

Zone 1 Report:

Westside Village continues to work to find suitable locations for Safe Parking, after being told by the owner of the old Albertson's store at Palms & Sepulveda that he would not allow his property to be used because the community (and the Councilmember) have serious issues involving his community engagement on his project, and opposition to the increased density and mass that they are now proposing.

The Vons Center is still considering a Safe Parking proposal and we have identified a third location that is in the vicinity of National and Sepulveda, within another NCs area technically, and the governing NC to the north are supporting our efforts to obtain this Safe Parking location.

We continue to have increased reports of attempted home break ins, vandalism and theft from vehicles, and several cars that have been stolen. We also continue to have reports of catalytic converters being stolen and are getting word out regarding preventive measures that can be taken to prevent further thefts. We had one incident involving a home invasion during the day while the residents were present. We commend the LAPD in their fast response which enabled them to arrest the suspect who was still in the house when they arrived.

We also have had several crimes reported at the Vons Center, including one store being held up at gunpoint, shots fired in the parking lot and customers in the lot being robbed. The Shopping Center has private security and continues to work with the LAPD and the Community to address the crime issues.

Westside Village continues to work with our faith based organizations in providing support to our unhoused community including a recent paper shredding event where we also collected toiletries, PPE and blankets for those who are in need in our community. There is a growing encampment on both Military and Sepulveda that has started several fires adjacent to residences, and one individual in the encampments has been photographed and connected to multiple burglaries in our community. Councilmember Koretz is working with the community to deal with the issue involving this one individual, who is known by the LAPD who are also frustrated with the situation.

Our HOA continues with their organizational plans that will proceed over the next several months. And we are looking forward to being represented on this board by Tyler La Ferriere, who has been actively participating with our HOA and has established himself as a great leader for our community in the future. Best of luck, Tyler! We are so thrilled to have you represent us!