



November 3, 2022

**TO:** LOCSD Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Ron Munds, General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item 2A – 11/03/2022 Board Meeting**  
Letter to the County of SLO Regarding the Unhoused Population  
on Palisades Avenue

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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***Motion:***

***I move that the Board direct staff to incorporate the comments from the Board meeting into the draft letter and authorize the Board President to sign and send.***

**DISCUSSION**

At the September 1, 2022 Board meeting, the Board received public comment on the increasing concern surrounding the increase in the unhoused population on Palisades Avenue. The Board agreed to draft a letter to the County of San Luis Obispo's Board of Supervisors requesting additional measures be approved to assist law enforcement in managing the situation.

After discussing the situation with a representative from the public whose group has been in contact with the County's Sheriff's Department on the situation, staff has drafted the attached letter that outlines the District's concern and offers ideas on how to improve the situation which are consistent with the citizen group's input. The homeless issue is a very complicated issue with no easy solutions readily at hand. There are temporary solutions available, though not perfect, which can help address the issues at our community center on Palisades Avenue.

The following are the recommended actions in the draft letter:

- Restrict parking to four hours on Palisades Avenue and indicate that violations will result in the towing of vehicles.
- Provide notice to violators that there are viable alternative areas for overnight parking including Railroad Square in San Luis Obispo and Oklahoma Avenue at the County Operations Center on Highway 1 (when made available).
- Explore options for alternative street parking sites in Los Osos which will have a lesser impact on our limited community resources (library and only park).

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There are no direct financial impacts associated with the recommended action.

**Attachment**

Attachment 1: Draft Letter to the County of San Luis Obispo's Board of Supervisors

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November 4, 2022

County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Board Members,

This correspondence is in response to the persistent issue of the unhoused population that continues to occupy Palisades Avenue. Though Los Osos CSD Board of Directors understands that the CSD does not have authority in enforcement of codes governing parking on public streets, we do have critical infrastructure on Palisades Avenue and are working on developing a Dog Park adjacent to the existing community park. Additionally, the CSD Board has received numerous public comments at both Board and committee meetings from concerned citizens regarding this ongoing problem. The complaints range from health issues associated with the unsanitary disposal of human waste to safety concerns for all facets of our population trying to utilize the only public park and library facilities and the church on Palisades Avenue.

The citizens and the CSD want to stress that we do appreciate the past efforts to rectify the problem including the passage of an ordinance not allowing overnight parking on public roads in Los Osos, and the Sheriff's Department continual efforts to manage the situation. It appears that this is not enough as the unhoused population once again is growing on Palisades Avenue signaling that more measures are needed to ensure the health and safety of our residents in this core area of our community.

At the November 3, 2022 CSD Board meeting, the Board discussed the situation at length and invited public comment as well. The result of that conversation are the following suggestions and actions the County could take to alleviate the problems:

- Restrict parking to four hours on Palisades Avenue and indicate that violations will result in the towing of vehicles.
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Providing assistance and some assurance of safety to this deserving population is important. The County's plan to address homelessness is applauded and is a pronounced step in addressing this complicated issue. It is also important that Los Osos residents' concerns are equally addressed and are able to enjoy the community's limited resources in the Palisades area.

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## Attachment 1

In summary, the CSD Board is respectfully asking the Board of Supervisors to consider all the options available, including the ones suggested in this letter, to resolve this ongoing issue. There are solutions to this inherently difficult problem which can be mutually beneficial to the unhoused population, law enforcement and community members but action is required. If you have questions, please feel free to contact either myself or our General Manager, Ron Munds.

Sincerely,

Matthew Fourcroy  
President of the Board of Directors  
Los Osos Community Services District

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