

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the expansion of Overnight Parking District (OPD) No. 556 in East Hollywood near the 101 Freeway.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the expansion of OPD No. 556, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.54, 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.
2. FIND that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) should have the primary responsibility for the enforcement of the authorized restrictions in OPD No. 556, with support from the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Parking Enforcement, since the reported problems involve criminal activity.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.54, 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 permit sales to all residents of OPD No. 556 where posted signs allow parking by permit.
5. AUTHORIZE the NO PARKING, 2 AM to 6 AM; DISTRICT NO. 556 PERMITS EXEMPT parking restriction for use on both sides of the residential portions of the blocks set forth above in Recommendation No. 3, except where parking is already prohibited for traffic flow or for public safety.
6. INSTRUCT the LADOT to initiate the necessary procedures to prepare, issue and collect payments for Overnight Parking Permits from the residents of OPD No. 556 in accordance with LAMC Section 80.54 each per year.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that 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 in the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 9, 2017, your Committee considered an August 1, 2017 LADOT report and Resolution relative to the expansion of OPD No. 556 in East Hollywood near the 101 Freeway in Council District 13. According to the LADOT, on February 22, 2017, the 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 O'Farrell and Captain 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. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the expansion of OPD No. 556 as detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted for Council consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

MARTINEZ: YES

KORETZ: ABSENT

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