



## Mar Vista Community Council



### Committee on Public Safety

Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at  
The Windward School (Conference Room 1030)  
11350 Palms Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90066

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- **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.
- **Brief Introductions**
- **Public Comment and announcements**
  1. No meeting in December – Happy Holidays!
  2. Next meeting is January 23, 2018
- **Review and approval of minutes** – Minutes approved by a vote of 12 yays, 0 nays, and 8 abstentions
- **Old Business**

None
- **New Business**
  3. Request to appropriate \$1,500 for neighborhood watch/emergency preparation signs  
  
The Committee on Public Safety moves to advise the Board of Directors of the Mar Vista Community Council to appropriate \$1,500 for neighborhood watch and emergency preparation signs and for other related purposes. – Passed by a vote of 17 yays, 0 nays, and 3 abstentions
  4. Discussion of proposed motion regarding sanitation at homeless encampment sites:  
  
WHEREAS, California's outbreak of Hepatitis A is the second largest in the past two decades, and  
  
WHEREAS, public health officials warn that the outbreak could continue for months or even years, and  
  
WHEREAS, at least 569 people have been infected and 17 have died of the virus since November in San Diego, Santa Cruz, and Los Angeles counties, and  
  
WHEREAS, prevention efforts are required at all levels to control the outbreak, and  
  
WHEREAS, poor sanitation at homeless encampment sites, such as the one at Venice Blvd. and the San Diego Fwy., severely complicate efforts to control the outbreak.

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council moves to advise the City of Los Angeles to provide portable toilet facilities and trash receptacles at known, major homeless encampment sites ~~in order~~ – *for a three-month trial period* - to improve sanitation and protect public health.

FURTHERMORE, the Mar Vista Community Council moves to advise the City of Los Angeles to clean the facilities and empty the trash receptacles ~~sufficiently frequently~~ *appropriately* to protect the public health. – *Amended as indicated. Motion tabled by a vote of 13 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions until January 23, 2018 meeting in order to allow more time for community outreach.*

- **Guest speaker**

5. **Officer Eliot Hernandez, Major Crimes Unit, Los Angeles Police Department** - Officer Eliot Hernandez is a 10 year veteran for the Los Angeles Police Department. He has been a department Terrorism Liaison Officer since 2010 and has worked a variety of assignments including Wilshire Division Special Problems Unit, Emergency Operations Division, and currently is assigned to Major Crimes Division Anti-Terrorism Intelligence Section. He is a department expert on terrorism and teaches the counter-terrorism portion of the Los Angeles Police Department's Watch Commander training, Supervisor school, and Community Police Academy. –

- The L.A.P.D. Major Crimes Unit deals with everything that is terrorism-related
- The Major Crimes Unit consists of five sections:
  - i. Criminal Investigation
  - ii. Trans-National Organized Crime
  - iii. Source Development
  - iv. Criminal Conspiracy
  - v. Anti-Terrorism Intelligence
- Terrorism – The unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof in furtherance of a political or social agenda.
- Terrorist attacks have increased significantly in the past five years
- More than 365 U.S. Citizens have been charged and/or convicted
- Two types of terrorism
  - i. Domestic
  - ii. International
- Terrorist groups are involved in:
  - i. Fundraising
    - 1. Counterfeit Goods
    - 2. Kidnapping
    - 3. Illegal Drugs
  - ii. Propaganda
  - iii. Recruitment
  - iv. Operations
- Report suspicious activity to 1-877-A-THREAT
- Community vigilance is necessary to combat terrorism
- iWatch is a partnership between L.A.P.D. and the community
- The iWatch App allows:

- i. Suspicious activity reporting
    - ii. The ability to include photographs
    - iii. Anonymous reporting
  - If you see something, say something
  - ***We cannot identify a terrorist by appearance, religion, nationality, etc.***
  - There are six Fusion Centers in California
    - i. Address all hazards
    - ii. Have regional responsibility
    - iii. Are staffed by representatives of multiple agencies
  - **Future guest presentations –**
    - TBD
  - **Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
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