

EIGHTH DISTRICT REGIONAL ANNUAL REPORT

PARK MESA
HEIGHTS AREA
2017-2018



PROJECTS

Community Clean Ups

The Council Office and community groups have worked tirelessly to address the ongoing illegal dumping issues the the area.

- There have been ongoing, area-wide clean-ups for Illegal Dumping, abandoned vehicles, and RV's. Some of the more highly affected areas include Hyde Park Blvd, 67th Street, Van Ness, West Blvd, Brynhurst, and Van Ness.
- Additionally, the office works regularly with the contractor Walsh Shea on improvements near the construction of the Crenshaw Line, including clean ups along the Crenshaw Corridor and Hyde Park Blvd Railroad and constructing fences up around the railroad tracks to help elevate illegal dumping on 67th Street and 11th Avenue.

Hyde Park Community Explosion Meetings

After a startling explosion with no known cause in Hyde Park, the Council Office worked with community groups, The Gas Company, city, and state entities to determine the cause and comprehensively solve the problem.

- The Council Office organized around an emergency situation with multiple City Departments and the Gas Company to determine the cause of the explosion.
- The Council Office and Hyde Park HOPE to organize stakeholders to hold department and the Gas Company accountable to fix the damages and provide solutions.

Vision Zero on Florence

Traffic Safety continues to be an ongoing problem on Florence where a wide street encourages drivers to move at unsafe speeds. Since a tragic accident on Florence and 8th killed a school-aged child, the Council Office and Park Mesa Heights Neighborhood Council continues to work closely with the Alliance school and parents to find long-term solutions.

EVENTS

Community Clean Ups



Movies in the Park



Hyde Park Explosion Community Meeting



EJ Jackson Square Dedication



SPOTLIGHT ON PARK MESA HEIGHTS

Parking on Crenshaw Boulevard has been an ongoing challenge since construction commenced on the Crenshaw/LAX Line. The community and businesses have lost as many as 290 spaces, some of them temporary and many of them permanent.

Residents, business owners, and community leaders have worked tirelessly with the Council Office and city departments to figure out temporary and permanent solutions.

This year, the Council Office was able to purchase two lots on 54th Street and 11th Avenue to ensure that residents and shoppers can have access to parking. Metro and Walsh Shea were able to secure a temporary parking lot on 50th Avenue. Additionally, the Council Office worked with LAPD to deal with an illegal cannabis shop that was using a lot for illegal activity with individuals using intimidation to make that lot unusable. However, the lot is now secure by Metro, alleviating the problem of public safety.

\$750,000

Dulan's on Crenshaw was awarded a grant to expand his business. It's critical that as many businesses as possible thrive during construction along the Crenshaw/LAX Line. This grant will ensure that a community-based business gets the support they need.

13,932

Within the last year, residents submitted 13,932 311 requests in the Park Mesa Heights area last year, a 26% increase from the year prior. 311 requests allow the Council Office to better advocate for resources in the area.

IN THE PIPELINE

- Ongoing West Blvd Task Force with LADOT Parking Enforcement, HOPICS, Dept of Sanitation and LAPD to tackle illegal dumping, parking issues and assisting the homeless population in Hyde Park.
- Ongoing Crenshaw & Florence Auto Body Shops Task Force
- Assistance of the distribution of \$15,000 grant for beautification
- Trees replacement on Hyde Park Boulevard by California Greenworks
- Construction of the new pool and bathhouse at Van Ness Recreation Center
- Additional lighting and tree trimming for added safety on Hyde Park Blvd, with lighting provided by LADWP on every other light pole along the railroad tracks, and tree trimming by METRO