

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I am writing in SUPPORT of this motion as a parent and witness to the consistently worsening situation of RV/vehicles dwellers lining the street leading into my child's school, Westside Neighborhood School (WNS). WNS is located in Playa Vista and serves 580 children aged 2.5 - 14 years old. Over the past few years, there has been a consistently increasing influx of RV and vehicles dwellers surrounding the campus which have created a very unsafe and untenable environment for the students and families. Last year a vehicle dweller overdosed and died on the sidewalk within 50-100 feet of the school and students had to drive and walk past his covered body on their way into school. A week later one of the RVs parked within 50-100 feet of the school exploded into a fireball of flames and could have seriously injured or killed somebody walking or driving by. A few months later a brick was thrown through my sons's classroom window and one of the vehicle dwellers attacked a parent's car while they were waiting in the carpool line. The RV dwellers have demonstrated that they do not care to follow city rules and common decency, continuously dumping trash, drug paraphernalia, hazardous materials, and human waste into streets surrounding the school. Also, we've had to deal with menacing behavior, solicitation, nudity, public urination/defecation, drug use, people passed out on the sidewalk, creepy dolls lining the sidewalk, a man wearing devil horns sitting in a lawn chair glaring at parents and kids during drop off.... you name it, we've probably seen it. This situation consistently affects WNS's day-to-day operations, but even more concerning, it impacts the children's collective safety and the environmental health of the neighborhood. 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/vehicles are illegally parked. 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. Lastly, I am not asking for only WNS specifically to be granted protection, but all schools public and private, parks and other sensitive areas where children, seniors or people living with disabilities are negatively impacted. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my comment.

