



GREATER GRIFFITH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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Mr. Gary Harris, CFS, Chief Of Investigation and Enforcement
City Of Los Angeles, Bureau of Street Services
Investigation and Enforcement Division
1149 South Broadway, Suite 350
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Harris:

As you know, The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) has been engaged in an awareness and outreach effort to inform stakeholders regarding LAMC 112.04, prohibiting the use of gas powered blowers within 500 feet of residences.

Working with your department, we're pleased to report many of our stakeholders have opted to switch to electric blowers and some have chosen the low-tech, but nonetheless efficient use of rakes and brooms. Your office's professionalism has contributed to our early success. Besides yourself, we would like to thank Larry Morales and Jeannie Chavez for their efforts.

The official notification letters and postings have been effective, however, in many cases, professional landscapers (amongst others) have chosen to continue use of gas blowers. We're familiar with the "broken windows" theory, and in all frankness, we believe a few citations would go a long way in spreading the word amongst scofflaws of many stripes to cease and desist from using gas blowers where they are in violation of the law.

To this end, we would like to move forward and have the GGPNC fund up to 13 hours of labor for one investigator to patrol our area at an approximate cost not to exceed \$500, which will be remunerated through a direct city funds transfer.

Our Green Committee has spearheaded this effort and can act as the best advisory source on when and where your investigator can be the most effective. Please contact Tomàs O'Grady, Committee Chair at tomasogrady@ggpnc.org or (323) 387-3866 to coordinate. Additionally, Councilman LaBonge, is copied on this letter, so his office may choose to assist in facilitation.

All best and thank you.

Sincerely,

Ron Ostrow, Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council
By: Tomàs O'Grady, Chair, GGPNC Green Committee

cc: Councilman Tom LaBonge
Jessica Kornberg, Secretary, GGPNC
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