

## INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

February 28, 2017

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**TO:** Board of Police Commissioners

**FROM:** Executive Director, Board of Police Commissioners

**SUBJECT: VALET PARKING SENSITIVE AREA**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Board APPROVE the designation of the Holmby Hills area, bounded by Bel-Air on the north, Wilshire Boulevard on the south, City of Beverly Hills on the east and Beverly Glen Boulevard on the west, as a Valet Parking Sensitive Zone.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In December 2014, Los Angeles Police Commission, Commission Investigation Division (CID) began receiving complaints regarding valet parking in the Holmby Hills area of West Los Angeles. CID investigators attended a community meeting with residents to discuss the problems and possible solutions. CID investigators also monitored the valet companies operating in the area and verified the complaints.

The complaints included the following:

- noise,
- depletion of on-street parking,
- vehicle code violations such as speeding and failing to stop for posted stop signs,
- blocked private residence driveways,
- excessive traffic,
- idling company vans.

At the time, the City's valet parking ordinance did not cover non-reoccurring residential valet parking.

In March of 2015, the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) recommended that the City Council modify the Valet Parking ordinance to allow the Commission to require operators in Valet Sensitive Areas to obtain Police Commission Permits. On February 7, 2017, the ordinance was modified with an urgency clause for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety of residents in valet sensitive areas.

The ordinance provides for the following:

*With the following exception, no permit shall be required under this section if the Valet Parking Operator is providing services for a non-recurring special event at a private residence. A one-day*

*permit shall be required for a Valet Parking Operator providing services at a private residence, including for a non-recurring special event, if the residence is in a valet parking sensitive zone as designated by the Board of Police Commissioners and the movement of vehicles is on or over any public right-of-way or public property. The Board of Police Commissioners through its Executive Director may issue a one-day permit to a Valet Parking Operator for valet services in a valet parking sensitive zone after a determination by the Executive Director that the valet service will not adversely affect public safety or create a public nuisance. The Executive Director, after investigation and review, may recommend to the Board of Police Commissioners the designation of a valet parking sensitive zone with specific geographic boundaries and rules and regulations to be imposed on Valet Parking Operators when providing valet services within the zone.*

**DISCUSSION:**

On February 23, 2017, CID received a complaint of a valet operation, providing services a residence on Beverly Glenn Boulevard, which is located in the Holmby Hills area. The valet operator created a valet lane on the east curbside, using cones and signage. The valet lane did not leave sufficient space for northbound vehicles to drive through Beverly Glenn Boulevard northbound forcing traffic into the southbound lane of Beverly Glenn Boulevard.

On February 7, 2017, CID received a complaint of three valet companies providing services in the Holmby Hills area. To illustrate the excessive use of the residential parking in the area, the complainant provided pictures of one of the three valet operations that had assigned an attendant and three storage boards for valet vehicle keys on the sidewalk. Two of the boards had a storage capacity of one hundred and the smaller board had a capacity of fifty. The complainant also provided a picture of Woodruff Avenue filled to capacity, which was one of six blocks.

On December 15, 2016, the complainant provided pictures of numerous streets filled with valet parked vehicles in the Holmby Hills area.

CID verified the complaints and conditions described by the residents within the Holmby Hills area. Therefore, I recommend that the Board designate the Holmby Hills area, bounded by Bel-Air on the north, Wilshire Boulevard on the south, City of Beverly Hills on the east and Beverly Glen Boulevard on the west, as a Valet Parking Sensitive Zone. This designation will require the valet parking operator to obtain a one-day valet permit, identifying the traffic route and location where vehicles will be parked in a permitted off-street auto park as well as comply with all other requirements of the valet ordinance.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Lieutenant II Ernest Caldera, Commission Investigation Division, at (213) 996-1230.

  
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Board of Police Commissioners