



## WEST LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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RE: Ten Year "Temporary Conversion of Municipal Parking Lot No. 707 to a Modular Interim Housing Facility"  
**2377 Midvale Avenue at West Pico Blvd. (northwest corner Midvale and Pico)**

Whereas the Los Angeles City parking lot located at 2377 Midvale Avenue has provided Westside businesses with much-needed parking since its acquisition in 1990; and

Whereas the parking lot is centrally located in the Westwood/Pico Neighborhood Oriented District (NOD), a pedestrian-oriented district adopted by the City January 24, 1998 (Ordinance No. 171,859); and

Whereas small businesses are the heart of this community and its economic engine and source of local jobs; and

Whereas the local community-serving business district in the NOD is just now recovering from the impacts of the COVID pandemic; and

Whereas pandemic recovery is a gradual process as storefronts are rented and people return to in-person activities, and it is important to allow time to see parking occupancy stabilize; and

Whereas many small merchants who have hung on during COVID cannot sustain additional hardship as they operate out of older buildings without parking for customers; and

Whereas Municipal Parking Lot 707 is the only public parking lot west of Malcolm Avenue serving the Pico-Westwood business corridor; and

Whereas recent Council action recently removed the replacement parking requirement should the lot be taken for other uses, leaving the business community without adequate parking, particularly during peak hours when there are street parking restrictions; and

Whereas the business community is deeply disappointed that the Council District failed to reach out and consult with affected merchants and property owners before announcing the proposed plan to place interim homeless housing on the only municipal parking lot in the area;

Therefore be it resolved that the West Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce urges the City to halt the proposed change of use of Lot # 707 and retain its operation as a Municipal Parking Lot.

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