

ITEM 14.2 for Sept 8 2020 Board of Directors meeting

Supplemental material

Motion – Public Health and Safety Committee. Request for Police presence.

Discussion and possible vote on MVCC Homeless Issues Subcommittee motion to provide Mar Vista with a consistent and obvious police presence.

Background: The MVCC Homeless Issues Subcommittee, MV residents and especially those in homes adjacent to the 405/Sepulveda underpass, are angered and frightened by dangers we witness in and around neighborhood homeless encampments. These include shootings, stabbings, fencing operations, drug trafficking, drug sales every few minutes day and night, prostitution, indecent exposure, trespassing, defecation in yards, persons passed out in yards and on alleys and sidewalk with needles in their arms, hazardous materials and garbage piled. Social workers and other social services have been “engaging” at MV encampments for years now to little avail. The 405 and MV Park encampments are larger than ever, and encampments now line Venice Boulevard’s “Great Street.” There is also concern about residents/stakeholders possibly suffering a form of PTSD due to exposure from homeless issues.

The MVCC Homeless Issues Subcommittee finds our police officers provide critical services that are necessary to address the urgent needs of the Mar Vista community as we deal with our homeless crisis.

Motion:

The MVCC move that the City of Los Angeles provide Mar Vista with a consistent and obvious police presence in our neighborhoods that will allow them to work collaboratively with our neighbors to address and prevent crime and assist in the provision of social services by other public agencies.