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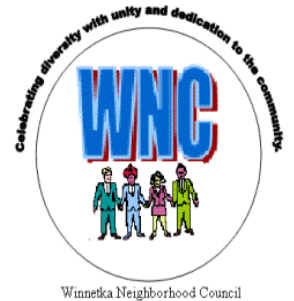
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December 16, 2007

Councilmember Dennis Zine
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring St., Rm 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Dennis,

On behalf of the WNC I'd like to thank you for your continuing support of our efforts in our community. We have appreciated the past help on street paving issues, park issues, parking issues, a variety of other concerns we have been working on, and of course our continuing efforts to beautify the community and the median along Sherman Way.

As you may recall we have a long standing project to beautify the median on Sherman Way between Corbin and De Soto. This plan included re-planting the median, adding sign illumination, and river rock around the signs. We re-planted the median approximately two years ago but the plants failed to survive due to some irrigation issues. Since then we have allocated a sizeable amount of our funds to landscape the median on a more ambitious scale.

However, the contractor we have chosen has advised us that the sprinkler system throughout the median has several failures related to the timers and some heads. As a result we are unable to proceed with the plans we have.

Mr. Art Sims has been working on this project for some time with various City departments. Most recently we have been directed to the Department of Urban Forestry. The department has been responsive in terms of letting us know that they are aware of the problems but are really unable to provide us with any specific time frames when this can be done.

We are very aware of the budget and staffing constraints of the City during these difficult times. However, we are also mindful that over the past four years we have tried unsuccessfully to work with City departments who have reported responsibility for the median to get issues addressed.


Mr. Sims and Ms. Chelebian have both extended quite an effort to coordinate some type of repair with little concrete results to show for it. We have also been in contact with your office through Octaviano Rios who has also expended efforts on this goal. Still we feel that we are not making the progress we need to make.

As I mentioned before we understand the budgetary and workload constraints. We are even open to considering paying for a crew on overtime to do the work or hiring a contractor to repair the system.

This is where we are coming to you for assistance. The WNC has funds to spend to get this done. We have the political desire on the Board to see this completed. We are hoping that you can contact the Department of Urban Forestry, either by phone or in writing, and ask them to focus on this. We can be available for a meeting to set project deadlines and time frames.

I hope to hear from you soon regarding what assistance you will be able to provide us. Mr. Sims is our primary lead on the project. However, I can be reached at 626-564-6000 x 4520 during the week day and at 818-648-6219.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "JJ Popowich".

JJ Popowich
President, WNC