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**To:** WebCBH TRANSPORTATION  
**Subject:** Serious increase in disabled parking abuse

Dear Commissioners,

I will have been a resident of Beverly Hills for four years this February, residing on Bedford Drive between Wilshire and Charleville. In that time, street parking has always been a challenge, particularly when street cleaning restrictions are about to be in effect (beginning on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings). I have found myself circling the blocks for up to 30 minutes when no legal spaces are left (though thousands of empty spots sit just the other side of Charleville). While the ridiculous limitations on where I can park is annoying and waste way too much of my time, it is nothing compared to the irritation I now experience with increasing frequency when absolutely NO spots can be found on my street due to the multitude of cars parked that display handicap parking placards. I've actually gone up and down the streets (with groceries in my car) for up to 30 minutes trying to get a spot. I implore you to do something about this problem. My neighbors and I complain to each other all the time and feel so frustrated and unsure what to do. A parking enforcement person said to write to you.

On any given day (weekends included), you can find between 4-10 "disabled" cars on Bedford alone (Peck and Camden are similarly invaded). Strangely enough, few if any of those cars can be found here at night. And almost every time I see someone leaving one of those cars, they are never going into one of the apartments on this street. Instead, they walk (quite ably, I might add) down the street to Saks or other business where they either shop or work. Many of the cars sit all day on our street.

It seems to me that there is a very simple fix for this problem--require all cars that park on the street to display a permit from BH. If someone is visiting a resident, the resident can provide one of their spare permits or call for an exemption. Any disabled person who accidentally gets a ticket (if for example, they got it while getting the permit from the resident) could get the ticket waived. They would need to provide a letter from the resident as proof, which shouldn't be difficult.

I am also amazed that they can park at meters without paying. Most days, the meters have no paying customers since the "disabled" take up the spots. I used to live in Arlington, VA and the policy there has been (for at least 5 years now) that "All may park, all must pay" and there were a few meters left open just for the disabled.

I understand from neighbors that the city has never really cared very much if our "rental" streets have convenient parking since we are not paying the property taxes directly. I seriously hope that is not true. Most of us are long-term tenants who keep these streets clean and safe and who feel as much pride in the neighborhood as the owners. I would be willing to help in any way that I can to help you come up with solutions to this problem. I just ask that you take this seriously as it is making many of us reconsider the renewals of our leases--yes, it is THAT big of a problem.

Please let me know how I can help--I am willing to attend a meeting or be part of a task force--anything to solve this problem. Thank you.

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