

MOTION

PUBLIC SAFETY

Recently, there have been several instances of sex offender clusters in the City and surrounding areas. In East Los Angeles, 47 sex offenders were placed on parole in an apartment building less than 2,000 feet from a high school on the Cal State Los Angeles campus. In Long Beach, 19 sex offenders on parole resided in the same apartment building near two licensed day-care centers.

Existing state law prohibits a registered sex offender on parole from residing in a single family residence with another registered sex offender on parole unless those persons are legally related by blood, marriage or adoption. On November 7, 2006, the voters of the State of California approved Proposition 83, commonly referred to as Jessica's Law, which prohibits registered sex offenders from residing within 2,000 feet of schools and parks. Proposition 83 added Section 3003.5(c) to the Penal Code, which enabled cities to pass local ordinances that further restrict the residency of sex offenders, in a manner more restrictive than state law.

On January 27, 2009, to address the issue of sex offender clusters in residential settings, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors enacted an ordinance which imposes additional residential restrictions on sex offenders. The provisions of the ordinance include:

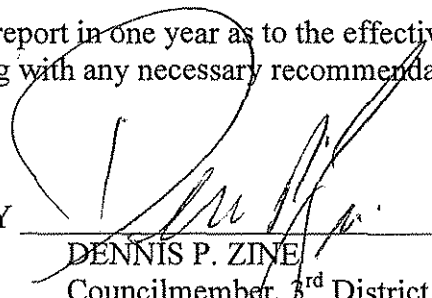
- Limiting the number of sex offenders to one per any type of residential building, be it an apartment, house, duplex or hotel, unless such persons are related by blood or marriage;
- Creating "residential exclusion zones," or areas within 2,000-feet of schools, parks, and libraries, and "child safety zones," or areas within 300 feet of child care centers, schools, libraries or playgrounds, and prohibiting sex offenders from residing in such areas.
- Establishing civil and criminal penalties for property or hotel owners and their staff who violate these prohibitions;

Several cities have enacted similar ordinances, including El Monte, Long Beach, Palmdale, Pomona and West Covina. Enacting a similar ordinance in the City would ensure consistency in sex offender laws and enforcement, and better protect communities from clusters of sex offenders. Therefore, the City would greatly benefit from enacting such an ordinance.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance similar to that enacted by the County regarding residential restrictions on registered sex offenders.

I FURTHER MOVE that the LAPD provide a report in one year as to the effectiveness and/or unintended consequences of the ordinance along with any necessary recommendations.

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