

First off, thank you for electing me to the 2016 HHA Board of Directors. I hope to prove worthy of the trust you've put in me. I volunteered to head the Safety Committee and this is my first report.

Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, I had a meeting at the local CD4 office with Catherine Landers, Senior Deputy for Councilman Ryu and Field Deputy Adam Miller. I wanted to introduce myself as the new contact for the HHA Safety Committee to the Councilman's office and learn what CD4 has planned to help us deal with the oncoming hoards during Spring Break. They promise:

An increased presence in the neighborhood of DOT, Traffic Control and Parking Enforcement, Patrol Cars (smoking & other infractions) and Park Rangers (stationed at the 'vista'). This is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. I was promised updates by Carolyn via e-mail as soon as she gets firm dates which I will post. I will approach LAFD next to discover if they plan to deploy resources locally or increase their manpower during this period. There is a new chief and I'm awaiting contact information.



You may recall that the LAPD was turning traffic around down near the market and even further South last New Year's Eve. This is an action they take *at their discretion* based on the number of people walking in the street. That's why there wasn't any notice before it began on New Year's Eve: *It's a "real-time" decision*. To help them decide, we will seek observers for our critical zones (Beachwood, Vista, Deronda, Mulholland): our observers will count pedestrians walking to and fro for 5 minutes within each of 4 time spans: 10-12, 12-2, 2-4, and 4-6. We have an Excel sheet to input raw numbers, estimate the full two hours each span, and calculate totals. With our systematic tally we can be proactive in seeking law enforcement at critical times (weekends and holidays) and to get a permanent, long-range solution to this condition of street-overrun.

I have a Class A (big truck) driver license, so I am aware of overweight abuses by buses and vans illegally using this area. I pointed out that there's no enforcement in our neighborhood and was told that only officers from the 'Commercial Division' can write that ticket. CD4 will ask LAPD 'Commercial Division' for enforcement stings over the Spring Break period. About March 10<sup>th</sup>, I will seek confirmation that this request has been made to the 'Commercial Division'.

I've noticed several Sprinter vans, both black and white that are hauling passengers with no TCP numbers displayed; that's totally illegal. A TCP number is issued by the PUC to transports that haul passengers showing that they conform to insurance and safety regulations. Any legitimate company would have one of them. Many of the 'surrey' type vans are too big to be up here too. A 'surrey' is a passenger van with the roof cut off. According to the internet, the Sprinter vans weigh in excess of 7,000 pounds and can carry 12-18 passengers; a "surrey", Chevy 3500 weighs 6,400 lbs empty and can carry 12-13 passengers. The posted weight limit here is 6,000 lbs and it is posted at every possible entrance to Hollywoodland. We need the 'Commercial Division' to enforce the law. I will discover who heads up that division and get in touch.

There will be an HHA Safety Meeting in the near future. If you'd like to be involved please comment here also write [info@hollywoodland.org](mailto:info@hollywoodland.org). If you use SAFETY as the first word in the Subject Line, it will help to get the email to me. I'll inform you about the meeting which will be March 12, 13, or 14; we need representatives in the form

I believe that if we act in a united way and keep the faith we can make our situation a whole lot better.

~ Jack Conrad