



Wednesday March 10, 2021
Mitch O'Farrell Councilmen District 13
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Suite 525
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmen O'Farrell:

The Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council is here to protect the wellbeing, Health and Safety of all our residents and visitors. One way to achieve this is by providing them the ability to use the right-of-way safely and free of any obstructions.

Due to new development and private businesses/corporations (restaurants, Marihuana dispensers, Bars/Breweries, Film Industry / Film crews, among many more) coming to our neighborhood our ability to ensure and protect our constituents health, safety and welfare has become extremely difficult due to the many violations of Municipal code, State Laws and American with Disability Act (ADA) by all the businesses mentioned above. All these violations and irresponsible action from businesses, especially from the film industry, has turned an everyday simple vital necessity such as walking / using the sidewalk into a hazardous and dangerous thing to do, jeopardizing tremendously the safety, health and welfare of the Elysian Valley residents, being women, children, elder and ADA people the most affected.

These irresponsible practices mentioned above has raised serious concerns within our community stakeholders, so serious that the vast majority identify this not only as a nuisance but mainly a safety hazard that jeopardize the wellbeing of residents and visitors.

Unfortunately, irresponsible action and permit violations are not the only concerns in our community, criminal behavior and scare tactics used by some of the film industry/ crew members/employees and "Police Officers" has become a "normal" practice to prevent people from exercising their constitutional rights and ask for permits issued to the film crews resulting in crew members physically assaulting concerned residents that dares to request their permits. This set of serious problems have created a constant fear in our constituents, so serious that people are scare to even walk by when the film crews are filming in our community.

Such abhorrent and even criminal behavior and despicable acts against concerned community members by the Film industry/crews/ production companies cannot and will not be tolerated ever by our Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council nor by the people we represent, and shall be fully punished by the Law.

Attached are copies of the permits issued/approved by FilmLA and LAPD Film Unit showing a " Must to Comply" checklist from LA City and/or County Fire. Also attached are the photographic evidences that shows how the permitted production company/crew in this case (Possible Production) did not complied with almost none of the items on the list violating City, County and State Laws, and also deliberately jeopardizing the safety and wellbeing of pedestrians and drivers as well.

We, the Elysian Valley Riverside neighborhood Council are requesting the following:

1. An investigation shall be open for the possible contract/permit violations done by the Production(s) Company.
2. Include the LA Fire Department and LAPD in the investigation.
3. Request to FilmLA and LAPD Film Unit to assign a LAPD officer (paid by the production company and or Film LA) to make sure the permittee is in fully compliance with the permits to guaranty the safety of residents and public in general, and to prevent this despicable and criminal actions from happening again.
4. A public apology from all the entities involved.

Sincerely,
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In best interest to the Community of Elysian Valley-Riverside,

cc: Honorable Mitch O'Farrell, Council District 13
Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor