



September 8, 2015

Council File 13-0869-S1

Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members,

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council requests that the following Community Impact Statement be added to Council File 13-0869-S1, regarding the City Council's efforts to enhance permitting integration, coordination, notification and conflict identification of all events that occur in the public right of way.

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") supports the City Council's efforts to enhance permitting integration, coordination, notification and conflict identification of all events that occur in the public right of way. In addition, DLANC strongly encourages the City Council to institute each of the following guidelines to prevent the permit abuse:

1. **Public Review:** DLANC and the public must be provided with an opportunity to object to the issuance of a permit.
2. **Notice required:** Notice must be provided at the permitted location in a conspicuous and public manner, including on adjacent buildings and posts. In addition, the notice should include contact information (email address and/or phone number) for the City department tasked with answering questions about the permit and with investigating complaints about permit abuse. The notice should also include a website where information about proper permit use and limitations are available.
3. **Right to Inspect:** The public must have the right to inspect the permit upon request.
4. **Right to Access:** Where building or driveway access is impacted by an issued permit, those who have a lawful right to enter the building and use the driveway must be able to do so without harassment or undue delay.
5. **Compensatory Fairness:** Where the Right to Access must be encumbered, affected residents (renters or condo owners) and businesses (business owners not landlords) should be financially compensated.
6. **Code of Conduct:** Those who are affiliated with the permitted event must treat the public and the location with courtesy and refrain from using lewd or offensive language. A copy of limitations on permit use should be provided to the permit applicant upon issuance.
7. **Security Attire:** Security personnel hired to secure the permitted event are prohibited from wearing law enforcement uniforms. Private security personnel who wear law enforcement

uniforms confuse the public and subject the City to civil liability under federal and state law.

8. **Enforcement:** A City department must be tasked with timely and effectively investigating complaints about permit abuse. In addition, permit recipients who abuse permits must be fined. Repeat violators should be banned from applying for future permits.
9. **ADA:** Access for disabled persons must be preserved. This includes, where appropriate, maintaining minimum walkway requirements to allow disabled persons reasonable access to their dwelling. In addition, where loading zones and parking spaces near residential buildings are removed due to a permitted event, event organizers must provide at least one area large enough for a paratransit vehicle to accommodate loading and unloading of disabled persons.
10. **Bus Stop Closures:** The City should minimize, as much as possible, closure of bus stops for permitted events. If a closure is necessary, then the City must relocate the bus stop at a reasonable distance, but in no event may such relocation be more than 1,000 feet. If relocated, signs directing bus riders to the relocated bus stop must be posted.

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on September 8, 2015, when the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council adopted the following motion by a vote of ___ yes, ___ no, ___ abstaining and directed that a Community Impact Statement be filed reflecting its position.

Motion: "The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council shall submit a Community Impact Statement for Council File 13-0869-S1 stating that DLANC supports the City Council's efforts to enhance permitting integration, coordination, notification and conflict identification of all events that occur in the public right of way."

Sincerely,

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Patricia Berman
DLANC President

Eric R. Garcia
DLANC Community Impact Committee Chair