

Communication from Public

Name: Craig Rich

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Council File No: 23-0914

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Councilmembers, I am writing in reference to the consistently worsening situation of parked RVs and oversized vehicles, and unhoused occupants taking up significant space outside of Westside Neighborhood School (WNS). WNS is a regionally and nationally accredited preschool - 8th grade school serving 580 children aged 2.5 - 14 years old. WNS students travel to the tri-campus location from 50+ zip codes across Los Angeles. Over the past years, there has been an increasing influx of RVs in our campus surroundings, which pose a threat not only to WNS's day-to-day operations, but most concerning to the school's collective safety and environmental health. Threats include the accumulation of waste, hazardous materials, unpleasant odors, drug-use, solicitation, and disturbances. In accordance with the school's conditional use permit (CUP), enrolled families must drop students off at school by coming down Alla Road to Coral Tree Place, which is exactly where the RVs are parked. This is exposing the children to the above mentioned activities but also poses a risk to road safety as the vehicles occupy a significant portion of the street exactly where the carline forms. Individuals residing in these RVs have, at times, acted aggressively towards our students and parents as they slowly drive by in the morning and afternoon carline. I have personally written numerous times to past CD11 administration about this problem and was assured that actions were to be taken and follow up on. Only afterward finding that promise to be mostly empty as the only action seemed to be erecting restricted parking signage which, upon calling LADOT to request enforcement for observed violations I found are not actually being regularly enforced. All this effort was in response to numerous incidents observed in the daily commute to school, some as severe as as an RV which was consumed completely destroyed by a fire (see attached image), an individual (presumably an RV occupant) who died on the sidewalk, a break in at the school (presumably by occupants of these RVs), observed power extension cords laid across the street such that cars had to drive over them (presumably to share power from gasoline powered generators) , an individual rapidly spray painting a bicycle (which seemed suspicious), etc. I've also heard of second hand reports from fellow parents about aggressive behavior from RV occupants directed toward parents, and open

exchange/consumption of narcotics. All completely unacceptable given the proximity to the school and regular observation of these events by children on their way to/from school. With the RVs adjacent to an educational institution that is open year-round, there is an ongoing quality of life concern for both the WNS community and the occupants in the RVs, as this current situation is substandard for everyone. We also recognize that the individuals dwelling in the RVs adjacent to the school are not getting the services they need, and we want to explicitly voice our concern and support for their needs. I support this motion that offers a sensible solution to have the RVs in designated areas, where the occupants can access the resources and services that they need, while WNS can also provide a safe and healthy environment for our students, faculty, and staff. Yours sincerely,
Craig Rich



This is a school

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Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter. Thank you.



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Re: Council File 23-0914

Motion of Councilwoman TRACI PARK that would restrict oversize vehicle dwelling in residential areas, commercial corridors and other sensitives uses

Honorable Councilmembers:

I am writing you about the consistently worsening situation of parked RVs and oversized vehicles, and unhoused occupants taking up significant space outside of Westside Neighborhood School (WNS). WNS is a regionally and nationally accredited preschool – 8th grade school servicing 650 children aged 2.5 – 14 years old. WNS students travel to the tri-campus location from 50+ zip codes across Los Angeles.

Over the past years, there has been an increasing influx of RVs in our campus surroundings, which pose a threat not only to WNS's day-to-day operations, but even more concerningly to the school's collective safety and environmental health. Threats include the accumulation of waste, hazardous materials, unpleasant odors, drug-use, solicitation, and disturbances.

In accordance with the school's conditional use permit (CUP), enrolled families must drop students off at school by coming down Alla Road to Coral Tree Place, which is exactly where the RVs are parked. This is exposing the children to the above-mentioned activities but also poses a risk to road safety as the vehicles occupy a significant portion of the street exactly where the carline forms. Individuals residing in these RVs have, at times, acted aggressively towards our students and parents as they slowly drive by in the morning and afternoon carline.

With the RVs adjacent to an educational institution that is open year-around, there is an ongoing quality of life concern for both the WNS community and the occupants in the RVs, as this current situation is substandard for everyone. We also recognize that the individuals dwelling in the RVs adjacent to the school are not getting the services they need, and we want to explicitly voice our concern and support for their needs.

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I support the motion presented by Councilwoman TRACI PARK that offers a sensible solution to have the RVs in designated areas, where the occupants can access the resources and services that they need, while WNS can also provide a safe and healthy environment for our students, faculty, and staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

I. David Small