

H-2 PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE - Linda Aihara

Saturday, November 21, 2015

Long Beach City Council c/o Department of the City Clerk Long Beach

Members of the City Council,

Concerning the proposed Preferential Parking District in our neighborhood,

I have spoke with Mr. Hector Rivas about my concerns, but I feel as I will be unable to attend the council meeting for this item I should write to volce our neighborhood's concern on this matter.

First who did the study for this proposal? Where is it published or on file? I have lived in this area on the 3800 block of Gardenia for the past ten years and at no time has parking been an issue. As home owners in the area we do not want our current parking situation to change.

- 1.) Many of the residents own larger size vehicles which they would be unable to park in their garages and none of the homes have drive ways for parking as garages are all alley access in this neighborhood. Would you want alleys blocked with these vans and trucks if the residents choose not to purchase permits or are unable to afford them?
- 2.) Residents would no longer be able to host children's parties or adult gatherings at their homes as guest parking would be quite time limited.
- 3.) Residents would no longer be able to have out of town guests or overnight guests.
- 4.) Random people could purchase permits and encroach to park in front of current home owner's properties removing access for taxpaying home owners.
- 5.) Older fixed income residents and homes with multiple vehicles may not be able to purchase permits which would cause all kinds of parking havoc.
- 6.) We have only 2 small businesses on this side block of Cherry Ave., which has never caused any parking overcrowding as indicated by my conversation with Mr. Rivas. Both businesses have parking lots to accommodate all of their employees and customers parking needs.
- 7.) Residents are feeling the city is just looking to the pockets of home owners now to generate more city income in the way of parking permits or fines generated by violations.
- 8.) Mr. Rivas told me that if any home owners were opposed the project would not move forward, now this appears not to be the case. We are gathering support and will be launching a social media campaign asking the public whose neighborhood is next? If we thought this was going to improve the quality of life for the neighborhood we would all be onboard. I can't imagine why this project was ever brought up at all if you really new anything at all about the parking on Gardenia Ave.
- 9.) Where is the resident petition that was supposed to be forthcoming? We have not seen it on Gardenia Ave.
- 10.) After speaking with several area Real Estate agents they feel property values would be affected by maybe as much as 10% for required permit parking, basically changes our street to exterior street status instead of interior tract location is how buyers would perceive properties and sellers would have to give concessions.

Thank you for letting me voice the concerns of mine and all my neighbors that I have spoken with concerning this matter. I hope the council will review and consider these concerns

Sincerely,

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