ITEM #8

BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: April 10, 2025

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager
Department of Transportation

Subject: **ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 330 IN THE LAKE BALBOA COMMUNITY IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 6**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) recommends the establishment of Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 330 in the Lake Balboa community in Council District (CD) 6.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FIND that the patrons of the businesses parking their vehicles in the residential areas are causing adverse parking impacts on the adjacent residential blocks from which the residents deserve immediate relief.

2. FIND that the establishment of PPD No. 330, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.58.d, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, under Article III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

3. ADOPT the accompanying Resolution establishing the boundaries of PPD No. 330, pursuant to the City Council's November 6, 2018, "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts," to include the residential area of the following blocks bounded by the centerline:

    - Vanowen Street between Balboa Boulevard and Odessa Avenue
    - Odessa Avenue between Vanowen Street and Victory Boulevard
    - Victory Boulevard between Odessa Avenue and Balboa Boulevard
    - Balboa Boulevard between Victory Boulevard and Vanowen Street

4. AUTHORIZE the following parking restrictions for use on the residential portions of all streets in PPD No. 330:

        - 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 330 PERMITS EXEMPT

- NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 330 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 330 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 330 PERMITS EXEMPT

5. INSTRUCT LADOT to initiate the necessary procedures for the preparation and sale of parking permits to residents within PPD No. 330, as specified in Section 80.58 of the LAMC.

6. DIRECT LADOT to post or remove the authorized parking restrictions on the residential portions of the street segments enumerated in Recommendation No. 3, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited in the interest of traffic flow or public safety.

7. DIRECT LADOT to post or remove the authorized parking restrictions upon receipt and validation of petitions containing signatures from at least 75 percent of the dwelling units, covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on a street segment requesting installation or removal of the parking restrictions set forth in Recommendation No. 4, without further action by the City Council.

BACKGROUND

The Preferential Parking Program is set forth in Section 80.58 of the LAMC. It provides for the establishment of a PPD by Resolution of the City Council, upon recommendation by LADOT, and authorizes the Department to promulgate rules and procedures to implement the City's Preferential Parking Program, which must be approved by the City Council. Establishment of a PPD is initiated by a request from a representative of the affected neighborhood group or by the area's Councilmember. However, the area must meet the criteria set forth in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts" adopted by the City Council before establishment or expansion may be allowed.

The "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts" approved by the City Council on November 6, 2018, allows the LADOT to recommend a PPD provided all the following conditions are met:

1. Submittal and verification of petitions requesting such action signed by the residents living in at least 75 percent of the dwelling units, comprising of more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on a minimum of six blocks.

2. Determination by LADOT that at least 85 percent of the legal on-street parking spaces are occupied on a minimum of four blocks.

3. The Board of Transportation Commissioners conducts a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the preliminary findings and recommendation of LADOT.

Residents of the area designated as a PPD may purchase special parking permits. Vehicles bearing such permits are exempt from the preferential parking restrictions posted within the district for which the permit was issued. The exemption only applies to the preferential parking regulations on those signs, not to regulations of a general nature that may have been installed for traffic movement or street cleaning purposes.

Parking is currently allowed in this area, and the establishment of this PPD involves negligible or no expansion to existing use; therefore the establishment of this PPD falls within the Class 1 categorical exemption of section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and the 2002 City CEQA Guidelines, Article III.1.a.3.

DISCUSSION

On November 21, 2023, LADOT received the attached letter from Councilmember Imelda Padilla requesting the establishment of a PPD in the Lake Balboa community of CD 6. The letter indicated that the neighborhood is impacted by nearby schools and the patrons of the businesses parking their vehicles in the residential areas and which is causing adverse parking impacts on the adjacent residential blocks. This section of Lake Balboa has considerable demand for on-street parking, with six schools nearby and popular neighborhood commercial districts to the north and south.

LADOT determined that an establishment of a PPD will provide parking relief to the residents of the area. Councilmember Padilla and the residents of the Lake Balboa neighborhood concur with the Department's recommendation.

The residents provided signed petitions from the blocks listed below. A block is defined as a street segment between two intersecting streets. The following eight blocks submitted petitions representing more than 75 percent of the dwelling units on both sides of the street covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on each block:

- Forbes Avenue between Gilmore Street and Haynes Street
- Forbes Avenue between Gilmore Street and Victory Boulevard
- Gilmore Street between McLennan Avenue and Forbes Avenue
- Gilmore Street between Forbes Avenue and Whitaker Avenue
- McLennan Avenue between Gilmore Street and Haynes Street
- Haynes Street between McLennan Avenue and Forbes Avenue
- Haynes Street between Forbes Avenue and Whitaker Avenue
- Haynes Street between Whitaker Avenue and the dead end at Bull Creek

Parking Analysis

LADOT staff conducted a parking study on Thursday, June 1, 2023, between the hours of 2:30 PM and 4:30 PM, and determined that the following 10 blocks in the proposed established area have a parking occupancy of at least 85 percent of the available legal parking spaces, thus satisfying the parking study criteria set forth in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts."

- Forbes Avenue between Gilmore Street and Haynes Street
- Forbes Avenue between Gilmore Street and Victory Boulevard
- Gilmore Street between McLennan Avenue and Forbes Avenue
- Gilmore Street between Forbes Avenue and Whitaker Avenue
- McLennan Avenue between Gilmore Street and Haynes Street
- McLennan Avenue between Haynes Street and Archwood Street
- Haynes Street between Balboa Boulevard and McLennan Avenue
- Haynes Street between McLennan Avenue and Forbes Avenue
- Haynes Street between Whitaker and the dead end at Bull Creek

- Archwood Street between Balboa Boulevard and McLennan Avenue

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Revenue from the sale of permits will cover the cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing PPD No. 330. Violations of the posted parking restrictions may result in citation fines deposited into the General Fund.

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Attachments

Approved: 4/10/2025

Board of Transportation Commissioners

Commission Executive Assistant

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 330 IN THE LAKE BALBOA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council, by Ordinance No. 152,722, effective September 2, 1979, revised by Ordinance No. 157,425, effective March 18, 1983, amended by Ordinance No. 161,414, effective July 26, 1986, and further revised by Ordinance No. 171,029, effective June 1, 1996, provided for the establishment of Preferential Parking Districts (PPD) by Resolution of the City Council in each case. City Council adopted the latest revisions on November 6, 2018, Council File 15-0600-S62, under Section 80.58 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.58.k, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) promulgated "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts," revised by Ordinance No. 177,845, effective September 30, 2006, and an amendment by Ordinance No. 180,059, adopted by the City Council on August 30, 2008, which further updated the permit fees; and

WHEREAS, the residents in the Lake Balboa community are adversely impacted by nearby school visitors and the patrons of the businesses parking their vehicles on the adjacent residential blocks from which the residents deserve immediate relief; and

WHEREAS, LADOT made the determination that the signed petitions represent residents living in at least 75 percent of the dwelling units comprised of more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on at least six blocks; and

WHEREAS, LADOT conducted parking studies, which indicated that ten blocks in the proposed established area have a parking occupancy of at least 85 percent of the available legal parking spaces, thus meeting the criteria set forth in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts"; and

WHEREAS, LADOT determined that the signatures submitted represent at least 75 percent of the dwelling units on the residential portions of the following eight blocks, which is sufficient to warrant the installation of the requested preferential parking restriction signs upon City Council approval of this resolution.

- Forbes Avenue between Gilmore Street and Haynes Street
- Forbes Avenue between Gilmore Street and Victory Boulevard
- Gilmore Street between McLennan Avenue and Forbes Avenue
- Gilmore Street between Forbes Avenue and Whitaker Avenue
- McLennan Avenue between Gilmore Street and Haynes Street
- Haynes Street between McLennan Avenue and Forbes Avenue
- Haynes Street between Forbes Avenue and Whitaker Avenue
- Haynes Street between Whitaker Avenue and the dead end at Bull Creek

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Resolution be adopted by the City Council establishing PPD No. 330 to include the blocks within the residential area bounded by the centerline of the following streets:

- Vanowen Street between Balboa Boulevard and Odessa Avenue
- Odessa Avenue between Vanowen Street and Victory Boulevard
- Victory Boulevard between Odessa Avenue and Balboa Boulevard
- Balboa Boulevard between Victory Boulevard and Vanowen Street

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LADOT be authorized to post or remove the following preferential parking restrictions on any of the blocks within the district, without further action by the City Council, upon receipt and verification of requisite petition(s) as provided for in the adopted "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts."

- 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 330 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 330 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 330 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 330 PERMITS EXEMPT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LADOT be authorized to post or remove the "2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 330 PERMITS EXEMPT" restriction on both sides of the following residential portions of the blocks for which residents provided valid signed petitions, without further action by the City Council:

- Forbes Avenue between Gilmore Street and Haynes Street
- Forbes Avenue between Gilmore Street and Victory Boulevard
- Gilmore Street between McLennan Avenue and Forbes Avenue
- Gilmore Street between Forbes Avenue and Whitaker Avenue
- McLennan Avenue between Gilmore Street and Haynes Street
- Haynes Street between McLennan Avenue and Forbes Avenue
- Haynes Street between Forbes Avenue and Whitaker Avenue

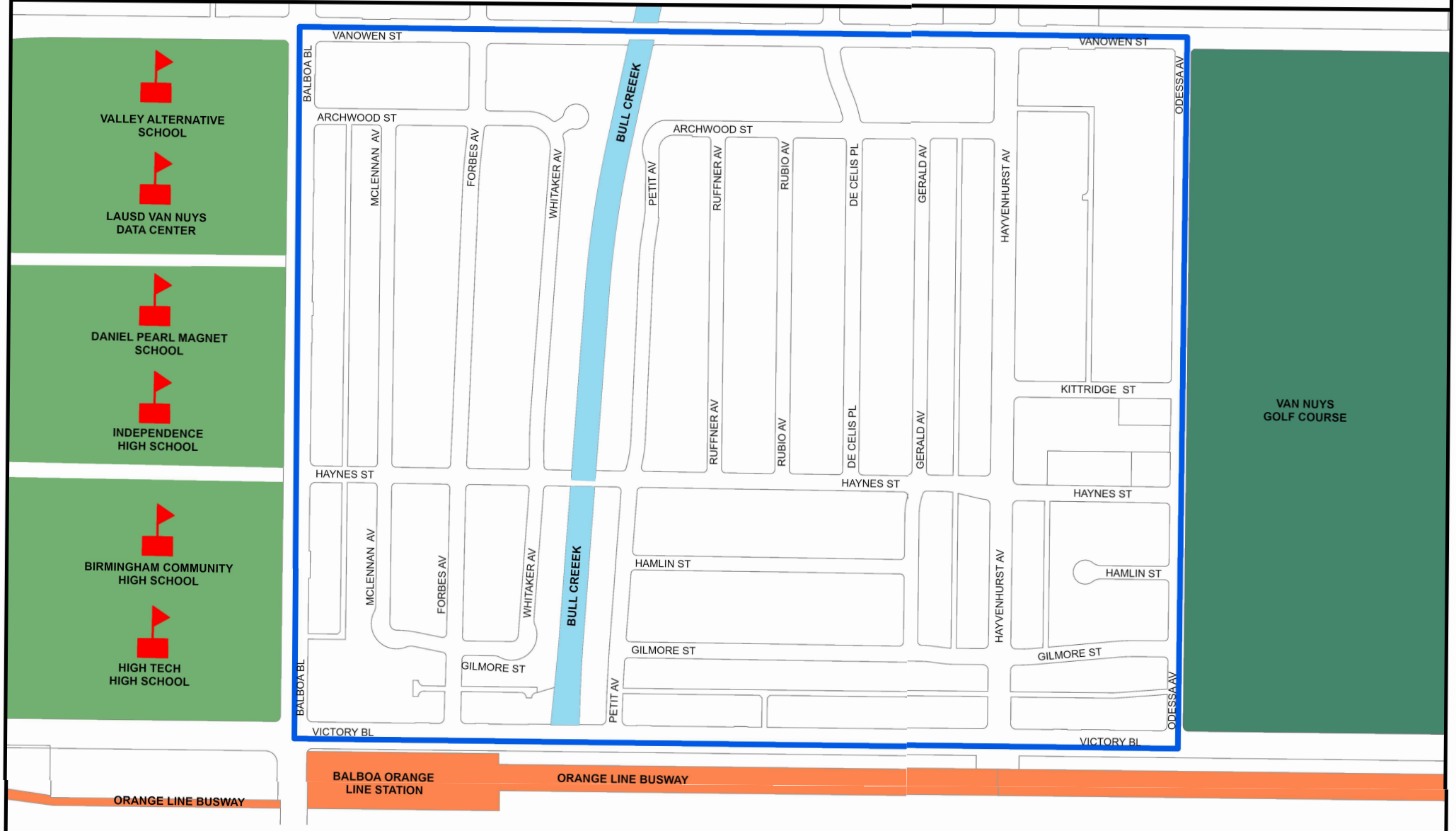
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LADOT be authorized to post or remove the "NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 330 PERMITS EXEMPT" restriction on both sides of Haynes Street between Whitaker Avenue and the dead end at Bull Creek for which residents provided valid signed petitions, without further action by the City Council:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LADOT be directed to take appropriate steps to prepare, issue, and require payments for permits from the residents of PPD No. 330 in accordance with LAMC, and Rules and Procedures adopted by the City Council for PPDs.

PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 330 - PROPOSED

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6

Valley Enforcement



LEGEND:

- PPD No. 330 Boundary
- Bull Creek
- School
- Orange Busway
- Golf Course

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PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 330 - PROPOSED

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6

PETITION, PARKING STUDY & LAND USE

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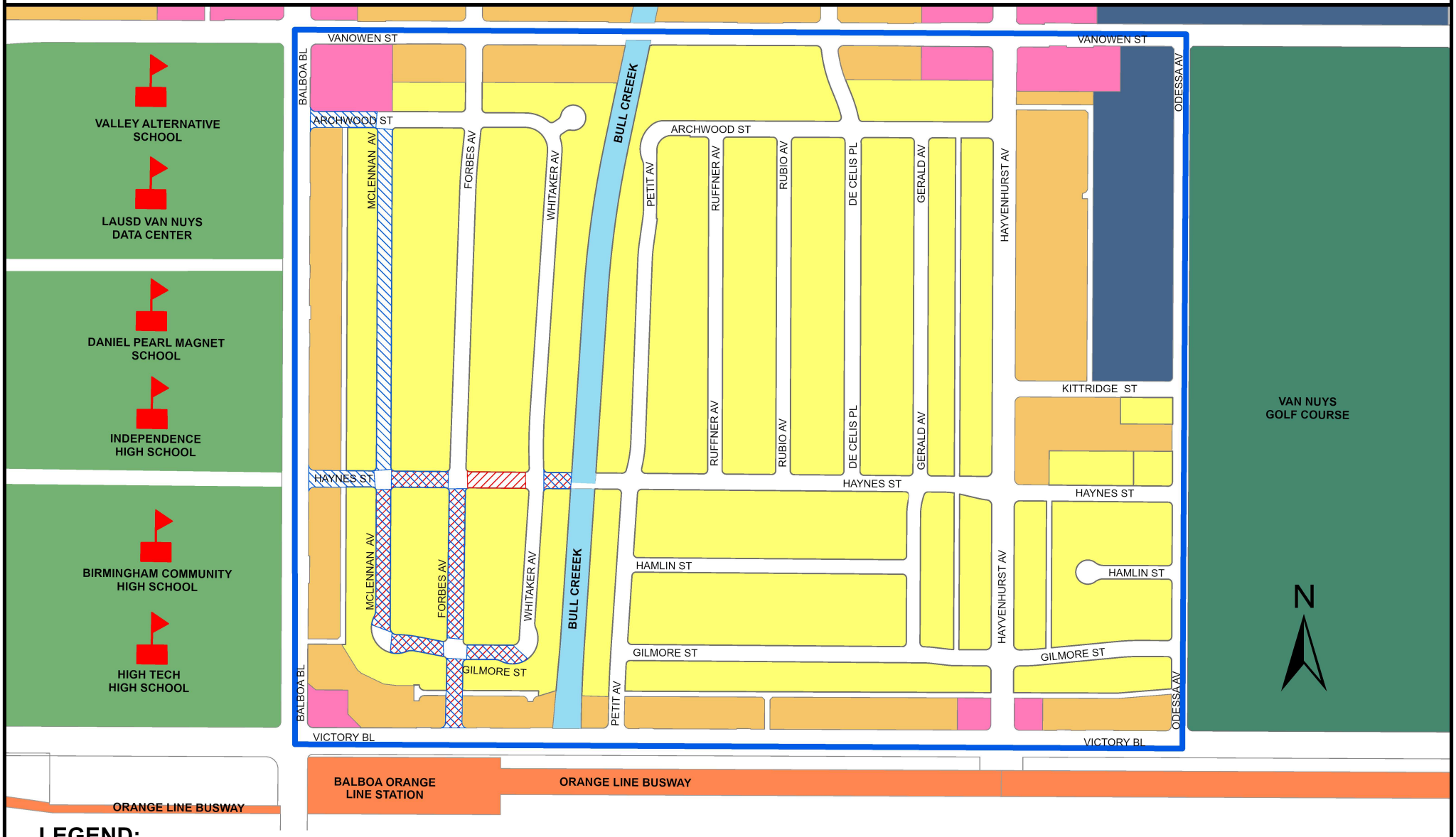

LEGEND:

- PPD No. 330 Boundary
- School
- Residential
- Industrial
- Bull Creek
- Orange Busway
- Multiple Family
- Commercial
- Golf Course
- Petition that passed 75% or more
- Parking Occupancy Study that passed 85% or more
- Petition that passed 75% or more & Parking Occupancy Study that passed 85% or more

Imelda PADILLA
City of Los Angeles Councilmember 6th District

November 21, 2023

Ms. Laura Rubio-Cornejo
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To: The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT),
Cc: Michelle Cayton and Felix Valle, LADOT PPD
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

RE: Support Letter for Preferential Parking District in Lake Balboa

I request that LADOT begin processing a new Preferential Parking District (PPD) in the Lake Balboa community, building off community demand and evidence from LADOT subsequent parking studies. The proposed PPD includes a focus area bounded by Vanowen St. to the north, Balboa Blvd to the west, Victory Blvd to the south, and Bull Creek to the east.

Parking is an important issue for CD6 neighborhoods, and I support the Lake Balboa community's efforts to reduce congestion on their streets. This section of Lake Balboa has considerable demand for on-street parking with six schools nearby and popular neighborhood commercial districts to the north and south. This new PPD will help residents of this neighborhood relieve congested streets and maintain on-street spaces for neighborhood residents.

The proposed PPD should have two levels of restrictions:

A) The following street segments will have restrictions of “2 Hour Parking from 8am to 6pm”, enforced seven days a week.
   a) Forbes Ave, between Gilmore St. and Haynes St.
   b) Forbes Ave, between Gilmore St. and Victory Blvd.
   c) Gilmore St., between McLennan Ave. and Forbes Ave.
   d) Gilmore St., between Forbes Ave. and Whitaker Ave.
   e) McLennan Ave., between Gilmore St. and Haynes St.
   f) McLennan Ave., between Haynes St. and Archwood St.
   g) Haynes St., between Balboa Blvd. and McLennan Ave.
   h) Haynes St., between McLennan Ave. and Forbes Ave.
   i) Haynes St., between Forbes Ave. and Whitaker Ave
   j) Archwood St., between Balboa Blvd. and McLennan Ave.
   k) Archwood St., between McLennan Ave and Forbes Ave.

B) The following street segments will have restrictions of “No Parking 6pm to 8am; 2 Hour parking 8am to 6pm,” enforced seven days a week
   a) Haynes St. between Whitaker and the dead end at Bull Creek

I look forward to working with the Lake Balboa residents, businesses, and LADOT in the development of this PPD. If you have any questions, please contact the CD6 Area Director, Andres Sandoval, at andres.x.sandoval@lacity.org or 818-778-4999.

Sincerely,

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