



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Councilman Bill Rosendahl (Councilman.Rosendahl@lacity.org)
Captain Jon Peters, LAPD (Jon.Peters@lapd@lacity.org)
Jaime de la Vega, GM Department of Transportation (Jaime.delavega@lacity.org)

Dear Councilman Rosendahl, Captain Peters and Mr. De la Vega:

On June 19, 2012, the Venice Neighborhood Council passed the following motion:

MOTION: Write a letter to council office requesting DOT Off-Street Parking find an alternate solution to the request made by LAPD to remove landscaping from the visitor serving parking lot on Venice Blvd. (commonly referred to as LA City Lot 701 and 731).

Background: LAPD has stated they have received several compliant calls from the neighbors about people sleeping overnight in these lots. They have also said these people are storing private property in and behind the bushes. Officer Thusing stated it is difficult for LAPD to patrol these lots because the vegetation is too tall and dense for the officers to get a clear view of the lot.

Possible Alternate Solution:

1. Around the exterior of the lots remove Fountain grass and Flax plants that exceed 18" at maturity and replace them with native grasses specified on the Venice Blvd. Landscape plans with a variety that does not grow taller than 18" at maturity.
2. Trim the tops of the boginvia plants along the Venice Way side of lot 701 to not exceed the height of the concrete wall.
3. Raise the canopy of the Oak trees where possible to allow a minimum of 6' of clearance below.
4. Remove all the plants (excluding the trees) in the center island of 701 and replace with native grasses specified on the Venice Blvd. Landscaping Plans that do not grow greater than 12" at maturity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Lucks".

Linda Lucks
President

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