



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

**Meeting Date:** February 4, 2014  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** Chad Lynn, Director of Parking Operations  
**Subject:** Request by Councilmember Gold to Consider Options for Commissioner Jeffery S. Levine to Continue Work on Disabled Parking Placard Reform After the Expiration of His Second Term with the Traffic and Parking Commission

**Attachments:** None

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### INTRODUCTION

This is a request by Councilmember Gold to consider options for Commissioner Jeff Levine to continue his work on disabled parking placard reform after the expiration of his second term with the Traffic and Parking Commission. Commissioner Levine's term expires on April 14, 2014.

The City of Beverly Hills, through both the City Council and the City's Traffic and Parking Commission, is committed to pursuing and supporting the reform of the use and misuse of Disabled Parking Placards (DP) in Beverly Hills and throughout the State. This includes the increased enforcement of DP abuse within the City, the consideration of an increased enforcement for DP misuse and the consideration of legislation to improve the state regulations related to DP issuance and use.

Commissioner Levine has expressed an interest in remaining involved with the City's efforts related to pursuing reform and improving enforcement of disabled placard misuse.

### DISCUSSION

Commissioner Levine has been an integral part of the Traffic and Parking Commission's pursuit of reform, including bringing speakers to both the Commission and City Council and has met with multiple State Senators and Representatives to champion reform at the legislative level.

Options for the continued involvement of Commissioner Levine after his second term expires on April 14, 2014 include the following (in no particular order of favor):

Option 1: Commissioner Levine may continue to serve as an advisor of the currently established Ad-Hoc committee of the Traffic and Parking Commission related to disabled placard issues.

Pros: This is a currently established Ad-Hoc Committee of the Traffic and Parking Commission and provides an opportunity for a group with a working history on this subject to continue working together for this issue

Cons: Official recognition of an advisor role may cloud the differentiation between an appointed 'Commissioner' and an informal advisor to the Commission

Option 2: The City Council may wish to invite Commissioner Levine to serve as an advisor to the City Council's Legislative Committee on matters related to disabled placards.

Pros: Provides an opportunity to continue working on these issues and rises the level of involvement to legislative advocacy on behalf of the City Council

Cons: Although it would not be uncommon for the City Council to call upon experts to provide advice and counsel for specific areas of legislation, this may set a precedent for others that wish to have ongoing involvement in legislative advocacy at the State and Federal levels on behalf of the City.

Option 3: The City Council may wish to consider reappointing Commissioner Levine to serve another term as a Traffic and Parking Commissioner. Such a consideration would require the adoption of an ordinance amending the term limits of Commissioners.

Pros: Provides a seamless approach to continue efforts related to these issues and other general work of the Traffic and Parking Commission.

Cons: There are currently term limits within the City's Municipal Code. This could establish a precedent to grant requests to extend terms to continue work on many of the long-term issues pursued by City Commissions. This would also limit new opportunities for community members to participate in appointed service to a City Commission.

Option 4: The City Council may wish to establish a committee with a specific purview related to disabled placard issues, with Commissioner Levine serving as a member.

Pros: This model has been used previously for community engagement in the form of a committee or task force with a specifically defined purpose and state and end date

Cons: Creation of another Committee/Task-Force will require additional meetings, support and direction from City Council Liaisons, associated City Commissions and Commissioners and staff resources to these support activities.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no significant financial impacts anticipated related to Options 1-3. Potential financial impacts would need to be considered and revisited related to Option 4

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the City Council provide direction related to the continued involvement of Commissioner Levine to continue work on disabled parking placard reform.



George Chavez

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Approved By