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Ken Hursting, P.E.
Principal Transportation Engineer,
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VIA EMAIL

Re: Red Curb Request for West 5th Street between Broadway and Hill Streets

Dear Mr. Hursting,

At our special public meeting on October 17, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to provide the following comments:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (DLANC) is requesting that LADOT designate West 5th Street between Broadway and Hill Streets as a "No Parking Anytime" zone with new red curbs under the authority of LAMC 80.69(a). This letter is in conjunction with requests from LAPD Central Division and Council District 14 to the Department to address the unsafe conditions at this location.

Many community members, including residents and business owners on 5th Street, have submitted numerous complaints to DLANC, the Council Office, Bureau of Street Services, and LAPD requesting assistance to address the significant rise in criminal activity along this block. Additionally, per LAPD Central Division, there have been over 25 documented criminal incidents that have taken place in this location over the last year including, but not limited to, the following: seven aggravated assaults, five robberies, and thirteen reports of theft. Recently, on August 15th, 2023, there was a violent assault on a resident of an adjacent building.

While DLANC understands that this action will result in the loss of revenue to the City from the removal of metered parking, this request is predicated on an imperative need to address safety concerns from the rise of extreme violent crime. Therefore, DLANC requests that the Department act immediately and adopt the shared requests from our partners at LAPD and Council District 14.

Sincerely,



Claudia Oliveira
President,
DLANC



Debby Zhou
Chair,
DLANC Livability Committee

Cc: LADOT, Central District Office (via email)
LADOT, Office of External Affairs (via email)
LAPD Central Division (via email)
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