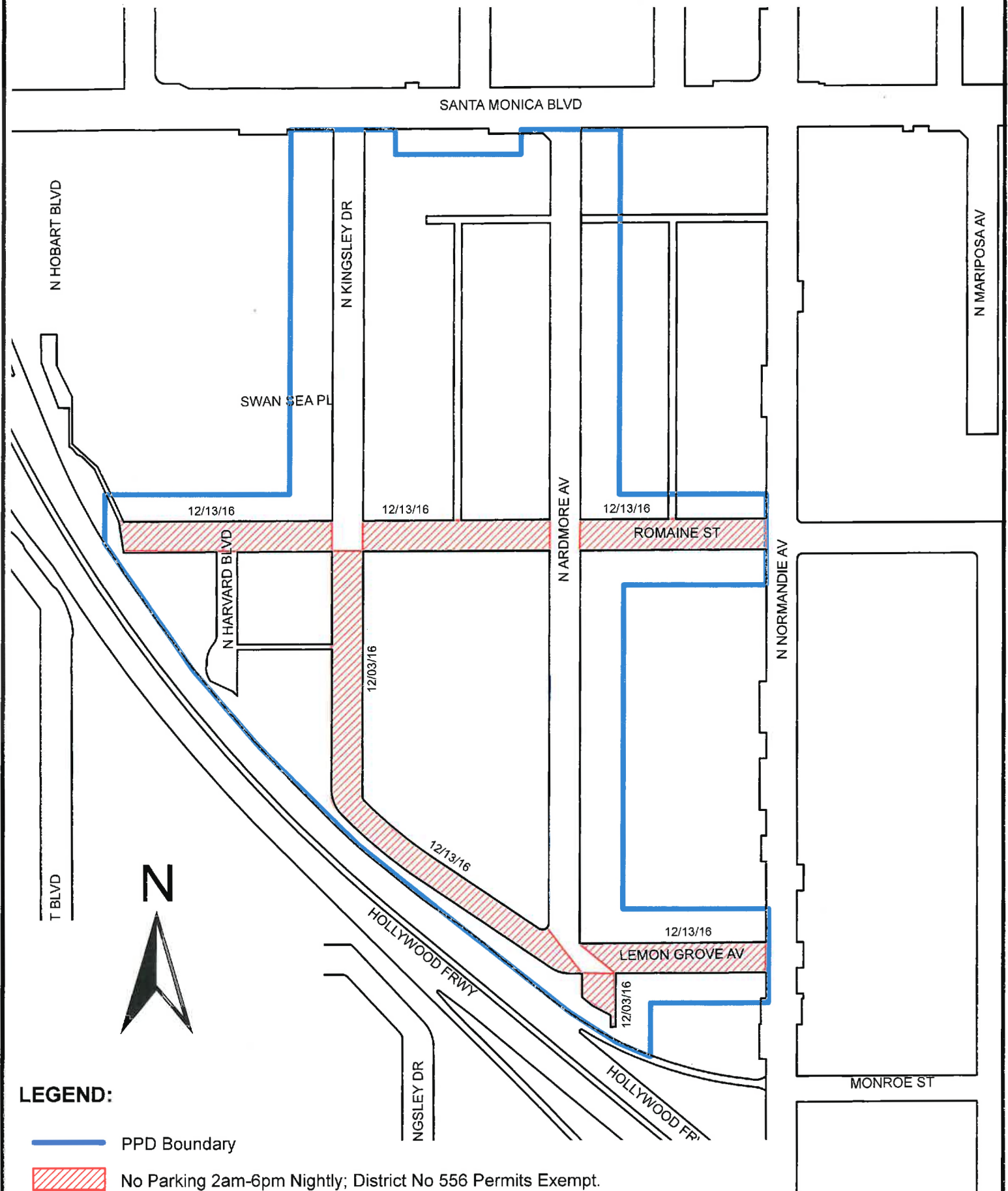
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the expansion of OPD No. 556 through the adoption of this Resolution, that LADOT be authorized to post or remove the "NO PARKING, 2 AM TO 6 AM; DISTRICT NO. 556 PERMITS EXEMPT" restriction on all street segments within OPD No. 556, where parking is not already prohibited for traffic or safety reasons, without further action by the City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LADOT be directed to take appropriate steps to prepare, issue, and require payments for permits from the residents of OPD No. 556 in accordance with LAMC, and Rules and Procedures adopted by the City Council for OPDs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LAPD shall have primary responsibility for enforcement of the authorized "NO PARKING, 2 AM TO 6 AM; DISTRICT NO. 556 PERMITS EXEMPT" restriction in OPD No. 556, with support from LADOT Parking Enforcement.

OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT NO. 556

COUNCIL DISTRICT 13





MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember
13th District

February 22, 2017

Ms. Seleta Reynolds
City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation
100 S. Main Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, CA, 90012

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

Last year, the Department of Transportation created Overnight Parking District #556 in order to help residents in the area and the City to address the parking, nuisance, and crime issues stemming from non-residents using these streets to park and live in their vans and RVs. This activity had attracted crime and blight in the area, and on-street parking was also being taken away from residents.

My office is now working with LAPD and residents of streets just outside of OPD #556 boundaries to address issues similar to the aforementioned on their blocks, and also alleviate their on-street parking problems.

Therefore, I am requesting that an expansion be made to Overnight Parking District #556 to include the following streets:

- Kingsley Drive, between Santa Monica Boulevard and Romaine Street
- Ardmore Avenue, between Santa Monica Boulevard and Romaine Street

I also request that the following parking restrictions be used on both sides of these streets, pending the submission of valid petition forms in accordance with City of Los Angeles rules and procedures:

"No Parking, 2AM to 6AM, Vehicles with District No. 556 Permit Exempt."

I understand that these restrictions will not be posted on any of the streets until the residents of each have submitted valid petition forms for their respective block. I request that the Department of Transportation proceed with the process of establishing this expansion to OPD #556. If you have any questions, please contact Aram Taslagyan of my staff at (213) 207-3015

With kind regards,

MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District
City of Los Angeles

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April 7, 2017

Ms. Seleta Reynolds
City of Los Angeles
Department of Transportation
100 South Main Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

I would like to express my support for the residents in the area of Kingsley between Santa Monica and Romaine; Ardmore between Santa Monica and Romaine; Normandie between Santa Monica and Romaine, in their efforts to obtain restricted overnight parking between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

During the past few years, there have been several crime reported incidents in this area including narcotics, illegal dumping, homeless encampments, people living in their vehicles, burglary from motor vehicles and prostitution activities. The installation of this restricted parking would not compromise police operations and would help curtail future incidents. It is the desire of the Los Angeles Police Department to support this endeavor which will have a positive impact on public safety in the surrounding community.

Thank you for considering this important public safety request. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Senior Lead Officer Brenda Ramirez, Hollywood Community Relations Office, at (323) 871-4068.

Very truly yours,

CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

CORY PALKA, Captain
Commanding Officer
Hollywood Area