

Zone 2 Report  
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A few letter-writers wanted to send in their comments for the Board's meeting tonight, mostly regarding the Slow Streets Program and MVCC's Community Impact Statement Motion; and by mid-day today some have let me know that they received a notice that their mail was undeliverable. It is important that all correspondence sent to the Board be received by them. Can we look into this matter? Stakeholders want their thoughts and concerns going through to the Board.

On another matter, I have been getting complaints from several Zone 2 residents about two homeless encampments needing to be cleaned up. One is under the 10 freeway at Centinela Ave. I drove by there yesterday and the size of the encampment has increased since the month before. There is now an enormous amount of trash which blocks the pedestrian walkway completely, almost up to Pico Blvd. Centinela is heavily lined with apartments and condos, and residents have told me they are afraid to walk by, even if they had access.

The second encampment is actually on the traffic median located at Gateway Blvd., near Pearl Pl. and Barry Ave. This is also a heavily packed encampment with no visible sanitation equipment available, and the resident's trash keeps piling up. This is also a public safety and health situation for all who are exposed to it. Many people are packed into the tents/structures and no masks are seen being worn around this area.

There was a similar situation on the traffic median on Venice Blvd., near Wasatch Ave., in Mar Vista. which was cleared up last month by the City posting several PEDESTRIANS PROHIBITED signs along that median from Centinela Ave. going west to past Wasatch Ave. Why hasn't the Gateway Blvd. and 10 freeway overpass traffic median been posted with those signs? Several neighbors have told me that they are not getting through to or receiving replies from Councilmember Bonin's office when they wish to report their concerns.