



## AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** November 13, 2012

**Item Number:** E-2

**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council

**From:** Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation  
Martha Eros, Transportation Planner

**Subject:** RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
MODIFYING PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONE "U" ON THE 100  
BLOCK OF SOUTH ALMONT DRIVE AND THE ADJACENT SECTION  
OF CHARLEVILLE BOULEVARD BETWEEN SOUTH ALMONT AND  
LA PEER DRIVES

**Attachments:**

1. Resolutions
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4. Area Map
5. Traffic & Parking Commission Minutes
6. Parking Occupancy Surveys
7. Resident Petition
8. City Council Meeting Notice
9. Correspondence

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Public Works & Transportation staff recommends that City Council approve a resolution modifying Preferential Parking Zone "U" on the 100 block of South Almont Drive and the adjacent section of Charleville Boulevard between South Almont and La Peer Drives, with a regulation of:

"1-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and  
No Parking Any Other Time, Permit 'U' Exempt"

The Traffic & Parking Commission (TPC) reviewed the petition request at its October 4, 2012 meeting and voted 4/1 to deny staff's recommendation, and 5/0 against the petition request for "No Parking Anytime, Except by Permit." The Commission's recommendation is to keep the existing permit regulation of "2-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday

through Friday; No Parking, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., Monday through Friday; and No Parking Anytime, Saturday and Sunday, Except by Permit.”

Per the Beverly Hills Municipal Code, both staff and the Traffic & Parking Commission make recommendations with respect to permit zone establishment. The City Council makes the final determination of the establishment of the zone and parking regulation.

## **INTRODUCTION**

A qualifying resident petition signed by 75% (15 of 20) of the households on the 100 block of South Almont Drive was submitted in August 2012 requesting a modification to the existing 2-hour weekday permit regulation to address safety concerns associated with burglaries over the past five years and a diminished quality of life. The 100 block of South Almont Drive has 20 single-family homes with approximately 33 on-street parking spaces.

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff conducted a parking occupancy survey on Thursday, September 12, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. On average, 33% (11 of 33 spaces) of the on-street parking was occupied during the 11-hour survey period. Peak-hour occupancy of 42% (12 of 33 spaces) occurred midday at the 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. hours, which may correspond to medical appointments before and after lunch hour generated from the adjacent medical buildings on Wilshire Boulevard. Approximately 21 on-street parking spaces were available throughout the day. Over half of the vehicles turned over in 1-hour intervals and vehicles were evenly distributed throughout the street.

A total of 56 vehicles were recorded during the survey period. 17 of the 56 vehicles displayed a Zone “U” permit (13 of 17 vehicles) or a disable placard (4 of 17 vehicles) and were parked legitimately on the street. 6 of the 17 vehicles that displayed a Zone “U” permit were registered to residents, and presumably the remaining 13 commuter vehicles with permits were guests of residents. 2 of the 4 disabled placards were registered to resident.

The adjacent section of Charleville Boulevard had an average occupancy of 38% (3 of 7 spaces), with peak-hour occupancy of 57% (4 of 7 spaces) at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Staff recommends modifying the permit regulation on the adjacent sections of Charleville Boulevard with the same 1-hour daytime regulation as the 100 block of South Almont Drive to maintain consistency.

Six 2-hour meters are available on South Almont Drive north of the alley and 13 1-hour meters are available on the south side of Wilshire Boulevard between South Wetherly and La Peer Drives. During random spot counts, staff noted that metered spaces are available on Wilshire Boulevard, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. during non peak-hour periods.

Staff conducted spot counts on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 in the morning, noon and late afternoon on the 100 block of South Almont Drive, including the six meters between the east/west alley and Wilshire Boulevard and the adjacent section of Charleville Boulevard. The spot counts were consistent with the initial survey with an average of 12 of the 33 parking spaces on South Almont Drive, four of the seven on Charleville Boulevard, and three of the six South Almont Drive meters occupied.

There are five storefronts and a specialty car dealership on the southwest side of Wilshire Boulevard with available off-street parking behind the buildings. An office building with subterranean parking is located on the southeast side of Wilshire Boulevard. The City Council approved the proposed LA Fitness Center on the first floor and mezzanine level of the 9100 Wilshire Building located on the southwest corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Doheny Drive. The LA Fitness Center is required to provide two hours of free, validated parking to its members, and a total of 156 parking spaces that are to be shared with the office tenants in the building.

Resident letters attached to the petition expressed safety concerns with commuters sitting in vehicles and possible criminal/burglary activity, along with the potential parking intrusion by gym members. Staff consulted with the Beverly Hills Police Department regarding burglaries that occurred on the 100 block of South Almont Drive within the past five years. Police Department representatives stated that in their opinion, a more restrictive parking restriction on the block will not impact criminal activity. Community Development confirmed the LA Fitness Center is required to provide validated free parking to its members.

The lead petitioner and one resident attended the October 6, 2012 TPC meeting and expressed their support of the petition. The residents reiterated that 15 of the 20 household signed the petition requesting a "No Parking Anytime, Except by Permit" regulation, but support staff's recommendation for a 1-hour daytime regulation to prohibit long-term commuter parking.

Both staff and the TPC did not support the original petition request of "No Parking Anytime, Except by Permit" based on available on-street parking and criteria defined in BHMC 7-3-206 (D) *Standard Criteria for Establishment of Preferential Parking Zone*<sup>1</sup>.

The staff recommendation to modify the current "2-hour" daytime permit regulation to "1- is to create consistency with adjacent blocks, allow residents and their service providers short-term parking, address potential commuter interference from visitors to the medical buildings, and continue the practice of available shared short-term parking for adjacent businesses on Wilshire Boulevard.

The Traffic & Parking Commission recommended against Staff's recommendation based on current parking conditions and/or felt a modification was premature in anticipation of impacts that may occur in the future with the opening of an LA Fitness Center at the 9100 Wilshire Building.

Notices advising of the Traffic & Parking Commission's review of the petition at its October 4, 2012 meeting were mailed to residents on 100 blocks of South Almont, Wetherly and La Peer Drives, the 200 block of South Almont Drive, and the north side of Wilshire Boulevard. Notices were hand delivered to the business on the south side of Wilshire Boulevard between Doheny and La Peer Drives.

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<sup>1</sup> BHMC 7-3-206(D): Commuter vehicles regularly interfere with the available public street parking adjacent to residential property within the proposed zone and cause or are the source of unreasonable noise, traffic hazards, environmental pollution, or other similar interference with the residential environment.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost of modifying parking signs would be nominal and installed by City staff.

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David Gustavson  
Approved By

# **ATTACHMENT 1**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-R-**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
MODIFYING PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONE "U" ON THE 100 BLOCK  
OF SOUTH ALMONT DRIVE AND THE ADJACENT SECTION OF  
CHARLEVILLE BOULEVARD BETWEEN SOUTH ALMONT AND LA PEER  
DRIVES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 7-3-206(d), a qualifying petition to modify Preferential Parking Zone "U" on the 100 block of South Almont Drive and the adjacent section of Charleville Boulevard between South Almont and LaPeer Drives was filed;

WHEREAS, the petition sought to modify Preferential Parking Zone "U" on the 100 block of South Almont Drive;

WHEREAS, the 100 block of South Almont Drive has an existing permit regulation of "2-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; No Parking, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., Monday through Friday; and No Parking Anytime, Saturday and Sunday, Except by Permit" regulation;

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2012, the Traffic & Parking Commission investigated the need to modify Preferential Parking Zone "U" on the 100 block of South Almont Drive and the adjacent section of Charleville Boulevard between South Almont and LaPeer Drives;

WHEREAS, the Public Works & Transportation Department recommends modifying the existing 2-Hour daytime Preferential Parking Zone "U" regulation with a regulation of "1-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and No Parking Any Other Time, Permit 'U' Exempt"; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has reviewed the proposed project and has determined that the project is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act and has issued a Categorical Exemption;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Beverly Hills does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Based upon the evidence and testimony presented to the City Council, including the information set forth in the Agenda Report, the findings required by BHMC Section 7-3-206(d) to justify modifying Preferential Parking Zone "U" on the 100 block of South Almont Drive and the adjacent section of Charleville Boulevard between South Almont and LaPeer Drives can be made.

Section 2. The Council finds that the following designated preferential parking zone is required due to commuter vehicles regularly interfering with available public parking adjacent to residential property zone; or that such vehicles are the cause of unreasonable noise, traffic hazards, and pollution in the residential environment; or that displaced commuter vehicles will not unduly impact surrounding residential areas; or that there is no reasonable alternative which is feasible or practical to reduce identified street parking problem to acceptable levels.

Section 3. The City Council hereby approves modifying Preferential Parking Zone "U" on 100 block of South Almont Drive and the adjacent sections of Charleville Boulevard between South Almont and LaPeer Drives, subject to the provisions of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 7-3-206(d), with a regulation of:

"1-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and  
No Parking Any Other Time, Permit 'U' Exempt"

Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause this resolution and this certification to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the Council of the City.

Adopted:

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
A Municipal Corporation

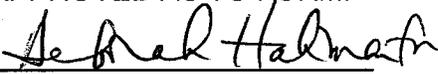
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WILLIAM W. BRIEN, M.D.  
Mayor of the City of  
Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)  
BYRON POPE  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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LAURENCE S. WIENER  
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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DAVID D. GUSTAVSON  
Director of Public Works & Transportation

# **ATTACHMENT 2**

## **Traffic & Parking Commission Recommendation October 4, 2012**

### 100 block of South Almont Drive and the adjacent section of Charleville Boulevard between South Almont and La Peer Drives

- 5/0 To deny the resident-initiated request for “No Parking Anytime, Except by Permit” on the 100 block of South Almont Drive.
  
- 4/1 To reject staff’s recommendation of “1-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and No Parking Any Other Time, Permit ‘U’ Exempt” on the 100 block of South Almont Drive and the adjacent section of Charleville Boulevard between South Almont and La Peer Drives.

# **ATTACHMENT 3**



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**Categorical Exemption**

Name of Project: 100 Block of South Almont Drive

Location: Both sides of the 100 block of South Almont Drive between Charleville Boulevard and the east/west alleyway immediately south of Wilshire Boulevard, and the adjacent section of Charleville Boulevard between South Almont and La Peer Drives.

Type of Business (if commercial): N/A; residential

Project Description: Modify the existing Preferential Parking Zone "U" regulation of "2-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; No Parking, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., Monday through Friday; and No Parking Anytime, Saturday and Sunday, Except by Permit" to "1-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and No Parking Any Other Time, Permit U Exempt" on both sides of the 100 block of South Almont Drive between Charleville Boulevard and the east/west alleyway immediately south of Wilshire Boulevard, and the adjacent section of Charleville Boulevard between South Almont and La Peer Drives.

Applicant's Name: City of Beverly Hills Phone: 310-285-1000

Applicant's Address: 455 North Rexford Drive

City: Beverly Hills, CA Zip: 90210

If different, provide:

Agent's Name: Dept. of Public Works & Transportation Phone: 310-285-2500

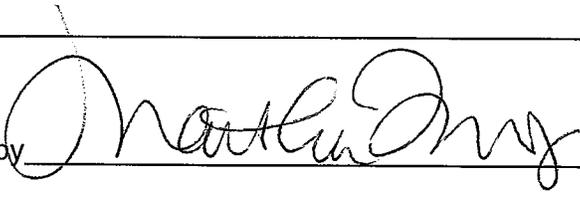
Agent's Address: 345 Foothill Road

City: Beverly Hills, CA Zip: 90210

The undersigned, having received this project for processing, has reviewed it for environmental impact and concluded that the project qualifies for a categorical exemption under the procedures adopted by the City of Beverly Hills and no further environmental assessment is necessary.

**Applicable Exemption Class:** 1(c)

Comments: Operation of existing public right-of-way; no expansion of use. Proposed changes not anticipated to result in significant displaced parking.

Reviewed by  Date 11/07/12

# **ATTACHMENT 4**

**100 South Almont Drive  
 Preferential Parking Permit Zone "U"**

**Historical Background**

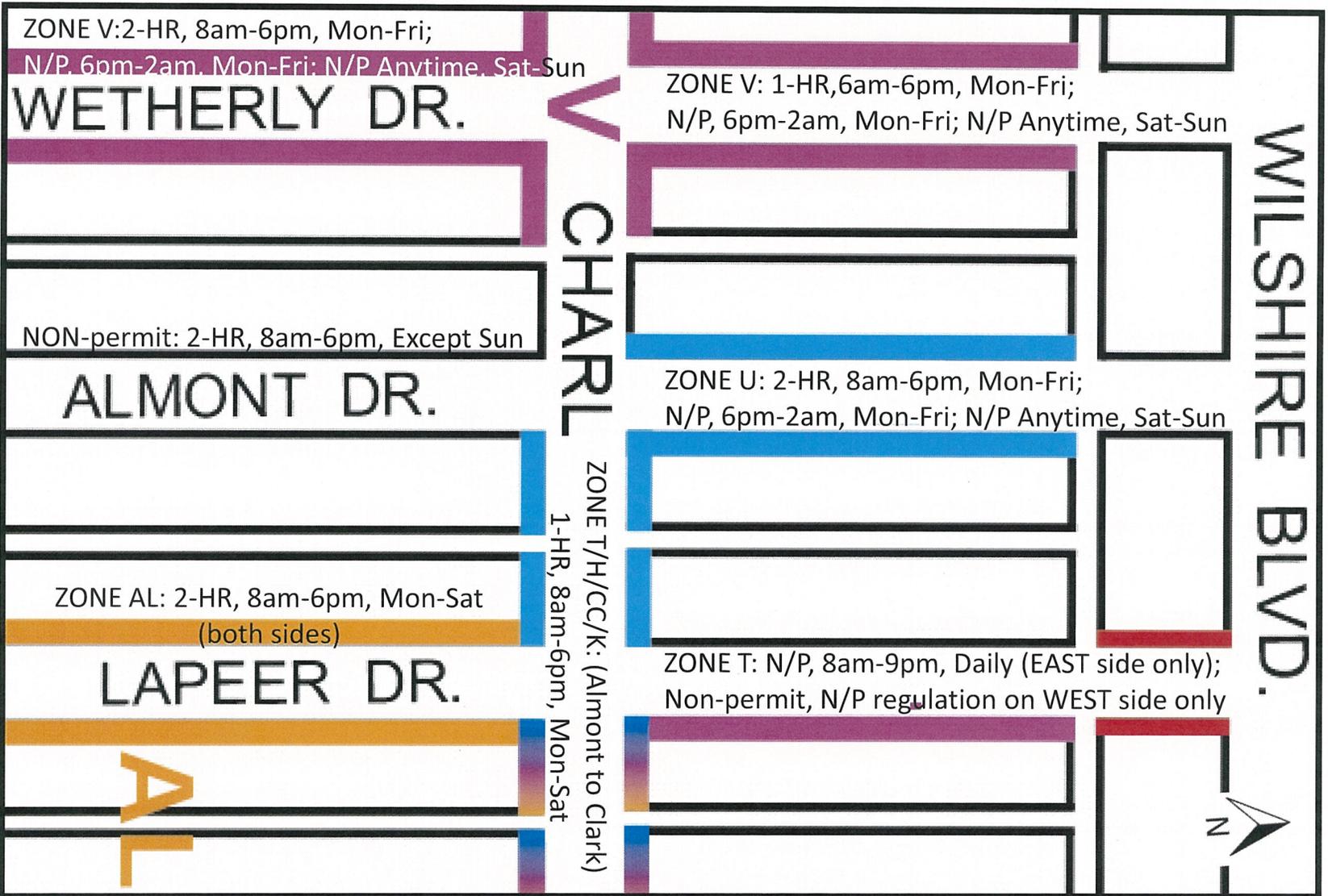
The Zone "U" permit regulation of "2-hour parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; and No Parking, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., Monday through Friday; and No Parking Anytime, Saturday and Sunday" was established in May 1985 on both sides of 100 South Almont Drive between Charleville Boulevard and the east-west alley south of Wilshire Boulevard (85-R-7136). The resident-initiated petition cited parking interference generated by special events at the Academy of Motion Pictures and daily activity from the Music Hall theatre.

The adjacent block of 9800 Charleville Boulevard between South Almont and La Peer Drives was added to Zone "U" in 1994 to address parking generated by patrons going to the Music Hall theatre and to local restaurants on Wilshire Boulevard (94-R-8869).

Zone "V" on the 100 block of North Wetherly Drive (85-R-7135) was established at the same time as Zone "U" with the same permit parking restrictions. Zone "T" on the 100 block of South La Peer Drive (84-R-6895) established a "No Parking, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Daily, Except by Permit" regulation in 1984. Each resident petition cited commuter parking congestion and interference resulting from patron or employee parking from the medical offices, the Academy of Motion Picture and/or the car dealership located on Wilshire Boulevard.

<b>ZONE U: 100 SOUTH ALMONT DRIVE</b>	2-HOUR PARKING 8AM TO 6PM, MON-FRI; NO PARKING, 6PM TO 2AM, MON-FRI; NO PARKING ANYTIME, SAT-SUN
<b>CHARLEVILLE BLVD. BETWEEN ALMONT AND LAPEER DRIVES.</b>	
<b>ZONE V: 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH WETHERLY DRIVE</b>	1-HOUR PARKING, 6AM TO 6PM, MON-FRI; NO PARKING, 6PM TO 2AM, MON-FRI; NO PARKING ANYTIME, SAT-SUN
<b>ZONE T: 100 SOUTH LAPEER DRIVE, EAST SIDE ONLY</b>	NO PARKING, 8AM TO 9PM, DAILY
<b>ZONE AL: 200 BLOCK OF SOUTH LAPEER DRIVE</b>	2-HOUR PARKING, 8AM TO 6PM, MON-SAT
<b>ZONE CC: 100 SOUTH CLARK DRIVE</b>	1-HOUR PARKING, 8AM TO 6PM, MON-FRI
<b>CHARLEVILLE BLVD., BETWEEN LAPEER DRIVE &amp; THE NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY JUST EAST OF CLARK DRIVE</b>	1-HOUR PARKING, 8AM TO 6PM, MON-SAT

100 block of South Almont Drive



# **ATTACHMENT 5**

Executive Assistant, David Greene, Parking Services Manager, Russell Platamone, and Deputy Director of Transportation, Aaron Kunz, provided an informational update.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Andrea Kune-Clark commented about parking in front of schools

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS (ORAL)**

Commissioner LICHT inquired about a potential free parking policy for electric vehicles

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **1. 2012 BIENNIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE REPORT – TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION**

- Adopt the 2012 Biennial Conflict of Interest Code Report.

Motion by LICHT, seconded by FRIEDMAN

5/0 To approve the 2012 Biennial Conflict of Interest Code Report

AYES: FRIEDMAN, LICHT, LEVINE, GRUSHCOW, STEINBERG

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

#### **2. 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH ALMONT DRIVE PERMIT REQUEST**

- Qualifying petition requesting to modify existing Preferential Parking Zone "U" to a regulation of "No Parking Anytime, Permit "U" Exempt"

Lead Petitioner, Leigh Strauss, expressed support for the petition request. She expressed concern of the pending approval of L.A. Fitness adjacent to the neighborhood

Resident Miriam Amoura expressed support for the petition request. She said the intent of a "No-Parking" regulation is to address the problem of recent burglaries in the area

Sergeant Mader noted that permit parking is a quality of life issue and there is no evidence that a more stringent parking regulation would address burglary issues

Motion by LEVINE, seconded by FRIEDMAN

5/0 To deny the resident initiated request for "No Parking Anytime, Permit "U" Exempt.

AYES: FRIEDMAN, LICHT, LEVINE, GRUSHCOW, STEINBERG  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
CARRIED

Motion by LEVINE, seconded by GRUSHCOW

4/1 To reject staff's recommendation of "1-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and No Parking Any Other Time, Permit 'U' Exempt"

AYES: LICHT, LEVINE, GRUSHCOW, STEINBERG  
NOES: FRIEDMAN  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:  
CARRIED

Staff clarified that with approval of the two motions, the Traffic & Parking Commission is recommending to the City Council that the current parking regulations on the 100 block of South Almont Drive be maintained

### **3. CONSIDERATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by FRIEDMAN, seconded by LEVINE

5/0 To approve the September 6, 2012 minutes.

AYES: FRIEDMAN, LICHT, LEVINE, GRUSHCOW, STEINBERG  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT – 11:00 AM\***

**\*PLEASE NOTE TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE**

# **ATTACHMENT 6**

# 100 S. Almont Drive Parking Occupancy Survey

Thursday September 13, 2012

## TOTAL PARKING OCCUPANCY 100 BLOCK OF S. ALMONT DRIVE

Time of Day	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	12PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	AVG
Occupied	7	9	14	14	10	13	13	14	12	8	6	11
Capacity*	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	-
% Occupied	21%	27%	42%	42%	30%	39%	39%	42%	36%	24%	18%	33%

## PARKING DURATION

# Hours Parked	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL
# Vehicles	31	9	8	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	56
% Veh. Parked	55%	16%	14%	7%	2%	4%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	100%

## NON-RESIDENT PARKING OCCUPANCY

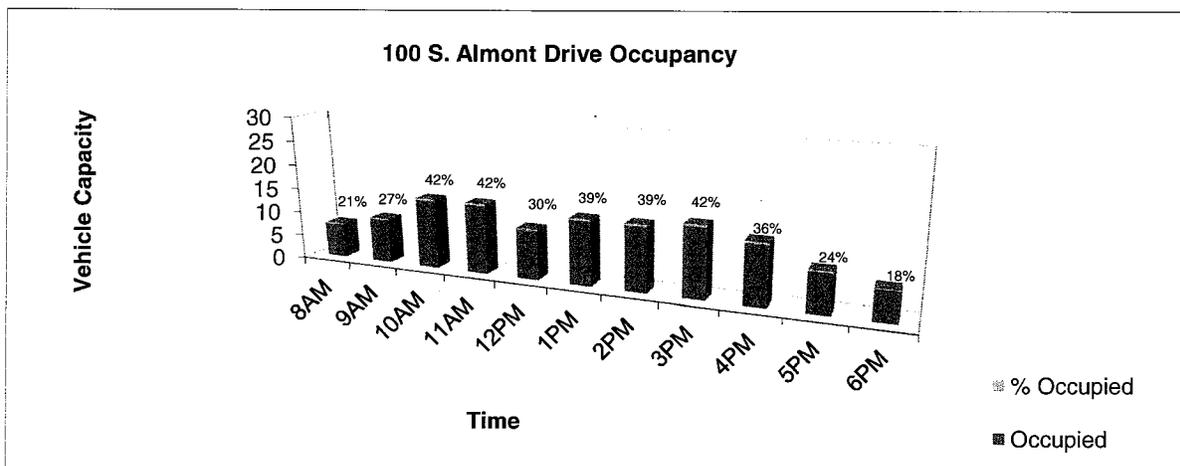
Time of Day	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	12PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	AVG
Non-Residents (NR)	6	6	10	12	9	12	12	13	9	4	3	9
Residents (R)	1	3	4	2	1	1	1	1	3	4	3	2
Capacity*	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	-
NR Occupancy	18%	18%	30%	36%	27%	36%	36%	39%	27%	12%	9%	26%
R Occupancy	3%	9%	12%	6%	3%	3%	3%	3%	9%	12%	9%	7%

## TOTAL PARKING OCCUPANCY

Time of Day	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	12PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	AVG
Commuter/No Permit (1)	5	5	8	8	8	9	11	12	9	5	4	8
Resident & Zone U Permits (2)	2	4	6	6	2	4	2	2	3	3	2	3
Occupied	7	9	14	14	10	13	13	14	12	8	6	11

(1) Non-resident and no Zone U Permit displayed

(2) Includes all resident vehicles plus other vehicles displaying a Zone "U" permit



\*Capacity is calculated mathematically using standard design lengths, and can be increased by reducing the distance between vehicles and using smaller vehicles. Averages and percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

# 100 S. Almont Drive Parking Occupancy Survey (Adjacent Charleville)

Thursday September 13, 2012

## TOTAL PARKING OCCUPANCY 100 BLOCK OF S. ALMONT DRIVE (ADJACENT CHARLEVILLE)

Time of Day	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	12PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	AVG
Occupied	3	2	4	4	3	2	3	3	2	1	2	3
Capacity*	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	-
% Occupied	43%	29%	57%	57%	43%	29%	43%	43%	29%	14%	29%	38%

## PARKING DURATION

# Hours Parked	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL
# Vehicles	11	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
% Veh. Parked	58%	32%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%

## NON-RESIDENT PARKING OCCUPANCY

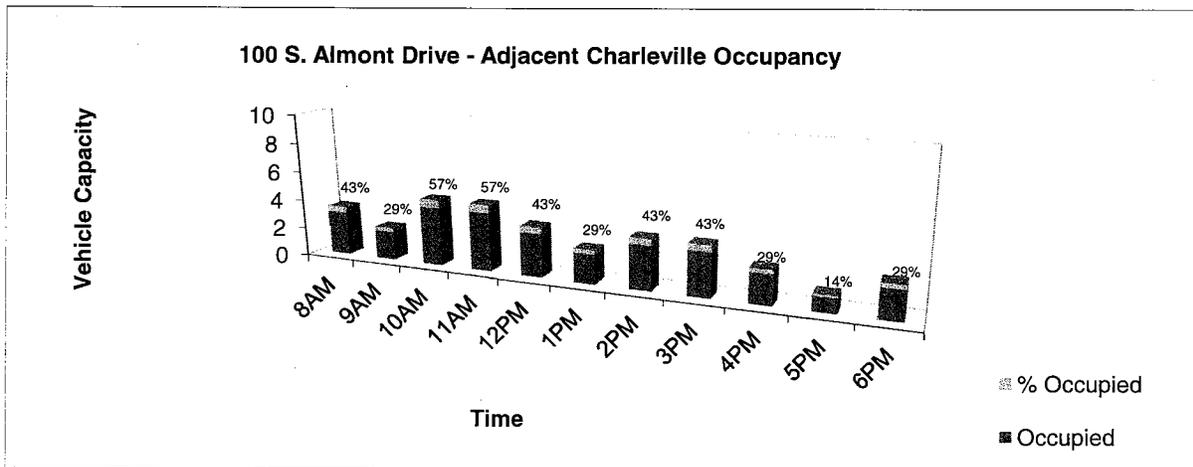
Time of Day	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	12PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	AVG
Non-Residents (NR)	3	2	3	3	3	1	2	2	2	1	2	2
Residents (R)	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Capacity*	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	-
NR Occupancy	43%	29%	43%	43%	43%	14%	29%	29%	29%	14%	29%	31%
R Occupancy	0%	0%	14%	14%	0%	14%	14%	14%	0%	0%	0%	6%

## TOTAL PARKING OCCUPANCY

Time of Day	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	12PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	AVG
Non-Resident/No Permit (1)	3	2	3	3	3	1	2	2	2	1	2	2
Resident & Zone U Permits (2)	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Occupied	3	2	4	4	3	2	3	3	2	1	2	3

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# **ATTACHMENT 7**



**PREFERENTIAL PARKING PERMIT ZONE  
PETITION REQUEST**

A *Preferential Parking Permit Zone* allows Beverly Hills residents to park a vehicle(s) on their block during restricted parking hours. Residents of a designated permit zone may purchase up to three (3) permits per household each year at an approximate cost of \$32.75 each (please note: fees subject to change annually). Permits are valid through September 30<sup>th</sup> and may be renewed annually.

Residents may register to receive a daytime exemption permit at no additional cost when occasional parking needs exceed what can be accommodated with three (3) preferential parking permits. Residents must purchase the three annual preferential parking permits to be eligible to receive a daytime exemption permit. Preferential parking permits do not exempt residents from the City's overnight parking restriction between 2:30AM and 5AM. [BHMC 7-3-301]

STREET: S. Almont Drive BLOCK OF 100  
 LEAD PETITIONER: Ligia Strauss S. Almont Dr. BU Ca 90211  
Name Address Phone/Email

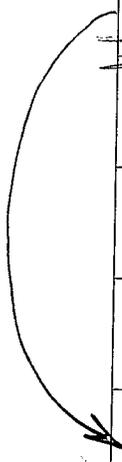
EXISTING REGULATION:	2 hr. from 8am to 6pm <small>Hour/Time Limit</small>	Mon - Fri <small>Day(s)</small>	6pm - 2am M-F No parking anytime Sat & Sun <small>Enforcement Hours</small>	Day/Evening
PETITION REQUEST:	none unless they have a permit <small>Hour/Time Limit</small>	Mon - Sun <small>Day(s)</small>	All <small>Enforcement Hours</small>	All <small>Day/Evening</small>

**We collectively support the petition request for a permit parking regulation and acknowledge that a qualifying petition is final once submitted for review.**

PRINT NAME & SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	PHONE # (OPTIONAL)
Edna Itzhaki <i>Edna Itzhaki</i>	1 South Almont Dr, B.H., CA 90211	
Lida Tehrani <i>Lida Tehrani</i>	1 S. Almont Dr B.H CA 90211	
Farhad Zarifpour <i>Farhad Zarifpour</i>	1 S. Almont Dr. BH, CA, 90211	
Nette Shuker <i>Nette Shuker</i>	1 S. Almont Dr. BH	

STREET: 100 BLOCK OF South Almont Drive.

PRINT NAME & SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	PHONE # (OPTIONAL)
Fariba Laghae	1 S. Almont Dr	
<del>Fariba Mekin</del>	<del>149 S. Almont Dr</del>	<del>70211</del>
AHUVA SADKA	1 S. Almont Dr	
Joshua Bekhor	1 S. Almont Dr	
Mindy Shem	1 S. Almont Dr	
Fariba Mekin	1 S. Almont Dr	
Gharalch Amoung	1 S. Almont Dr	
Rigid Strauss	1 S. Almont Dr	
Rosalie Fogel	1 S. Almont Dr	
PERSAI BENARA	1 S. ALMONT DR	
MURAD MATIAN	1 S. ALMONT DR	
GITA ROSENWALD	1 S-ALMONT DR BH 90211	



Public Works and Transportation Department  
Attn: Transportation Planning  
345 Foothill Road  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Dear Transportation and Planning Department,

Attached please find our petition and letters in support of our request that our street, the 100 block of South Almont Drive, be given parking by permit only status. Since the letters, including mine which immediately follows the petition, state in full detail why we are requesting parking by permit only status, I will not repeat the details herein. Please read our letters carefully and consider our request so that many of us can continue to enjoy living in the city with a little more peace of mind.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. If you need any more information or have any questions regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Leigh Strauss

RECEIVED  
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
12 AUG -8 AM 10:37  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**June 13, 2012**

**Dear Neighbors,**

**Are you aware that ANOTHER day time burglary occurred on our street last Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>? It is imperative that we immediately implement a plan of action to stop any more crime on our street. In August, many criminals will be released due to lack of funds. We are facing a very serious and dangerous situation.**

**We have contacted Sergeant Mader of the Beverly Hills Police Department Crime Prevention Division and he will guide us with an effective Neighborhood Watch Program. We will assemble to receive instructions at one of our homes in the near future. In order to achieve the maximum benefits from the program, it is advisable to have everyone attend the meeting. We will notify you regarding time, day and place of the meeting.**

**We have also contacted the Beverly Hills Department of Transportation to petition a "No Parking" zone on our block. During business hours, there are many cars parked on our block, which makes it difficult to distinguish which cars are legitimately parked and which ones are for criminal activity. All 7 burglaries that have occurred on our street, have occurred in the day time when no one was home. If cars are not allowed to park without permit and we see a possible suspect waiting in the car, we can contact 911 immediately. We will be visiting each one of you for a signature on the petition form. It is advisable to have 100% participation. Unfortunately, our petition does not extend to the 200 block, or to Charlesville Boulevard. Each block or street requires its own representative. If you have been a victim of any criminal activity, please submit a letter describing your case in detail so we may include with our petition form. If you do not have a case, but wish to include a letter to help reinforce the petition, please feel free to do so. You may drop off your letters in any one of our mailboxes.**

**We appreciate your cooperation and with your help we can make our neighborhood a safer environment. Any help, suggestion or advice is welcome. Please do not hesitate to contact us.**

**Sincerely,**

**Edna Itzhaki**

**Lida Tehrani**

**Leigh Strauss**

**1 South Almont Drive**

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To Beverly Hills Transportation Planning Department,

We reside at 1 S. Almont Drive and we are writing this letter in support of our neighborhoods' strong desires to obtain parking status on our street by permit only. In September of 2010 our home was robbed in the middle of a weekday. The robbers came in through the back alley, broke the lock on the back door and entered our home. They proceeded to go through each room looking for small valuables and ransacked our bedroom, our office and their respective closets. They took ALL of our jewelry including designer watches and many, fine pieces for which we had worked hard and for years to be able to afford. They also took some family heirlooms. There have also been many other thefts on our street within the last few years and most recently in the last three months.

We steadfastly believe that we and the Beverly Hills police and parking departments need to do as much as we can to deter these crimes from continuing on our street and in our neighborhood. We feel that street parking by permit only would have a profound effect for several reasons. Some of these reasons include the following: first, it would obviously prevent the would be thieves from parking on our street. Second, It would probably deter any casing on homes from happening on our street. Third, it might strongly deter any "look outs" ( when one of them stays in the car to make sure the ones being victimized don't come home at the time of the theft and, if so, they warn the thieves to get out of that home immediately) Fourth, if the thieves are aware that it is a parking by permit only street, they may be afraid that parking control will drive by and see them. Fifth, it would minimize all the trash left on our streets, sidewalks and individual properties. Sixth, it would allow us a better chance to be able to park on our own street and , if not in front of our homes, at least closer to them. Many, many cars park on our street and walk to several of the businesses in the neighborhood. It would also obviously cut down on the traffic on our street. We have also heard that an LA Fitness club will soon be opening on Wilshire and Doheny, two blocks away from Almont. This, of course, will only exacerbate the already growing traffic and add even more parked cars on our street. And, while we know that parking by permit only won't completely prevent thefts, trash and traffic from occurring, it is a start and, most importantly, it would add a little quiet and some peace of mind to each homeowner on our street .

For these and many other reasons we respectfully request that you please grant the 100 block of Almont Drive parking by permit status only.

Thank you,  
Leigh and Robert Strauss

Edna Itzhaki  
1 South Almont Drive,  
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

August 7, 2012

Public Works and Transportation Department  
Attn: Transportation Planning  
345 Foothill Road,  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Re: Petition

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is a request to approve a petition for a "No Parking Zone" on the 100 Block of South Almont Drive. For various reasons mentioned below especially due to burglaries, we believe that a "No Parking Zone" would help keep our neighborhood safe and clean.

We have been residents of 145 South Almont Drive since September 1999. Today, 13 years later, we have observed increased congestion, increased number of trash left behind from parked cars, and mainly, within the last 3 years there have been 7 burglaries out of 20 homes. The fact that 35% of neighboring homes have been robbed with losses in excess of \$200,000 is very alarming! Imagine entering your beautiful, comfortable home just to see that the house is in shambles and your valuables have been stolen! What a frightening shock would that be! Well, those who have been victims of such crime or any crime have a permanent scar and fear for their life and family members. Every time we leave our home, we can only pray that nothing would happen. We are fearful to leave our kids home alone. When we return home late at night, we are very scared in case a criminal may approach us with a weapon or if our home has been invaded. Such has occurred throughout the Westside and on South Almont Drive. Fear, fear, fear never leaves our mind. Following a very informative Neighborhood Watch Program meeting led by Sergeant Mader and although we have an alarm system, we added bars and security doors to our property. Sergeant Mader recommends installing cameras and we will do so very soon. Crime has definitely increased in Beverly Hills and with California's Low Budget Plan, we will see more crime. Our dedicated Police are doing their utmost best, but it is to no avail. City of Beverly Hills has a very big problem to tackle. Prior to our meeting, my neighbor and I visited every home to inform and invite them to the Program. Also, we mentioned a "No Parking Zone Petition" and all were in favor except for 4 residences. We believe that criminals sit in their cars to observe our daily routine and find the right moment to invade our homes when they know that the homeowner will not return for at least fifteen minutes. Undoubtedly, one watches the entrance while another is inside the house. We want to help prevent this.

In conclusion, we believe if no one is allowed to park without a permit, then we as neighbors can spot a foreign car and contact BHPD or Department of Transportation. We can collectively help reduce crime on our street looking out for each other with a "No Parking Zone", adding alarm systems, security bars and cameras. We are all terribly scared of the current crime situation and urge you to hear our voices in order to rectify the problem.

Your cooperation is kindly appreciated and we thank you in advance. It is unfortunate that beautiful City of Beverly Hills, being world renowned, is a magnet for robberies. If this continues, it may not be the best scenario for its status, its economy and home prices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edna Itzhaki". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Edna Itzhaki

July 2, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

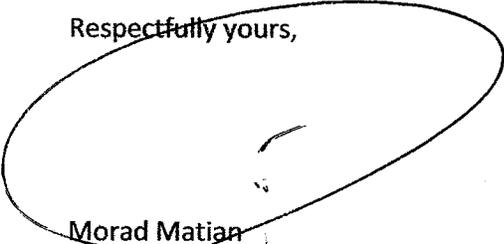
This letter is to bring to attention of the City of Beverly Hills Police Department and City Council members the frightening fact regarding increased number of burglaries in the 100 block of South Almont Drive in the City of Beverly Hills within the past four years.

Community members agree that these burglaries tend to occur, primarily during mid porting of the business day when most residents are out to work and non-resident vehicles park on our street. Creating a desirable environment for the burglars to conduct their crime undetected in the midst of all parked vehicles.

We, the residents of 100 block of South Almont Drive, in order to combat this unacceptable level of insecurity, hereby request the city government to increase Police patrol in our neighborhood and "No Parking" at all times except by permit for the residents signage on this street.

We, all the neighbors and residents collectively appreciate the City officials' (Police and City council) serious attention to this crucial safety issue and the take the appropriate measure to curb and hopefully eliminate this unsafe situation in our city.

Respectfully yours,



Morad Matian

1 S. Almont Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

NORA & FARHAD ZARIFPOUR  
1 SOUTH ALMONT DR  
BH,CA,90211

6-26-2012

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I HAVE LIVED IN BEVERLY HILLS FOR CLOSE TO 25 YEARS.

THE SECURITY FOR ME AND MY FAMILY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME.

WE HAVE 3 YEAR OLD TWINS.

WE HAVE HAD A BURGLERY EXPERIENCE IN THE SUMMER OF 2007 AND  
FORTUNANTLY THE ALARM HELPED AND THEIVES WERE NOT ABLE TO  
TAKE ANYTHING.

THE HOUSES LOCATED ON **SOUTH OF WILSHIRE** SPECIALLY ON ALMONT  
DRIVE SEEM TO ALL HAVE HAD SOME KIND OF BAD EXPERINCE WITH THE  
BREAK INS.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING WITH THE BEVERLY HILLS POLICE  
OFFICER WAS GOOD AND HELPED THE NEIGHBORHOOD GET TO KNOW  
EACH OTHER AND ALSO BE ALERT.

I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE **NO PARKING ANYTIME** WILL HELP  
OR AT LEAST REDUCE THE BREAK INS AND THE CRIME.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.

NORA & FARHAD ZARIFPOUR

My family and I are victims to a burglary that took place in 2009. I Ellie Edison had gotten married that year and was pregnant. I was going to drop something at my parents home when I realized that their front door was unlocked and slightly left opened. Not fully comprehending, I walked in only to find my parents perfectly clean house in a wreck. It occurred to me then that this was a strangers doing. I quickly ran outside scared for my Childs life and me. My head started to spin and I felt faint. I called my parents to let them know what happened, right after called the Beverly Hills police. They told me not to go in until they arrived.

After their arrival, they entered the house to make sure no one is there. My mother Fariba Laghaei, and my two brothers just came to the house just before I got the ok to go inside. Knowing where my mother hid all her precious jewelry that is the first place we checked. My mother dropped to the floor in tears seeing that every piece of jewelry including her wedding jewelry and pieces that were passed on from generations, where all stolen. I will never forget the image of my mother on the floor crying looking and feeling so helpless, if only I would have gotten there a few minutes earlier. After sitting down and trying to appraise how much these valuables were, we came to the conclusion it was somewhere close to \$40,000. Let alone all the memories.. We then checked to see if the cash my brothers were saving to give to charity was also taken around \$6000. This took months of saving. The entire house was trashed. It would have taken a week to clean.

My father arrived, just feeling so vulnerable that he didn't want to go into the house. He kept saying, " I don't feel like this is my home, strangers have invaded it". It makes no sense, my parents are working 7days a week to live in a city where this should be prevented. Our home is the first block south of Wilshire 132 south Almont Dr, this happened during mid day with the sun up. My family didn't feel safe sleeping in their own home for months. We can never get over all my mothers jewelry being gone. We were all affected by this tragedy, just to hear its happened again and again on our block. Myself being pregnant, I had to rush to doctor to make sure everything was ok because my heart wouldn't stop racing.

How can anyone say that Beverly Hills out of all cities in the world is NOT safe? Till today we don't trust that we wont be victims again. We never leave without closing all the windows, and turning on the alarm. When we are outside and see an unfamiliar face sitting in their car we wait to see what their business is on our street. We can't be in our own home without locking the doors; it's very hard to live everyday feeling that there could be another invasion.

To Whom It May Concern:

We have been Beverly Hills residents for over 19 years and have been living at 1 S. Almont Dr. for the past eight years now. Even since we have been residing at this address, we have always had issues with the non residents that park on Almont Dr.

Regardless of the honking, loud phone conversations, crying kids and babies, screaming mothers and the amount of trash people leave behind daily, most of the time our driveway is partly blocked, due to irresponsible drivers. We have three kids under the age of 6 and most of the time when we are trying to get home and our driveway is blocked, we have no way of getting to our driveway and there is absolutely no parking space available near our house, and we cannot leave the kids in the car to even call the Parking Enforcement.

Most of the time, there are so many delivery vans and SUVs parked on both sides of our driveway, that we do not have any visibility of the oncoming traffic to pull out of the driveway. Even though we live on this street and we are obligated to pay city taxes, we get screamed and cursed at by the rushing people that are driving over 40 mph on our block. Not to mention, there is absolutely no way to describe the Lexus Dealership cars that cruise and race on Almont Dr., which put people's lives in danger as well as our kids.

In the first year that moved to 1 S. Almont Dr., my pregnant wife came across 3 homeless people that were sleeping in our guest house and using our Emergency food and water supply stored in the guest house. After we saw one of them walking on our backyard for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, we called the police but after two hours of waiting, we gave up and left home. For many months, we did not feel safe to step in our backyard or the guest house and since the police never responded we did not bother calling them again. This problem has gotten worse and out of control since eight years ago, resulting in many burglaries on our block and yet we do not see any black and whites patrolling our street or the alley.

Since there is parking available for nonresidents on Almont Dr., we have noticed many times that there are suspicious people sitting in their car for hours and paying attention to all the residents, but when we ask the Beverly Hills Police Department as to what they can do, they respond that they cannot do anything without a warrant.

We believe that just like most residential streets in Beverly Hills, we also deserve the right to feel like we live on a residential street and not a commercial street like Wilshire Blvd. Taking the two hours free parking away and making Almont Dr. a Permit Only Parking Zone will make this street safer for our kids and our personal property as well as easier for the Police to patrol.

We apologize from all of our neighbors for not being able to attend the meeting but we do look forward to cooperating in improving the safety of our neighborhood with the help of the City of Beverly Hills Police Department as we deserve.

Sincerely,  
Mr. & Mrs. Amouna

Kamran , Lida Tehrani

100 S. Almont Dr.

B. H. CA 90211

June, 28, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am sure you can not imagine how terrifying it is when you are witnessing a robbery. Yes it is, I was and had a horrible experience when it happened to my next door neighbor at 100 S. Almont, which you can find the attached letter from the owner. Since then I live in fear and even when I remember the scene of the burglary on that day makes me and even my family scared, nervous and unsecure. Any time I leave my home, I imagine someone is tracking me, my family and my house for the time to strike and I always think that we are going to be the next target.

We the residents of S. Almont Dr 100 block hereby strongly are requesting and demanding for **Parking Only Permit Zone**. We are insisting on this matter before something serious and dangerous happens to our families and neighbors.

We all are suffering from the situation and unfortunately there has been no action from the officials, especially the police department.

In advance we would like to appreciate the City Officials' (police and city council) for cooperating and understanding our feelings and thoughts.

This is for the safety and security of all the residents living in the most beautiful, famous, best, and safest city known in the world.

Sincerely,

Lida Tehrani

June 25, 2012

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is to bring to attention of the City of Beverly Hills Police Department and City Council members/Mayer the frightening fact about increased number of burglaries in the City of Beverly Hills South within the past four years.

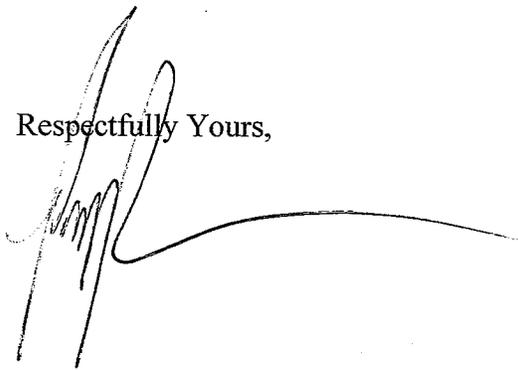
Further, the purpose of this letter to request/demand the city government to increase Police patrol in the city by providing officers on foot/beat and/or bicycle patrol.

Over the past four years there has an alarming rate of burglaries in our 100 Block of South Almont Drive. Our family personally has been a victim of two such burglaries over the span of one year in 2009 at 100 South Almont Drive. Per our observation of these burglaries, they primarily tend to occur during mid portion of the business day when there are many vehicles parked on our street and this creates a desirable environment for the burglars to conduct their crime undetected in the midst of all parked vehicles.

As such, in order to combat this unacceptable level of insecurity, we, the residents of South Almont Drive 100 Block are hereby strongly request the City to increase Police patrol on our neighborhood street as well as render the 100 block of Almont Drive "No Parking" at all times except by permit for the residents.

We, all the neighbors and residents collectively appreciate the City officials' (Police and City Council) serious attention to this crucial safety issue and the take the appropriate measure to curb and hopefully eliminate this unsafe situation in our city.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Persai Behara', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Persai Behara  
1 S. Almont Drive

# **ATTACHMENT 8**

# BEVERLY HILLS CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING



100 Block of South Almont Drive  
Request to Modify Preferential Parking Permit Zone "U"

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The City of Beverly Hills invites your participation in the review of a resident-initiated petition to modify Preferential Parking Permit Zone "U" on the **100 block of South Almont Drive** and the adjacent section of Charleville Boulevard between South Almont and La Peer Drives.

**MEETING:** Beverly Hills City Council

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

**LOCATION:** City Hall, Council Chambers, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA, 90210

**PETITION REQUEST:** Modify the existing 2-Hour daytime permit regulation to "No Parking Anytime, Except by Permit."

**ACTION:** At the October 6, 2012 Traffic & Parking Commission (TPC) meeting, staff recommended a regulation of "**1-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and No Parking Any Other Time, Permit 'U' Exempt.**" The TPC voted 4-1 to recommend against any changes to the existing permit zone.

Both staff and TPC recommendations will be presented to the City Council. The City Council will make the final determination of what parking regulation will be placed on the block.

Please note that a "No Parking" evening permit regulation does not exempt vehicles from the City's overnight parking ordinance between 2:30-5:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Persons wishing to comment on this proposal are invited to attend the City Council meeting scheduled November 13, 2012. You may submit your comments in writing by e-mail, fax, or postal mail for review by the Beverly Hills City Council.

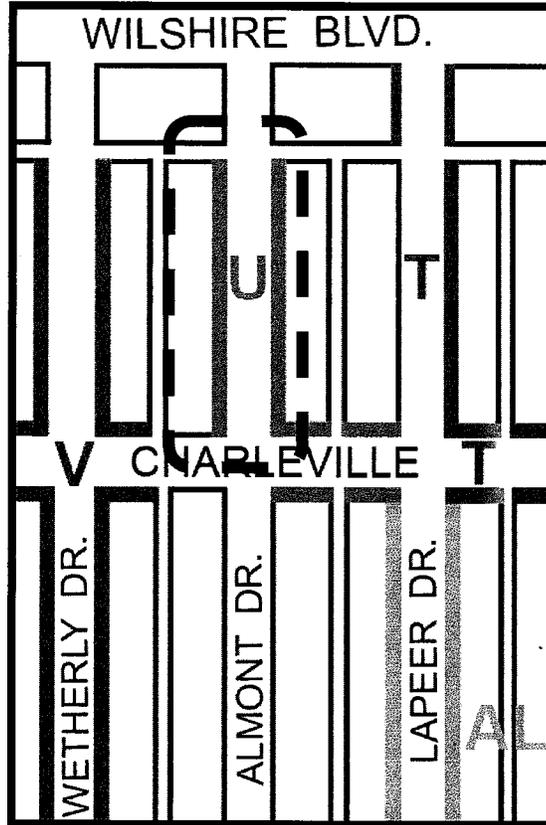
By Email: [transportation@beverlyhills.org](mailto:transportation@beverlyhills.org)

By Fax: (310) 278-1838

By Mail: City of Beverly Hills, Transportation Planning  
345 Foothill Road, Beverly Hills, 90210

If you would like additional information regarding this proposal, please contact the Public Works & Transportation Department at (310) 285-2452.

## 100 Block of South Almont Drive



**EXISTING PERMIT ZONE REGULATIONS:**

<b>ZONE U: 100 SOUTH ALMONT DRIVE</b>	2-HOUR PARKING 8AM TO 6PM, MON-FRI; NO PARKING, 6PM TO 2AM, MON-FRI; NO PARKING ANYTIME, SAT-SUN
<b>CHARLEVILLE BLVD. BETWEEN ALMONT AND LAPEER DRIVES.</b>	
<b>ZONE V: 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH WETHERLY DRIVE</b>	1-HOUR PARKING, 6AM TO 6PM, MON-FRI; NO PARKING, 6PM TO 2AM, MON-FRI; NO PARKING ANYTIME, SAT-SUN
<b>ZONE T: 100 SOUTH LAPEER DRIVE, EAST SIDE ONLY</b>	NO PARKING, 8AM TO 9PM, DAILY
<b>ZONE AL: 200 BLOCK OF SOUTH LAPEER DRIVE</b>	2-HOUR PARKING, 8AM TO 6PM, MON-SAT
<b>ZONE CC: 100 SOUTH CLARK DRIVE</b>	1-HOUR PARKING, 8AM TO 6PM, MON-FRI
<b>CHARLEVILLE BLVD., BETWEEN LAPEER DRIVE &amp; THE NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY JUST EAST OF CLARK DRIVE</b>	1-HOUR PARKING, 8AM TO 6PM, MON-SAT

# **ATTACHMENT 9**



**David Greene**

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**From:** Edna Itzhaki i  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 02, 2012 2:56 PM  
**To:** WebCBH TRANSPORTATION  
**Cc:** Leigh Strauss  
**Subject:** Notice of Public Hearing October 4, 2012  
**Attachments:** letter to public meeting petition.docx

Hello,

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting, but please accept my letter in my absence. Just to confirm, I am happy with a 1-hour parking regulation on 100 Block of Almont Drive.

Thank you in advance,

Edna Itzhaki

Edna Itzhaki  
1 South Almont Drive,  
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

October 2, 2012

Public Works and Transportation Department  
Attn: Transportation Planning  
345 Foothill Road,  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Re: Modify Permit Zone U

To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of the 100 Block of South Almont drive and active petitioner to modify our parking zone, I want to thank you for recognizing our concern and have scheduled a meeting on October 4, 2012 for the matter to be heard. Your effort is kindly appreciated.

As per Notice of Public Hearing letter, under Staff Recommendation to change the regulation to 1-hour parking only, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM is perfectly satisfactory to me. We will definitely see improvement in all aspects of concern. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting, but I am rest assured that the result will be favorable.

Sincerely,

Edna Itzhaki