

**MOTION FOR PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE CITY ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS, RVS AND OVS ON:
(1) MARR STREET, (2) THE ROSE, 4th, INDIANA AND ELECTRIC NEIGHBORHOOD, (3)
WASHINGTON BLVD WEST OF ABBOT KINNEY ALL IN VENICE**

Whereas:

(1) For many months there have been conditions of severe homelessness and illegally parked RVs and OVs in Venice on: (1) Marr Street, (2) The Rose, 4TH, Indiana and Electric Neighborhood, (3) Washington Blvd West Of Abbot Kinney.

(2) The City has failed to remedy these conditions despite constant emails, phone calls and other communications from residents and businesses on those streets and neighborhoods even though it has the legal ability and resources to do that all as set forth with more particularity below:

Marr Street

Since before July 2024, the City has done nothing about the homeless on Marr Street caused by homeless campers, despite endless phone calls, emails and pleas from the people who live and work there.

Marr Street is largely hidden. It parallels Abbot Kinney, north of Washington Boulevard. The streets merge at a gas station and a mini mall at their south ends. Apartments border the east side of Marr near Washington. The Marina del Rey Liquor Mart and its parking lot border the west side of Marr also near Washington.

Since July, homeless campers have occupied the sidewalk between two of the apartments with a tent, mattresses, blankets and lots of junk. They defecate next to the areas they occupy, scream threats and obscenities all night and spread junk and trash. They threaten and intimidate the people who live and do business on Marr. The accompanying pictures were taken in December.

This has been going on despite an unending string of emails and phone calls from the residents to Traci Park's deputies and the LAPD.

On Dec. 20, one resident emailed the LAPD lead officer for Marr, Javier Ramirez: "I was told by another officer that you were the person to contact regarding a seemingly aggressive homeless man on my street (Marr). I have now called the police on him twice, and I am aware of two other neighbors who have also called the police....He screams profanities and threats at the top of his lungs all day and all night long...such as, 'shut the (expletive) up you (expletives)....I'm going to (expletive) you up if you don't shut up,..."

On Jan. 3, another resident emailed lead officer Javier Ramirez "...we've been listening to vulgar screaming almost every night and smelling and stepping in human feces." He's screaming most days and most nights. I've been asking for updates on city department

of sanitation coming out because the smell of urine and feces is horrendous and pretty sure there is diarrhea splatter and urine on the sidewalk right at the door of our gate.” On Jan. 4, the same resident described the unbearable conditions on Marr to lead officer Javier Ramirez and Traci Park’s deputies as follows: “I have sent videos to you with him screaming, ‘I have no problem killing you...’ These are the kinds of things he’s CONSTANTLY doing. This man is dangerous...it’s only a matter of time until he does something more than just scream...I have sent you multiple videos of this man screaming in the middle of the night, and openly screaming death threats.”

Despite these emails and calls, the City has done nothing, even though it has ample legal authority and assets to promptly remove the campers and their junk from Marr. The campers’ threats violate Penal Code sec. 422, which makes it illegal to threaten to kill or cause great bodily injury to another person:

The campers’ conduct is a nuisance under LAMC 91.9002, which states in relevant part: Any use of land that jeopardizes or adversely affects the public health, peace, or safety of persons residing...in the surrounding area; or has resulted in repeated nuisance activities, including, but not limited to, disturbances of the peace, illegal drug activity, public drunkenness, drinking in public, harassment of passersby, gambling, prostitution, sale of stolen goods, public urination, theft, assault, robbery, battery, acts of vandalism, loitering, excessive littering, illegal parking, excessive loud noises (especially in the late night or early morning hours), traffic violations, curfew violations, lewd conduct, or police detentions and arrests; or adversely impacts nearby uses.

Due to the prominent “No Trespassing” sign in the accompanying picture the campers are guilty of trespass under LAMC 41.24, which states:

“(a) No person shall enter or be present upon any private property or portion of private property not open to the general public without the consent of the owner, the owner’s agent, or the person in lawful possession, where signs forbidding entry are displayed...”

The campers are violating LAMC 41.18 which states:

“(a) No person shall obstruct a street, sidewalk, or other public right-of-way by sitting, lying or sleeping, or by storing, using, maintaining or placing personal property, in a manner that impedes passage, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-336, 104 Stat. 328 (1990), as amended from time to time.”

The accompanying pictures show the tent, mattresses and other junk occupy the entire sidewalk and passageways without leaving 3 feet of clearance.



LAMC 11.00 empowers the city to summarily abate these violations of law by removing the persons who camp there and their property. It states in relevant part:

“(l) In addition to any other remedy or penalty provided by this code, any violation of any provision of this code is declared to be a public nuisance and may be abated by the city or by the city attorney on behalf of the people of the state of California as a nuisance by means of a restraining order, injunction or any other order or judgment in law or equity issued by a court of competent jurisdiction. The city or the city attorney, on behalf of the people of the state of California, may seek injunctive relief to enjoin violations of, or to compel compliance with, the provisions of this code or seek any other relief or remedy available at law or equity.”

The City available beds for the people illegally camped on Marr. On Dec. 11, Los Angeles comptroller Kenneth Meija issued a report in which he found that one-quarter of the available beds for the homeless are going unused.

Thus, there is no reason why the City cannot immediately remove the junk, cite the campers, offer them beds and arrest and remove them from Marr if they refuse that offer. So far, the city has failed to do any of those things.

THE ROSE, 4th ,INDIANA AND ELECTRIC NEIGHBORHOOD.

The City ignores illegally parked vehicles on 4th, Indiana, and Electric in Venice. Residents on those streets have vigorously and continuously complained to the City, but the City does nothing.

White Bus On 4th And Rose

The white bus parked on 4th just south of Rose has been there unoccupied for years. The pictures below show It has 2021 expired license tags and is parked a few feet from three no parking signs .



For months neighbors near the bus have repeatedly and forcefully complained to the City about it. “This bus has been abandoned and it is being used as a storage ice for over almost two years.” (Nikolotta Scarlatos email to Juan Fregoso, Traci Park’s District Director.) “I walk down 4th Avenue past Rose on a daily basis and am stunned that a clearly abandoned bus is permitted to remain parked on the street for years now.” (12/24/24 Jodi Roth email to Traci Park) “[G]oogle street maps photo from TWO

YEARS AGO [CAPS in original] show... the bus in question where it is today.”
 (12/26/24 Andrew Gerngross email to Juan Fregoso, Traci Park district director, me
 and others)

Multiple sections of the Vehicle Code authorize the City to immediately tow bus.

Sec. 22651 states:

A peace officer...or a regularly employed...employee who is engaged
 in...enforcing parking laws and regulations of a city, ...in which a vehicle is
 located may remove a vehicle located within the territorial limits in which the
 officer or employee may act, under the following circumstances:

(j) If a vehicle is found illegally parked and there are no license plates or other
 evidence of registration displayed, the vehicle may be impounded...

(k) If a vehicle is parked or left standing upon a highway for 72 or more
 consecutive hours in violation of a local ordinance authorizing removal....

Sec.4000 states:

(a) (1) A person shall not... leave standing upon a highway, ...any motor
 vehicle...unless it is registered ...

The White Bus Spawns Vehicle Blight In The Neighborhood

The comments of the people who live in the neighborhood of the bus and the
 pictures below show the bus has spawned vehicle blight around it. Jodi Roth states in
 her 12/24/24 email to Traci Park and her staff. “ I am deeply concerned about the
 trajectory of our Venice neighborhood. ...Currently, a homeless person has set up a tent
 with all of their belongings blocking a street parking spot on the corner of Indiana & 4th.”
 (12/24/24 Jodi Roth email to Traci Park and staff.) The following pictures of vehicles
 on Indiana, 4th and Electric within a couple blocks of the bus evidence what Ms. Roth

says.



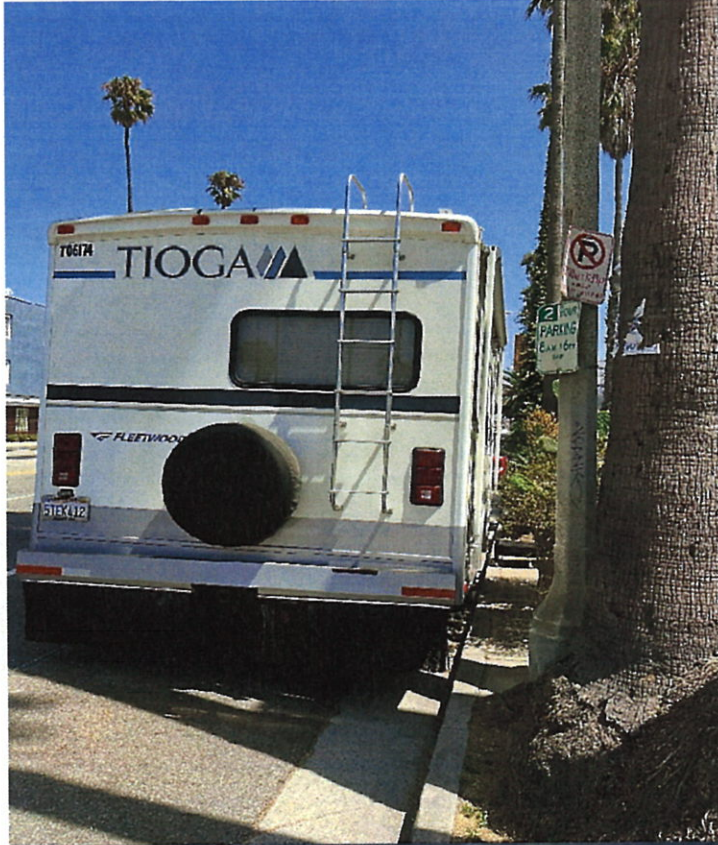
WASHINGTON BLVD WEST OF ABBOT KINNEY

RVs and Oversized Vehicles (“OVs”) line both sides of Washington Blvd. between Marr and Beach. This part of Washington is posted with signs which bar vehicles over 22’ long or 7’ high from parking there between 2am-6am.

Residents and the managers of 2 businesses on Washington (The Kinney near Marr and the Marina del Rey Qualify Cleaners across Washington from The Kinney.) claim the RVs and OVs are parked continuously in violation of all the above signs. 2 huge OVs parked in front of the Kinney have been there for 3-4 years. The residents complain the vehicles deprive the residents of parking for themselves and their guests. Various residents complain the vehicles’ generators create noise, their occupants dump trash and human waste in the gutters, enter private property for water, paint graffiti on utility poles, have short time visitors who apparently are dealing drugs and are an eyesore and impinge on the residents’ sense of privacy.

The following pictures confirm what the people on Washington say.





The City has extensive legal authority to remedy this problem. Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) sec. 80.69.4 makes it illegal to park oversized vehicles between 2-6am on streets with signs which bar such vehicles from parking there during those times.

Secs. 1, 2 and 3 of Los Angeles Ordinance 181413 authorize the CD 11 Councilperson by letter to direct the City Department of Transportation (DOT) to post

signs barring oversized vehicles from parking on streets designated in the letter between 2am - 6am California

Vehicle Code sec. 22651(k) authorizes peace officers to remove vehicles parked in excess of 72 hours on streets where local ordinances bar such parking and authorize removal. Los Angeles has those ordinances. LAMC 11(l) authorize the City to remove illegally parked vehicles because they violate City ordinances and, thereby, constitute nuisances.

Now Therefore:

The City should forthwith : (1) Aggressively ticket and remove all persons camping and all vehicles parked in violation of these provisions of law in Venice. (2) Continually meet and confer with residents and business owners in the affected neighborhoods to develop strategies and plans for doing that

Upon passage and finalization of this Motion , the Secretary of the Venice Neighborhood Council shall forthwith forward it to Councilperson Traci Park, the Mayor, the City Attorney and the City Administrative Officer.

Date:

Secretary of the Venice Neighborhood Council