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CALIFORNIA**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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Community Impact Statement

August 16, 2022

RE: ***In support of Council File 20-1376-S1***

Dear Councilmembers:

We write to you to inform that the Arleta Neighborhood Council **supports** council file 20-1376-S1. The taxpaying citizenry of the City of Los Angeles can no longer enjoy the city's right-of-ways, parks, and public spaces without encountering sights of unsheltered people in conditions akin to refugee camps seen in third-world geographies. The City of Los Angeles' children, seniors, teenagers, and responsible/hardworking adults should not have to confront unsheltered people in both urban and suburban surroundings suffering from substance abuse or mental health disorders. At a time when all levels of government are trying to encourage people to use the public transit system instead of commuting by personal automobiles—all members of the public that make use (or have made use) of Metro buses, Metro light-rail, bus stops, and Metrolink rail have had experiences with homeless people experiencing arrays of substance dependencies, traumas, and mental health issues in the **public right-of-ways**. This is not the City of Los Angeles that property owners and renters alike dreamed of or should be forced to accept. Clearly other municipalities' taxpayers (e.g. Burbank, Culver City, Pasadena, Calabasas, Alhambra, Torrance, Whittier, Montebello, Vernon, Phillips Ranch, Walnut, Covina, San Marino, etc.) do not have to confront the degree of homeless encampments and social/urban/suburban decay that City of Los Angeles taxpayers have been forced to deal with for decades now. *But you don't see the level of homeless services industry activism/lobbying taking place in those cities' city halls the way it takes place at City of Los Angeles' City Hall.* It is apparent to City of Los Angeles taxpayers that their city has been converted into a City for the unsheltered people by other municipalities while they get to enforce their laws that keep their public rights-of-ways and public spaces free of any problems that have become more typical in the City of Los Angeles.

Furthermore, City of Los Angeles residential owners must not be forced to live adjacent/nor in the vicinity of homeless shelters and related facilities when the same should be distributed equitably across Los Angeles County's **87** other municipalities or in **undeveloped areas in the northeast corner of the county**. Climate-controlled hangar-like temporary facilities can be constructed to include temporary housing, rehabilitation, counseling, job training, and other related services required for the recuperation of the many patients. However, the outcomes expected by both City of Los Angeles and LA County voters/taxpayers when they approved Measure HHH and Measure H, respectively, can only be achieved when the patients also accept the responsibilities of being held accountable for

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their own recuperation and the fact that the services they receive **are not infinite either** and neither is the patience of hardworking taxpayers since the passage of measures supported by their taxes.

Arleta homeowners and renters should not have to view unsheltered people outside their windows or confront them in the morning outside their homes on their way to work, and at all hours of the night, and be expected to be compassionate for individuals that reject temporary housing and homeless services when responsible taxpayers clearly have their own families to worry about. That is not why they purchased their homes or graduated from a university or worked hard to obtain a home in any given community in the City of Los Angeles. Taxpaying Angelenos require and demand protection of their lives and properties; otherwise, if all responsible Angelenos got up and left who will be left behind paying for the taxes needed to support the homeless services the unsheltered groups seek, have obtained, or are already in the process of achieving recuperation and stability? The Arleta Neighborhood Council supports the amendments sought at this time, July 27, 2022, to Los Angeles Municipal Code 41.18. and its aim to protect taxpayers' children at schools, parks, and day care centers.

See figures 1 through 16 for reference.

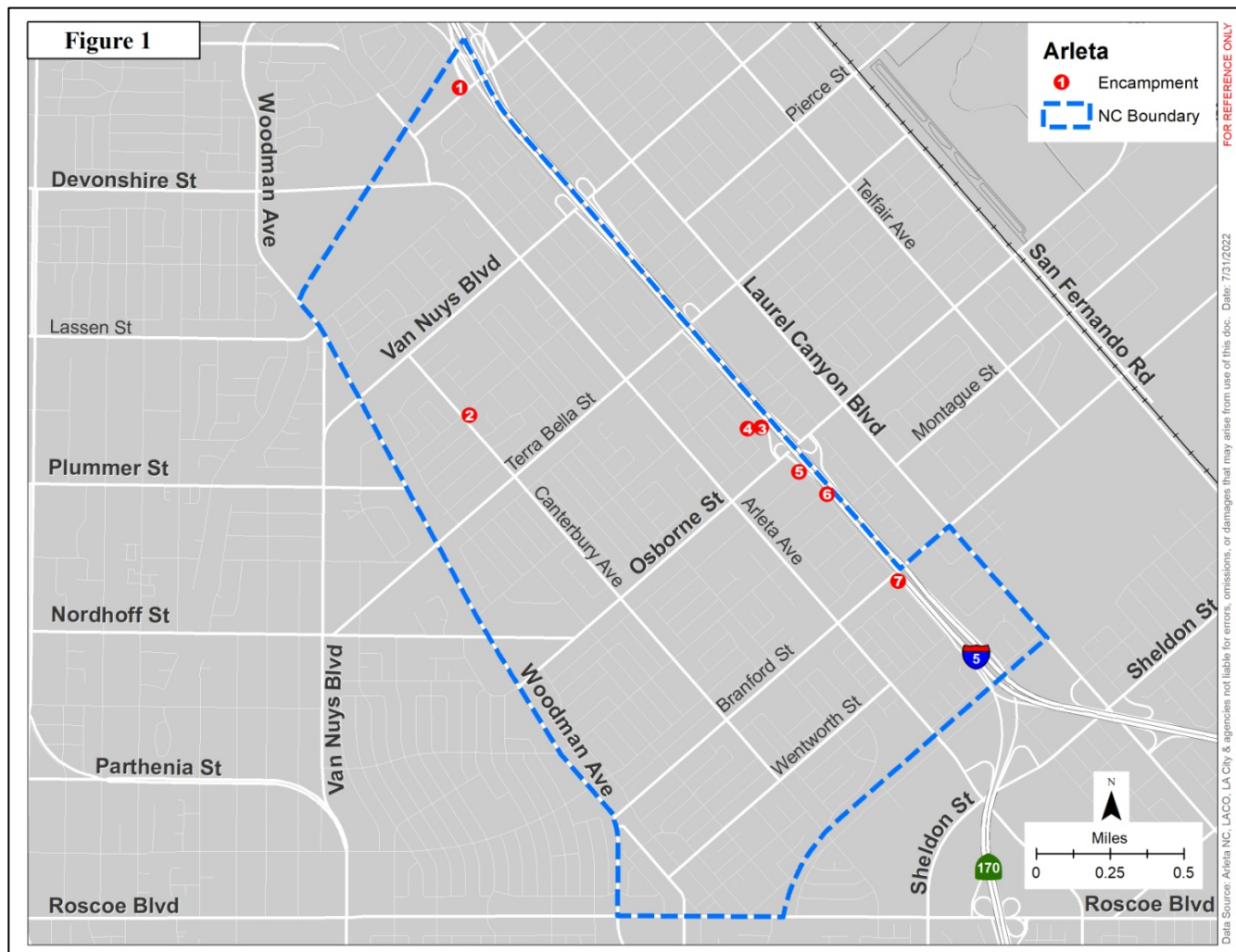


Figure 1. Community of Arleta with visible encampments as of July 30, 2022. Source: Arleta community.



Figure 2. Location 1. 14201 Paxton Street. Encampment at Interstate 5 freeway southbound off-ramp. Date: July 30, 2022. Source: Arleta community.



Figure 3. Location 2. Across from 14200 Pierce St. Encampment on Canterbury Avenue side. Date: July 30, 2022. Across from single-home family residences. Source: Arleta community.



Figure 4. Location 3. 9661 Sharp Avenue at Kamloops Street. Breached fence and encampments on State of California property adjacent to single-family home residence. Date: July 30, 2022. Source: Arleta community.



Figure 5. Location 3. Adjacent to 9661 Sharp Avenue at Kamloops Street. Multiple encampments and breached fence. Date: July 30, 2022. Source: Arleta community.



Figure 6. Location 4. 9642 Vena Avenue at Kamloops Street side. RV dweller and bulky items overflow adjacent to single-family residence. Date: July 30, 2022. Source: Arleta community



Figure 7. Location 5. 13253 Wingo Street. Encampment at sealed pedestrian access way adjacent to single-family home residences. Date: July 30, 2022. Source: Arleta community.



Figure 8. Location 5. Breached fence adjacent to 13253 Wingo Street.
Date: July 30, 2022. Source: Arleta community.



Figure 9. Location 5. Sealed pedestrian access way with encampments. Date: July 30, 2022.
Source: Arleta community.

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Figure 10. Location 6. Across from 13200 Bromwich Street at Sharp Avenue. Encampment on State of California freeway embankment. Date: July 30, 2022. Source: Arleta community.



Figure 11. Location 7. Across from 9277 Sharp Avenue at Branford Street; adjacent to Interstate 5 freeway southbound onramp. Illegal dumping left behind from multiple RVs and encampments. Date: July 30, 2022. Source: Arleta community.



Figure 12. Archived material. Encampments at Tobias Avenue Park in Panorama City. 9122 Tobias Avenue north of Nordhoff Street. Children's playground on far left of picture. Date: August 27, 2019. Source: Arleta community.



Figure 13. Archived material. Encampments near Panorama City High School. 8100 Van Nuys Blvd at Lanark Street side. Date: September 12, 2019. Source: Public safety personnel.



Figure14. Archived material. Encampments at Brand Park Memory garden in Mission Hills. 15177 S. Brand Boulevard. Date: September 18, 2019. Source: Arleta Neighborhood Council.



Figure 15. Archived material. Tent on fire in the night adjacent to nursery. 9620 Canterbury Avenue at Gain Street in Arleta. Date: Approximately September 1, 2020. Source: Arleta community.



Figure 16. Archived material. Encampments at 6008 Carlos Avenue in Hollywood. Across from Hollywood Presbyterian Church Preschool. Date: September 1, 2020. Source: Arleta community.