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Monthly report

The crime surrounding homeless encampments in our neighborhood is increasing. As Zone IV Director and Co-Chair of Homeless Committee for Mar Vista Community Council, here is my monthly report:

1. Two break-ins to residents homes.
2. One fire at the 405 encampment.
3. One shooting at the 405 encampment.
4. One homeowner assaulted with a brick by an unhoused person on drugs.
5. One homeowner killed while trying to prevent a criminal from stealing his bike.
6. Tents on streets: 86, up 29% year to date.

LAPD announced major staffing cuts including:

Metropolitan Division

Air Support

Robbery and Homicide Division

Gang and Narcotic Division

The department also plans to reduce desk hours at its stations, cut special deployments in popular areas such as Venice and Hollywood, and stop staffing teams that cover homeless issues. (LA Times, 11/7/20)

I hope our city leaders have a comprehensive plan to prevent crime, beyond cutting the police budget, and are transparent about the results.