

Communication from Public

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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 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 abovementioned 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. Last year alone, there was a fire during school hours, a broken window into the school, and a deceased body on the sidewalk during morning drop-off. This is trauma-inducing. Just a few weeks ago, we drove by an individual on the sidewalk with a knife under their hand. A child should not have to see this, nor worry about what could happen. 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, and WNS can also provide a safe and healthy environment for our students, faculty, and staff. Yours sincerely, Natalie Myers



Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The intent of this motion is to hide away unhoused homeless and their vehicles ?? n industrial zones away from neighborhoods where they have access to resources including supportive housed neighbors, work opportunities and social services that they need and rely on. This is inhumane, wrong headed and will not work. . There are plenty of public parking lots in tge neighborhoods where unhoused currently park their vehicles that should be utilized instead. And in any event, no unhoused person should be encouraged/coerced to give up their vehicle until they are guaranteed permanent housing not just a temporary hotel voucher or a bed in a shelter. Please give unhoused Los Angeles residents the same consideration you extend to housed Angelenos and advance solutions that work for everyone.