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Dear Councilman Blumenfield and Mrs. Abramian:

The staff of the Los Angeles 3rd Council District has requested the following letter from the Los Angeles Police Department, requesting restricted parking signs on Clarendon Street between Comercio Way and Peralta Avenue in Woodland Hills. The request is to replace "No Parking 11 PM-5 AM" with "No Overnight Parking/Tow-Away 11 PM-5 AM" restricted parking signs on Clarendon Street between Peralta Avenue and Comercio Way.

The Los Angeles Police Department has provided Los Angeles City Council District Councilmember's Office with the necessary criminal/nuisance activities to articulate the need for the area to be posted with 41.18(c) LAMC; establishing signage preventing persons from camping in a public area. The location identified for the 41.18(c) LAMC posting will also protect those frequenting encampments at this location from persistent exposure to lead and other carcinogens caused by the heavy traffic conditions on the 101 Freeway. It also guards against occupants of the encampments from being struck by vehicles veering off the freeway as indicated by the Honorable Federal Court Judge Carter's 'Alliance for Human Rights vs. City of Los Angeles' court ruling, Case# 2;20-CV-02291-DOC.

There have been four violent crimes committed as a result of the encampments and/or occupants of the encampments located at Clarendon Street and Alhama Street including an Assault with a

Deadly Weapon, two Brandishing of Weapons and a Robbery. The below is a list of additional crimes/arrests have occurred within and/or proximity of the encampments on Clarendon Street since July 7, 2021:

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| • July 7, 2021 | Stolen Vehicle | DR#21-2111691 |
| • December 12, 2021 | Attempted Stolen Vehicle Arrest | DR#21-2117485 |
| • January 12, 2022 | Attempted Stolen Arrest | DR#22-2104377 |
| • April 16, 2022 | Theft | DR#22-2108115 |
| • May 28, 2022 | Stolen Vehicle Recovered | DR#22-2109771 |
| • August 25, 2022 | Assault with a Deadly Weapon | DR#22-2100839 |
| • August 25, 2022 | Brandish Weapon (Firearm) | DR#22-2100840 |
| • October 2, 2022 | Robbery Arrest | DR#22-2114924 |
| • October 2, 2022 | Brandish Weapon | DR#22-2114925 |
| • October 26, 2022 | Multi-4 Narcotic Arrest | DR#22-2115888 |
| • November 15, 2022 | 41.18(a)(1) LAMC RFC | DR#22-2116794 |
| • November 15, 2022 | Burglary from Motor Vehicle | DR#22-2116692 |
| • November 25, 2022 | Burglary from Motor Vehicle | DR#22-2117107 |
| • November 25, 2022 | Burglary from Motor Vehicle | DR#22-2117110 |
| • January 1, 2023 | Stolen Vehicle Recovered | DR#23-1704193 |
| • January 10, 2023 | Multi-Narcotic Arrest | DR#23-2104316-20 |
| • January 18, 2023 | 41.18(b) LAMC RFC | DR#23-2104671 |
| • January 25, 2023 | 41.18(a)(1) LAMC RFC | DR#23-2104938 |
| • January 25, 2023 | 41.18(b) LAMC RFC | DR#23-2104937 |
| • January 25, 2023 | Tampering with Electric Utilities | DR#23-2105092 |
| • January 30, 2023 | Poss. of Methamphetamines Arrest | DR#23-2105052 |

The Los Angeles Police Department has provided Los Angeles City Council District Councilmember's Office with radio calls, criminal investigations, arrests and nuisance activities; to assist with articulating the need for the requested signs. The specific reason this location has caused the proliferation of criminal and/or nuisance activities is due to the street being poorly lit, the anonymity of being on the backside of numerous commercial properties and running parallel along the 101 Freeway. The 101 Freeway access gate locks along this corridor are consistently cut allowing illegal access to the freeway, California State property and allowing the adjacent freeway thoroughfare to be used for criminal/nuisance activities.

Based on similar community complaints, criminal and nuisance activities in the immediate area, it has been determined that parked vehicles during specific hours contributes to crime and quality of life issues in the surrounding community and seriously impacts the safety of the businesses and customers.

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The following location has been identified for “No Overnight Parking/Tow-Away 11 PM-5 AM” and 41.18(c)(2) LAMC postings:

- North/South curbs of Clarendon Street between Peralta Avenue and Comercio Way.
- East/West curbs of Comercio Way between Ventura Boulevard and Clarendon Street.

The request is for posted signage on the specific city streets that prohibits the stopping or parking of vehicles, when the unrestricted parking of vehicles creates a hazard or detrimentally affects the public welfare. Please accept this letter as a validation of such a condition and a means of resolving the community concerns and nuisance issues.

It is requested that the Department of Transportation authorize and install the requested restricted parking restrictions for this specific street.

It is requested that City Councilman Blumenfield submit a resolution requesting the 41.18(c) postings for the stretch of Clarendon Street.

If you have any questions, please contact Topanga Area Senior Lead Officer Dinse, at (818) 756-3076. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

MICHEL MOORE
Chief of Police



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