

April 29, 2009

Councilmember LaBonge  
City Hall, Room 480  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Councilmember LaBonge:

The Los Feliz Improvement Association enthusiastically supports the Investigators of the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services and its goal to remove illegal signs and charge the persons responsible for any such illegal posting for the removal.

The Los Feliz Improvement Association is one of the oldest neighborhood associations in Los Angeles representing over 1,000 households. We schedule regular neighborhood cleanups to remove illegal signs and graffiti. We could not continue our work at its present level without the services of the Bureau of Street Services and its investigators. Illegal hand bills and posted signs have multiplied in the last few years. To stop their proliferation we need the fine work and the monetary charges recovered by the investigators. A city ordinance is of little use if it is not supported by enforcement. We were told that the Investigation and Enforcement Division has collected \$1.4 million so far this fiscal year. They have more than earned their salaries and added revenue for the city.

Members of the LFIA had the great pleasure of meeting Investigators Dortheney Henry, Glenn Yee, Joy O. Bryant, and Senior Investigator T. F. Walls at a workshop on documenting and reporting illegal signs in Los Angeles. Their dedication and hard work makes the streets and neighborhoods of our city more beautiful and livable. We were dismayed to learn that the Mayor has proposed deleting the section in spite of the fact that they have generated \$1.4 million in revenue.

The LFIA urges you to recommend that the Investigators of the Bureau of Street Services be retained so that they can continue to enforce the illegal handbills and signs ordinance. Since you are a person who appreciates the beauty of Los Angeles and who does more than his share of cleaning up in the city, we hope that you will support the Bureau of Street Service Investigation and Enforcement Division.

Sincerely,

Marian Dodge, President

cc: Mayor Villaraigosa  
Councilmember Bernard Parks