

11/10/2020
Zone 7 report

1. Message: Resident residing on Mitchell Ave and Wade reports: I have lived in Mar Vista for a few years and love the sense of community here. I love the community so much that I want to keep it safe. Over the past month, I have had 2 alarming encounters that I'm afraid may be linked to trafficking. The first one was about 3 weeks ago. I was sitting outside in the back of Mei Lei with a friend when a 40-something woman came up to us, asked us if we would be willing to meet a man at a cross-street (Either Moore and Pacific or Moore and Manor, I forget exactly where she told us) she would give us money. We obviously declined, but she kept pushing it. We asked her to leave. The second incident was today (November 5th). I was walking to my car (on Mitchell) when a man pulled up next to me while I was walking, rolled down his window, and asked me if I wanted to hop in and grab a beer. It was not friendly flirting, it was more assertive. These are especially concerning, because though I am 25 I do look very young. I am afraid some trafficking may be going on in the community and wanted to bring it to your attention.
2. I've been in communication with Tapia Fortunado and Mark Hovatter of LAUSD Facilities regarding updates on the Comprehensive Modernization project at Venice HS. Today they sent an Impact Notice regarding demolition that will take place at the Garden beginning November 16th. If you have not received the communication, please let me know. They have conducted outreach about the project to affected residents and participants in their town halls. For my Lyceum Residents, I know there are concerns regarding the fence that is leaning into your properties. They will be following up hopefully with the week with a plan of action, which will not include replacing the fence. I will continue to request support in helping you maintain your residences. In general the completed update will be amazing for our community: recreational space, training areas, updated aquatic facility, etc.
3. I suspect that some of the new unhoused residents we now see on Venice Blvd, Pacific may have moved over from the cleared Rose encampment. Just my speculation
4. Request for Stop Sign installment at Wade and Matteson Avenue submitted at the last Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.
5. Great Streets Business Inventory- project in progress. Hoping to create a Directory of Al Fresco restaurants, inquire about business since covid, collect feedback for relevant committees and CD 11.
6. Please reach me with information for food, gift, or clothing drives for Mar Vista Families. We can all anticipate a difficult holiday season for many families this year. I'd love to offer support to Mar Vista families in need, especially renters. Venice has a food bank @venicefooddrive