OPPOSE

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From:
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2013 11:45 PM
To: WebCBH TRANSPORTATION
Subject: hearing for 9:30 am -700 Block of North Crescent Drive.2-hour parking request

To: Traffic and Parking Commission

City of Beverly Hills

Via email to transportation@beverlyhills.org

Re:700 N Crescent Drive conversion to 2 hour parking

This email is being sent the evening of30 July to comply with the 24 hour advance correspondence request. If possible, a written copy will be delivered before 9:20 am on 31 July.

I have been a home owner and resident in the 700 North Block of Rexford for approximately 40 years and of the City of Beverly Hills for approximately 10 years before that. Our children have all matriculated through the Beverly Hills schools from Kindergarten through high school. I am familiar with the streets involved.

It is requested that the parking not be changed at this time. It is further requested that the Commission undertake a more comprehensive study of the entire area affected from Beverly Drive to Doheny and from Sunset to Santa Monica Blvd. Further, the study made in the report was made on July 11th when the Hawthorne School was not in session. Any study of these streets should include the effect of the parking of the employees and staff and parents and visitors to the Hawthorne School when the school is in session. Rexford frequently becomes jammed with cars parked adding to the large number of all day parkers and construction vehicles already on the street. Further, the effect of the Ahmanson Center not yet opened should be included.

I am fully sympathetic to the safety concerns of the residents on Crescent, but do not know the underlying facts. Has there been increased police or accident activity on that street beyond what is normal for the neighborhood including our street? We, on Rexford must listen to the sirens of fire and Police vehicles day and night. It is the inconvenience we citizens must and do bear in exchange for the requirements of the good of all the citizens in the city. Urban life brings with it having to suffer a bit for the good of the entire community We do not suggest the re routing of emergency vehicles from Rexford to Crescent to better our quality of life and sense of safety..

I am in total agreement that what once was a tolerable annoyance has become worse and is no longer tolerable. Converting Crescent to 2 hour parking would simply be reducing, temporarily the problems on Crescent and transferring them to other streets and homeowners, in the neighborhood , especially when school is in session. Simply dumping the problem from one street to the neighbors in the adjoining streets is not the solution.

Rexford Drive is caught in the middle of the Hawthorne School, The Beverly Hills Hotel and the soon to be finished Ahmanson Center as well as the employees of the City of Beverly Hills and those who have business with the City Government as well as the huge number of trucks and cars belonging t construction workers. All of the employees of these groups want free all day parking.

Accordingly, it is requested that the matter be denied at this time and brought back after a more comprehensive study can be done which would include the school being in session and the Ahmanson center being open as well as the effect on neighboring streets.

Crescent and Rexford have been as they are for more than 100 years. A few more weeks or months won't matter much.

If I were asked for a solution to the problems of the Residents of the 700 N. Crescent Drive (I haven't been), I would convert all the streets North of Santa Monica Blvd to 2 hours as has been done South of Wilshire. The residents have garages and driveways which they can use. Workers and others with bona fida needs can get permits.

Respectfully submitted,

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