RE: Homeless encampment update on Lillian Way

Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>  Tue, Mar 10, 2015 at 1:57 PM
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Hi everyone, attached please find the City of Los Angeles's guidelines for abandoned property and encampments in PDF format.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

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Thanks!

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES GUIDELINES FOR ABANDONED PROPERTY AND ENCAMPMENTS

The following is a list of commonly asked questions regarding abandoned property and encampments, as well as a list of numbers for supportive services in the 13th Council District.

How is the City handling abandoned property and encampments?

Due to two court cases, the Jones case and the Lavan case, the City's ability to enforce its laws has been significantly restricted:

On October 15, 2007, the City entered into a settlement agreement in Jones v. City of Los Angeles, in which the City agreed that between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., it would not enforce the law prohibiting sleeping on the streets anywhere in the City of Los Angeles until the City makes 1,250 units of permanent supportive housing available in the Skid Row area.

In a separate case, Lavan v. City of Los Angeles, a federal district court judge issued a preliminary injunction enjoining the City from seizing or destroying personal property left unattended on the public sidewalks of downtown’s Skid Row. The City appealed this order to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Ninth Circuit held that the removal and immediate destruction of a person's unattended property violates the United States Constitution. The Ninth Circuit's opinion applies citywide. In implementing the injunction and the Ninth Circuit ruling, the City has established a process to be used prior to removing or destroying personal property left on sidewalks. This includes providing notice to the owner prior to removal and storing the property for a reasonable period prior to disposing of it. These prerequisites do not apply to items which pose an immediate threat to public health and safety, or is evidence of a crime.

What is the City doing about the accumulation of personal property on the public sidewalks?

Although the injunction only pertains to Downtown Los Angeles, the City has implemented these precautionary steps citywide to protect individuals' rights to their property and to also ensure compliance with the Ninth Circuit ruling, which is applicable citywide. The City's Bureau of Street Services (BSS) and the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) are working with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and other agencies to provide outreach to the homeless individuals as well as to maintain safety in the public right of way. The City has sought to strike a balanced approach: provide help to those who need and want it — and to enforce all applicable laws to protect quality of life.
There is an encampment in my community; is there anything I can do about it?

Being homeless is not illegal. The city’s department of Bureau of Street Services and Sanitation, along with LAHSA, have developed a process to ensure that public safety concerns are met. If you would like to report abandoned property or an encampment, please call the Councilmember’s District Office at 213-207-3015.

Here’s the essential Abandoned Property/Encampment Cleaning Protocol:

- Encampment reported to BSS by constituent or Council Office
- BSS assigns investigator to the site who visually inspects the site
- Council Office/BSS alerts LAHSA
- LAHSA conducts outreach and offers services to the individual
- Owner of property receives a 72-hour Notification of Cleanup to ensure he/she has enough time to collect their belongings
- BSS works with Sanitation to schedule a cleanup of the bio hazard waste in the area. Cleaning an encampment requires specialized training, which may require a certified watershed protection worker.

What is Councilmember O’Farrell doing to address the homeless situation?

The Councilmember has contracted with People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) for a dedicated outreach team in the 13th District, and is funding the Los Angeles Conservation Corps Clean Team to clean sidewalks, alleys, and public stairways of trash, bulky items, and other debris.

Citywide, Councilmember O’Farrell is working to establish an affordable housing policy, which will help create more permanent supportive housing for the homeless. The Councilmember is bringing more affordable housing units to the 13th Council District than any other district in the City of Los Angeles, but feels this must be a citywide effort as homelessness is a citywide problem.

Is there anything else the public can do to help the Los Angeles Police Department when it comes to encampments?

Constituents are encouraged to promptly report crimes to LAPD. Property owners near encampments can work with LAPD and install security cameras with recording devices. The LAPD is also strongly encouraging residents to leave the enforcement to them.

Constituents should also use the MyLA311 SmpartPhone app to report abandoned property, or call 3-1-1 directly.
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Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>  
Mon, Mar 9, 2015 at 2:12 PM

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On my calendar although unfortunately I do not think I will be able to attend. I will try to make it.

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Steven Whidden <steven@mediadistrict.org>  
Mon, Mar 9, 2015 at 12:11 PM
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FYI

I am unavailable for this meeting as I am at a BID Consortium meeting in Santa Monica at that time. I am requesting that our Captain attend the meeting and brief me afterwards.

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On Mar 9, 2015, at 10:02 AM, Chie Kobayashi <chie.kobayashi@litpost.com> wrote:

Hi everyone,

Just wanted to piggy back off of Lindsey's follow up email. Please let us know the time/date we plan on having this meeting. Last that I saw, Tuesday was thrown out as an option which we will be able to attend.

Please let us know.

Thanks!

On Mon, Mar 9, 2015 at 9:54 AM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

I was out of the office on Friday and I'm not sure where we are at in this thread... Lindsey, what's the best # to reach you?

Thanks,

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On Mon, Mar 9, 2015 at 9:42 AM, Raby, Lindsey <LRaby@vince.com> wrote:
Hi Julie & All,

Just wanted to check in on this one with everyone... do we have a clear day/time to lock down?

---Original Message---
From: JULIE NONY [mailto:32016@lapd.lacity.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 5:28 PM
To: Chie Kobayashi
Cc: Daniel Halden; jacquelyn.lawson@lacity.org; mesquivel@laspd.com; David Hollingsworth; Steven Whidden; Joel Collins; John Irigoyen; Raby, Lindsey
Subject: Re: Homeless encampment update on Lillian Way

hi all,
please make sure the property owner or at least a supervisor in charge of the property is present as well....thx!

>>> Chie Kobayashi <chie.kobayashi@litpost.com> 3/4/2015 4:16 PM >>>
Hi Julie and Joel,

A meeting next week sounds great. Any day works for me as of right now.

Please let me know when we have a set date.

Thank you!

Best regards,

Chie Kobayashi

On Wed, Mar 4, 2015 at 3:44 PM, JULIE NONY <32016@lapd.lacity.org> wrote:

> hi joel,
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> That is actually a great and very generous idea. Lets all get our
> schedules together.....tues is good for me, wed would have to be 1230
> or 1pm and thurs I might be stuck with homeless arrests. Thx so much
> everyone. Can anyone get a hold of Milk in the meantime?
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> >>> Joel Collins <joelc@red.com> 3/4/2015 3:25 PM >>>
> Hi Julie/ Chie,
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> I'm available to meet. Just let us know the time and date!
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> Maybe we can make it a lunch meeting at our newly renovated diner,
> Scarlet.
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> Lunch will be on me.
Let me know!

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Hi Chie,

This is the very thing we had discussed with David in the beginning
and everything worked out great. We really need to get every business
on the same page so this doesn't continue to happen. It might seem
strange and ugly at first but if you are new to the area and don't
know how things operate, this can get really out of hand. I will be
out for the rest of the week, so I can not personally be there. Please
call our front desk number if you should need to have a police unit come out (213-972-
2971/2972/2973).
And of course call the B.I.D first to see if they can handle it. The
homeless are a lot like kids in a way. If we warn them and there is no
follow through (like we did with the encampment) then they will test
us and do what they can get away with. I would like to have a meeting
with you, Vince Clothing, Red Studios, Milk, School PD, B.I.D, Vine
Street Elementary and your neighbors just north of you. And whoever else you can think of.
Let's all get together and share in the responsibility of keeping this
area clean. Thank you!

Julie

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www.LAPDOnline.org (http://www.LAPDOnline.org)
Good morning Julie,

Happy Wednesday! I just wanted to send you an email with some updates on the encampment situation.

Unfortunately, some of the homeless people are now back this week on Lillian Way in front of our building. As each day passes, it seems as though more people are joining and their encampment is growing larger. As of this morning, their belongings and pitched tents have been spilling onto the sidewalk making it hard to walk there without stepping on their belongings.

Some have been walking around shouting profanity as well...

Would it be possible to send someone out here to take a look at the encampment, or send a crew to randomly hose/spray down the street so they would move?

Thank you so much and hope to hear back soon!

Best regards,

Chie Kobayashi

On Fri, Feb 27, 2015 at 3:46 PM, JULIE NONY <32016@lapd.lacity.org> wrote:

hi Chie,

Lindsey has been working to get Walters encampment removed by today........sorry i could not make it out there. I literally just back in the office, trying to juggle the rest of my area. Please let me know how today goes. Walter is mentally ill and does drugs. Step
Up

outreach service were suppose to follow up and talk with him, along
with a field Doctor. He knows he cannot be there.

As far as the RV's the City changed the ordinance to allowing anyone
to sleep in their vehicles on City streets. We use to be able to
cite
and/or tow the trucks. If they are parked for more than 72 hrs they
have to be cited first and then towed if they do not comply and move.
Unfortunately the City also states that "moving" can be a couple of
feet or so, as long as it has been moved. Our hands are tied on a
lot,
but I can always reach out to them to tell them to move around. DOT
(Department of Transportation) is a good tool for you guys to use
because that is their whole job, citing cars/RV's. They have a
special
detail for RV's and can help you out. Please follow up with them at
213-485-4184. thx, Julie

>>> Chie Kobayashi <chie.kobayashi@litpost.com>
2/26/2015 9:19 AM

Good morning Julie,

I hope your week is going well so far! I just wanted to get a quick
update on the homeless situation on Lillian Way.

I'm not sure if Walter is still there, but it seems as if some of
his belongings still remain on the street (unless someone different took
over).

Also, we had to file a complaint awhile back with the City of Los
Angeles Bureau of Street Services about two camper trucks who have
been parked on Lillian Way for days on end.
They disappeared for awhile but are now back and have been parked outside of our office for a few days now. The people inside the camper trucks have pitched a tent (which is there all day & night) and their belonging are spilling on to the sidewalk.

Here is the information on the two campers:

1) White Ford Camper Truck with brown lines
   - License Number: 6LXH734

2) White Camper Truck (that says Miranda on it)
   - License Number: L309324 (Illinois license plate)

Is there any way we would be able to get them to leave?

Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much and hope to hear back soon!

Best regards,

Chie Kobayashi
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