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via mail & email

Supervisor Sheila Kuehl 500 W. Temple St., Room 358, Los Angeles, CA, 90012 Sheila@bos.lacounty.gov

RE: LA County Park and Ride Lot located at 10601 Ventura Blvd, Studio City, CA 91604

Dear Supervisor Kuehl,

The Studio City Residents Association (SCRA), and the Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association (CPPOA), the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC), the Studio City Chamber of Commerce (SCCofC), the Studio City Business Improvement District (BID) and the Studio City Beautification Association (SCBA) have received numerous complaints and grave concerns regarding the conditions that exist in the unhoused encampment on a County Park and Ride lot at 10601 Ventura Blvd, Studio City.

Action to improve this lot has been shunted aside for many years and has now reached a critical level of health hazard for both those living within the unhoused encampment and those in the immediate vicinity.

The Associations, and countless stakeholders they represent, are demanding swift action to address this dire situation. Throughout your career you have spoken that we must do more to combat homelessness. Your efforts over the last several years to reduce homelessness have included expanding investment in prevention, outreach, supportive housing, rapid rehousing, bridge and permanent housing through the Homeless Initiative; curbing the rise of skyrocketing rents and related evictions through rent stabilization and just cause policies; and increasing funding for affordable housing construction. Yet, your office has offered our community platitudes and has suggested that two clean-ups in three months is something to celebrate.

We trust that you, like us, care about the humanity and the dignity of those living within this encampment. However, while the County "looks into what more can be done", a criminal element is thriving within that lot, individuals continue to be victimized, and the surrounding community finds itself helpless to remedy the issue as this lot is on County owned land. You have the sole authority and capacity to significantly address the safety

and wellbeing of the lives of those in this lot, improve the community, and do what is morally right.

Specifically, we demand that you provide:

-) Sanitation stations
- *Mobile* showers
- / Porta-potties
- *J* Washing / drying stations be provided
- J Trash bins which are collected weekly
- An earnest and collaborative way to see that those on this lot continue to be offered services to help lift them out of their situation
-) The criminal element is removed.

Again, for the sake of those living there, they deserve our help. You have the ability to make it happen.

Social service leaders **<u>need to be</u>** appointed as site monitors assessing our unhoused neighbors for health, safety, wellbeing, and mental health checks. There are a number of nonprofits engaged on these levels of services and many are connected to one another through the Departments of Mental Health and Public Health.

We understand that a contract is being negotiated between LA County and LAHSA to make 25% of the lot a safe parking area. We have been told that the contract will not be implemented for at least three months but action is needed now.

Additionally, while a safe park area may be fenced off, we would expect LA County, and more specifically you, to ensure that the remaining area of the lot be maintained and that those not admitted into the Safe Park program will be offered an alternative location for housing. Certainly, more than what is being offered now, which is outright indifference.

We look forward to receiving your response and thank you, in advance, for hearing our concerns and taking immediate action.

Very truly yours,

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