

Communication from Public

Name: GLASSELL PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
Date Submitted: 04/30/2026 09:56 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please read and consider the attached letter from the Glassell Park Improvement Association regarding Kinney Street improvements. Thank you.

30 April 2026

Budget and Finance Committee
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012



Re: Kinney Street

Dear Committee members:

The Glassell Park Improvement Association (GPIA) has, since 2010, advocated to correct the serious structural issues with Kinney Street. Since then, many more homes have been built, and many lots are still ready for infill. Vehicle traffic on Kinney Street, narrow and dangerous as it is, increases every year.

The hillsides of Glassell Park exist within a High Fire Severity Hazard Zone with limited ingress/egress points to evacuate and/or enter in an emergency. Kinney Street is one of only three access routes for our hills. Kinney is a substandard hillside street with crumbling infrastructure and a steeply sloped, hairpin turn that has recorded dozens of cement spills, flipped trucks, vehicle accidents and wedged trucks. There are sections of Kinney Street that are just 9' wide, allowing only one car -not to mention emergency vehicle- into and out of the hillside. Those who drive the narrow hillside streets surrounding Kinney Street attest to how many choke points and bottlenecks exist.

At the urging of the GPIA, former CD1 Councilmember Gil Cedillo brought a motion to address the Kinney Street issues in April 2017. It passed, and, as a result the street's problems were assessed and plans were drawn.

In early 2022, BOE issued a Project Information Report explaining the scope of work for Kinney Street improvements between Crestmoore Place and Lavell Drive. When it was in the design phase the project construction cost was estimated at \$2,500,000 and the expected duration for construction from 9/17/2022 to 3/31/2023. As happens, work did not begin in 2022 and two seasons of heavy rain exacerbated the structural decline resulting in emergency status for the upper section of Kinney Street.

As a result, the Kinney Street project was divided into Two Phases that split the scope of the work. Phase One, the upper section called the "emergency phase", a slightly less complicated (but deemed more necessary) section of Kinney improvements, took precedence and was completed in late 2025. While appreciated, the work to repair the "emergency" section did nothing to correct the original concerns. Kinney Street still requires structural correction to enable residents and emergency vehicles & personnel safe access.

The funds for Phase Two, the original project, were completely left out of the 2025-2026 budget. The funds are currently also left out of the mayor's proposed 2026-2027 budget. Our Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez (CD1) supports funding the project in this budget. Last year's wildfires point to how critical to our community's safety this project is. It is imperative that the Kinney Street improvements are funded in this budget and the roadway improvement is completed within the budget period. Please add funding for the Kinney Street project to the City's 2026-2027 budget.

Sincerely,

Bill Curtis
President, GPIA

Founded in 1968, the Glassell Park Improvement Association's (GPIA) mission is to improve the quality of life for the Glassell Park community.

To that end, GPIA identifies community needs, advocates with political entities, initiates infrastructure improvements, and implements community beautification programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Sophia Gottfried

Date Submitted: 04/30/2026 11:02 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Sophia Gottfried and I'm a constituent in Mar Vista. I'm calling to ask the Councilmember to vote to restore full funding for the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL is the only structured outside time most LA shelter dogs ever get, and the Department's own interim GM has warned that cutting it will increase bite risk to staff, volunteers, and visitors. Please vote to restore this funding before the Committee report on May 15. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Rosy Argueta

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:03 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern; Hello! My name is Rosy Argueta a fellow US citizen who is born and Raised in California. I urge you to keep funding Programs like Camp who Spay and Neuter. This funding is to prevent unwanted litters, animal overpopulation, less risks of cancer, and behavioral issues. It's for healthier lives for animals. This also helps with overpopulation, which will keep less animals in Animal Shelters. I'm a volunteer at East Valley Animal Shelter and it's heart breaking to see animals alone, stressed, without a family to love and cuddle them. We can't fail Animals any longer. They need a fair chance. Thank you for understanding and keeping our voices heard.

Communication from Public

Name: Carmit Bachar

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:14 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Member, I am a home owner, tax payer and resident of Los Angeles. I am extremely concerned and strongly opposed to the proposal to cut funding for Dogs Playing For Life contract at our animal shelters. Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day — no walks, no play, no joy. Playgroups are how LAAS learns the most important thing about every dog: how they behave with other dogs. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85B budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6budget. Don't let it lapse July 1st

Communication from Public

Name: Jassenia Gonzalez
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:29 PM
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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/29/2026 09:55 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider lowering taxes on new construction, so we can have more affordable housing. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Castaned
Date Submitted: 04/29/2026 01:59 PM
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Communication from Public

Name: Victor Heights Residents Group

Date Submitted: 04/29/2026 07:09 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Proposal to the Los Angeles City Council Public Safety, Traffic Control, and Neighborhood Preservation Measures for Victor Heights (90012) Submitted on behalf of residents of the Victor Heights community, Los Angeles, California Executive Summary This proposal requests immediate review and implementation of immediate targeted public safety and traffic control measures within the Victor Heights neighborhood (ZIP Code 90012), specifically along: • Figueroa Terrace • White Knoll Drive • Beaudry Avenue • Centennial Street • W College Street • N Marview Ave • Everett Residents have experienced increasing concerns related to unauthorized through-traffic, speeding, loitering, public disturbances, unsafe pedestrian conditions, and declining neighborhood security. On any given day, increasing in frequency across Friday to Monday, we experience around 40-200 non-residents PER DAY along Figueroa Terrace and the surrounding roads (tourists, locals from other areas, Dodgers fans and large groups of people) who are: • Standing in the road taking photos and videos and obstructing traffic at intersections • agitating or intimidating residents • urinating and defecating private property • playing music or partying until 4am • underage drinking • drug use • vandalising • graffitiing property • lighting fireworks under cars or near cars • drag racing cars and speeding • using Victor Heights as a through road to escape Dodgers traffic • double parking and blocking oncoming traffic at a blind intersection with their cars • parking illegally over people's driveways These issues negatively affect the quality of life, public safety, and residential character of the area. In the past year, the online virality of the pictures and videos of the view along Fig Terr, long enjoyed by residents, many of whom have been in the area for generations, has been reduced to a tourist spot that is not monitored. People are spilling onto private property to access the view. They are not locals – they do not treat our community with respect and consistently leave trash, damage property, play loud music into the early hours (4am+) and refuse to move on when politely asked by residents. Police records will show (and around 400-600 calls per month according to the Fire Department as reported at the China Town and Victor Heights local council meeting April 27th 2026) that residents have called the LAPD and sent emails and texts to Officer Kellogg and his associates for over

two years, and two years ago petitioned for speed bumps, which were denied. Although in the past two months we've been experiencing faster call times - as issues have escalated with the drag racing and large groups - nothing in terms of prevention has been implemented. Other areas around Echo Park and Dodgers Stadium are protected by "Local Traffic Only" signage during games, we are not. Other areas are protected by parking restrictions and no loitering and speed limits and traffic control (such as in Angelino Heights around Bob's Market) - we are not. Residents have taken to using cones to protect their parking and property, using noise deterrents and calling 911/311 frequently. To address these concerns, we respectfully request the Los Angeles City Council and relevant City Departments consider and implement the following: 1. Pre-Prosecution Diversion (PPD) and public disorder enforcement 2. Designation of No Loitering Zones 3. No Through Road / Local Traffic Only signage 4. Residents Only parking or restricted access zones where applicable 5. Speed bumps, speed cushions, or other traffic calming controls 6. Enhanced code enforcement and neighborhood patrol presence A full breakdown of the proposal is attached.

Proposal to the Los Angeles City Council

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Submitted on behalf of residents of the Victor Heights community, Los Angeles, California

Executive Summary

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- Everett

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- **agitating or intimidating residents**
- **urinating and defecating private property**
- **playing music or partying until 4am**
- **underage drinking**
- **drug use**
- **vandalising**
- **graffitiing property**
- **lighting fireworks under cars or near cars**
- **drag racing cars and speeding**
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- **parking illegally over people's driveways**

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Background and Community Concerns

Residents have documented concerns including:

- Vehicles using neighborhood streets as shortcuts to bypass major roads
- Excessive speeding on narrow residential roads
- Non-residents loitering in public and semi-private spaces
- Illegal parking and congestion
- Public nuisance activities affecting families and children

- Reduced pedestrian safety due to traffic volume and speed
- Difficulty preserving the neighborhood's residential integrity
- Destruction of private property
- Littering
- Loitering

These conditions create unnecessary risks for residents and undermine the intended use of these streets as safe, community-oriented residential corridors.

Requested Actions

1. Public Disorder Prevention / Public Disorder Enforcement Measures

We request coordinated enforcement strategies to address recurring public nuisance behavior, including disturbances, unlawful gatherings, and activities that compromise neighborhood safety.

This includes:

- Increased patrol visibility
- Rapid response protocols for resident complaints
- Coordination between LAPD, sanitation, and code enforcement agencies
- Data-driven identification of repeat problem areas

A structured Public Disorder Prevention approach would improve accountability and responsiveness in the neighborhood.

2. Designation and Enforcement of No Loitering Zones

Residents request formal No Loitering Zone designation in high-impact areas where repeated non-resident gatherings interfere with public safety and access.

Targeted signage and enforceable restrictions would help deter prolonged unauthorized occupation of sidewalks, curbs, and residential frontage areas.

This measure is intended to reduce nuisance behavior while preserving lawful pedestrian access.

3. No Through Road / Local Traffic Only Signage

Victor Heights' residential streets are increasingly used as cut-through routes for commuters and rideshare traffic.

We request installation of:

- “No Through Traffic” signage
- “Local Traffic Only” signage – permanent!
- Directional restrictions where feasible

These signs would discourage unnecessary external traffic and preserve the streets for neighborhood use.

4. Residents Only Zones

Informal discussion amongst residents relating to parking enforcement suggests we would be able to meet the 75% resident agreement for parking permit enforcement, avoiding the lower half of Centennial Street, Alpine Street so local independent businesses are not impacted. There is an entire, unused parking structure at the bottom of our community that was used for the Los Feliz flea, that could be repurposed for non-local parking by the numerous local businesses (Morihiro, Bakers Bench, Heavy Water, Eastside Deli, Cassell’s Hamburgers, Baby Bistro and The Estate Tattoo). To address parking congestion and unauthorized use of residential areas, we request feasibility studies for:

- Residents Only parking permits (PPD)
- Restricted parking windows, especially at night
- Controlled access measures in especially impacted segments

These policies would prioritize resident access and reduce neighborhood overflow from nearby commercial or event-related traffic.

5. Speed Bumps / Speed Controls

Traffic calming measures are urgently needed due to repeated speeding complaints.

We request evaluation and installation of:

- Speed bumps along Figueroa Terrace
- Chokers along the hills (Beaudry, White Knoll and Centennial)

Priority corridors include:

- Figueroa Terrace
- White Knoll Drive
- Beaudry Avenue
- Centennial Street
- W College Street
- New Depot Street

These interventions would significantly improve pedestrian and driver safety.

Request for Immediate Review

We respectfully request that the Los Angeles City Council initiate a coordinated review with:

- Los Angeles City Council
- Los Angeles Department of Transportation
- Los Angeles Police Department
- Bureau of Street Services

to assess conditions in Victor Heights and develop an actionable implementation

Victor Heights residents are committed to preserving the safety, livability, and residential integrity of their neighborhood. The requested measures are practical, targeted, and necessary to address current conditions before they worsen.

We urge the City to prioritize these concerns and work collaboratively with residents toward sustainable, enforceable solutions.

Submitted by:
Victor Heights Residents and Community Stakeholders
Los Angeles, California 90012

Communication from Public

Name: Erica Rios

Date Submitted: 04/29/2026 08:42 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Erica Rios, and I work for ACE. I am asking that you protect and increase funding for GRYD and Community Violence Intervention programs. This funding matters to me because these programs are proven to reduce violence, support healing, and create safer communities. I've seen how investing in prevention and intervention provides young people and families with real opportunities, resources, and hope. When we fund GRYD and CVI, we are choosing solutions that address the root causes of violence rather than just responding after harm has occurred. For these reasons, I ask you to protect and increase funding for CVI to continue saving lives.

Communication from Public

Name: Brooke
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 08:21 AM
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[Your neighborhood]

Communication from Public

Name: laurel
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 11:51 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget.
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Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 12:29 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Katy Lowey
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:02 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please keep the budget and increasing it, for the animal playgrounds. The only time and space they have outside and able to socialize!

Communication from Public

Name: Christina

Date Submitted: 04/30/2026 01:38 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: RE: SHORT TERM RENTALS During your conversation with CITY PLANNING Department, you asked about people using their HOMES as RENTALS. You should talk to OFFICE OF FINANCE. They do business registrations, which include home rentals....

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Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Robinson

Date Submitted: 04/30/2026 02:08 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Lauren Robinson and I'm a constituent in CD5. I am writing as your constituent to urge you to fully restore our city's canine enrichment contract with Dogs Playing for Life. Without it, we cannot be a humane LA. This isn't just about the animals — it's about who we are. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/30/2026 03:15 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: this Safe Parking program does more harm than good. i was a participant, they do everything to keep you homeless and parking in their lots.a caseworker told me they get more funding per car ,they want no one to leave.wont let you get outside help from other organizations despite my caseworkers being rude and doing nothing. this holds people back from getting the real help they need

Communication from Public

Name: Christina
Date Submitted: 04/30/2026 03:35 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: CARE PLUS OPERATIONS Encourage Public Works, SANITATION to include LAAS in planning.

Communication from Public

Name: Caitlin

Date Submitted: 04/30/2026 05:34 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose cuts to LA Animal Services. Restore the Animal Food account, Medical Supplies, enrichment funding, and eliminated positions. Restore LAAS to at least the FY 2023-24 level of \$31.7 million. Donations cannot be the line item that pays for dog food. Outside grants should supplement public funding — not replace it. This is insane- the shelter system and animals are already in crisis. This change is just cruel.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Ventura
Date Submitted: 04/30/2026 06:08 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Formal Request for the full funding for all spay/ neuter services and vouchers. Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I want it to be known that I am urging you to please take action towards the funding of all spay and neuter programs and services in the City of Los Angeles. The funding should go to the free voucher programs for pets and low-income families, but it is just as important to fund the services that care for the feral population. We need a fully funded Citywide Cat Program, no-kill shelters, and mobile clinics. Not just for dogs and cats but for rabbits as well. You need to do your part not just for low-income families but for the community strays who have no choice but to live amongst us. This is our responsibility as much as yours. When low-income families cannot afford spays or neuters or lack the resources and time to get a city voucher, many will opt for the decision to release their pet into the street. This happens a lot more with cats, and it is not that they are the problem. The problem starts with lack of funding for systems and organizations already trying to do their part but cannot meet the demands relying solely on donations. This is a citywide issue that needs more attention and humane resolution. In the long run you will be seeing less crowding in animal shelters, less abandoned suffering strays, and less frustrated humans. Please fully fund the voucher program, Los Angeles is not just for humans. Sincerely, Melissa Ventura 90017 District 1 Resident

Communication from Public

Name: Sherri Bell

Date Submitted: 04/30/2026 12:13 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, Council Members. My name is Sherri Bell and I'm a long time member of the Los Angeles Black Worker Center. We have done the work. We developed recommendations to modernize hiring, expand access to good union jobs, build real career pathways, and ensure accountability across the city workforce. These recommendations were unanimously advanced by the Charter Reform Commission. And now, they are stalled. Not because they are controversial. Not because they are incomplete. But because we cannot get through meet-and-confer. Justice delayed is justice denied. And our conditions are already hard enough we are in a humanitarian crisis for Black Angelenos and Californians when it comes to unemployment. In Los Angeles County, Black workers face unemployment rates higher than our share of the population. Yet too often, it feels like we are being asked to beg for basic human decency. Let's be clear moving these recommendations forward is not a silver bullet to end racism. This is just a start to create equitable conditions for all Angelenos. If this process does not move, these reforms will quietly die and the same barriers will remain. We are asking you to prevent that outcome. Direct the EERC to instruct unions to meet and confer so this work can move forward. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Liz Murry

Date Submitted: 04/30/2026 10:11 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My concern is for the city of Wilmington which is in need of sidewalk repairs due to overgrowth of the city ficus trees and roots. The city ficus trees are overgrown which leads to the roots of the tree to buckle the sidewalks. And the branches are so high the tree towers over the houses. Please consider a time schedule to keep trees at a decent growth and possibly plant another type of tree that is not as abrasive as the ficus tree. Thank you.

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Name: Chris

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