

## Problems and solutions

The main issue in Belmont Shore is respect for the property owners. This involves privacy and the lack of privacy. To start, let's talk about the noise issues.

1. Noise coming from 2<sup>nd</sup>. Street. We have a constant level of noise that is not only irritating, but represents a complete disrespect for residents of at the very least residents of Covina. First, the patrons coming from the bar scene at any given time are always too loud thinking that it's alright for them to yell, carry on in a complete drunken state and vandalize parked cars and leave a constant flow of trash on the streets and in private yards. They have also come into our yard and knocked on our door after midnight to ask to use our phone. They weren't able to find their car as they were too drunk. Drunk drivers? This is a constant problem. They drink before they get to the bars(bottles and cans left on our fence) and then they drink all night and then make a racket as they look for their cars. Remember, they're already drunk before they go to the bars. The LB Police don't patrol the immediate neighborhood during Holidays, and Thursday through Sunday when the activity is the highest. Solution is to have the bars educate and request that they maintain some decent behavior as they exit. Posting noise ordinance signs could at the very least warn people that they will be cited and or arrested for drunken behavior.

2. Noise from the business deliveries before 7 A.M.

This is a constant problem. I talked to a delivery person just last Tuesday at 6:50a.m. and he told me he already received a warning that day from the LB police. He should have received a citation. How is this any different then my son receiving a ticket and not a warning about his barely tinted windows on his car? He received a fine and not a warning! Powerwashers have been warned multiple times not to start before 7. They continue to start considerably before that. Even the USPS idles their trucks in the business alley before 6:30am.

Why do the businesses get away with a warning, yet a private citizen gets a ticket?

Scavengers: *2 TRASH CANS & BINS*

This is a major ongoing problem that affects not only the residents of BS, but it affects the city financially. This is millions of dollars lost in revenue as the city isn't tough enough on these people.

Examples:

I constantly see the same scavengers in our alleys. I call the LB police on an average once or twice a week. This stream of individuals is 24/7. I've talked to many of these people and explained that because they "steal" these bottles and cans the city doesn't have money to repair or maintain our alleys. A week ago today, I called the police to report an individual. The policeman showed up and caught the guy. Before I knew it, he gave this guy a verbal warning and made him leave his bags of bottles and cans right there in the alley. He told this guy if he comes back he'll get a citation. I saw the guy just ten minutes later come back

with his friend's truck and they picked up the same bags they left. Earlier this person justified his stealing as it took him a very long time to collect this stuff. It was as if he was justifying his crime based on his effort!

I was coming out of my garage on Saturday and here was a guy I've talked to multiple times going through my can. I knew his vehicle and his story of coming to California due to Hurricane Katrina. That was over a year ago that he told me this. He drives a late model Ford Expedition. He took off down the alley at a high rate of speed as I was in the process of calling the LB police.

The problem with scavengers is that they are indirectly stealing from the property owners who want their alleys repaired and maintained, but since the city doesn't do anything on a pro-active basis this goes on and our alleys look like a war zone! Educating these people by posting signs in the alley is the first thing to do. Then if they persist they should receive a citation and no warnings. The signs are the warnings. The signs should be in English and Spanish as the majority of these people are Hispanic.

Why does the city repair the business alleys, the Naples street project and completely ignore the property owners? Where did their money come from? And why don't we get ours?