

October 16, 2024

Community Impact Statement

Project: Enforcement of Ordinance No. 187586 at 845 E. 6th St. Los Angeles CA 90021 and 529-527-522 Ceres Avenue Los Angeles 90013

Neighborhood Council: Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

Dear Mayor Karen Bass, CouncilMember Kevin DeLeon, LAPD Central Division, LA Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation,

This statement addresses the urgent need for stricter enforcement of Ordinance No. 187586, specifically within the 500-foot radius of the Tina and Rick Caruso Education Center - Para Los Ninos daycare located at 845 E. 6th St. Los Angeles CA 90021 and 529-527-522 Ceres Avenue Los Angeles 90013. The ordinance prohibits certain activities such as sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing personal property in public areas near schools and daycare centers.

Section 41.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code defines the specific citywide areas which must be kept clear of sitting, lying, sleeping, storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property on public streets and sidewalks. As of September 2022, Section 41.18 was amended with an ordinance specifying that no person shall sit, lie, sleep, or store, use, maintain, or place personal property, in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public property specifically within 500 feet of a School or Day Care Center as those terms are defined in Section [105.01](#) of this Code.

The Tina and Rick Caruso Education Center - Para Los Ninos is a daycare and early childhood education center located at 845 E. 6th St. Los Angeles CA 90021 and 529-527-522 Ceres Avenue Los Angeles 90013 in Skid Row. This center for 6 week old babies to 5 year old children places it at a particularly difficult location to regulate this ordinance. The ordinance was intended to maintain a conducive learning environment while preventing potential hazards that could endanger children or pose a safety and security threat.

The concern is that failure of enforcement of this ordinance poses both short term and long term safety risks to the children attending the Para Los Ninos Daycare. In recent years, all major cities have seen upticks in school threats and mass shootings. First responders would benefit from guaranteed certain access in that 500 foot mandatory clearance area. We also believe that clearing the 500 foot area of this daycare would

reduce the need for police or first responders to disturb Skid Row community members that are immediately adjacent to the Para Los Ninos center.

Community members have noticed a lack of action and enforcement of this 500 foot area clearance over the past 2 years.

Problem Statement:

Despite the ordinance's intent to maintain a safe and conducive learning environment for babies and children, there has been a notable lack of enforcement in the area surrounding Para Los Ninos. This failure to enforce the ordinance poses significant safety risks to the children attending the daycare.

Proposed Solution:

- **Increased Enforcement:** Regular and consistent patrols and enforcement of Ordinance No. 187586 within the specified 500-foot radius.
- **Community Outreach:** Informational campaigns to educate the community about the ordinance and its importance for the safety of children.
- **Collaboration:** Increased collaboration between the Los Angeles Police Department, the Department of Public Works, and the daycare center to ensure effective enforcement.

Impact on the Community:

- **Improved Safety:** Stricter enforcement will help create a safer environment for children attending Para Los Ninos and reduce potential hazards.
- **Enhanced Learning Environment:** A safer environment will contribute to a more conducive learning experience for the children.
- **Reduced Burden on First Responders:** A cleared area will facilitate easier access for emergency services in case of incidents.
- **Strengthened Community Trust:** Consistent enforcement will demonstrate the city's commitment to the safety and well-being of the community.

Conclusion:

We urge the City of Los Angeles to prioritize the enforcement of Ordinance No. 187586 at 845 E. 6th St. Los Angeles CA 90021 and 529-527-522 Ceres Avenue Los Angeles 90013 to ensure the safety and security of the children attending Para Los Ninos and to foster a positive and supportive environment for the entire community.

Sincerely,

Downtown LA Neighborhood Council

Cc:

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