

President's Letter for November

Hello Neighbors!

Crime, Charity and Redistricting: those are the headlines. Here are the details.

Crime. I attended the monthly Olympic Division Community-Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) meeting today. Captain Sandoval reported the Division continues to experience rising Grand Theft Auto and assault crimes. The GTA events average 28-32 per month and mostly involve street-parked vehicles that are unsecured. I know of only one from our area and it fits. The Division offers free steering wheel locking devices for residents that have had a theft or are particularly vulnerable. The assaults are often from "strangers," an unknown person who walks up and strikes you. Best advice: pay attention to what's going on around you.

The arrival of the holidays probably means the delivery services will become even more active in our area, giving more opportunities for package thieves. I suggest filing your cell phone number with the delivery companies so they can message you when delivering, using safe pick-up locations for valuable shipments, and asking neighbors to take in any package left on your porch if you are not home. If you see someone going from house to house, call 911: don't hesitate. Note what they are wearing and the direction they go.

Charity. The Olympic Division annual "Shoes From Santa" will be December 9th. Children are identified through their schools and receive a ticket to the event, so it works for the really needy. In the past our Association has supported this program with donations of both shoes and money and I hope you will help again. I'll do the running; let me know and I'll come by and pick it up from you. I attach the flyer.

Redistricting. Again! Still! You are likely fully versed on the map drawn by the Redistricting Commission. Not perfect, as they freely admit, but pretty good, designed to meet the stated goals and decided through public discussion and vote. Our Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC) accepted it as a reasonable approximation to our requests.

The Council now has it but some members are decidedly unhappy because their domains are not preserved. The fight is on! If you get a chance, listen to the President of the Hancock Park Association ask Councilperson Raman why she wants to represent Hancock Park. After all, this is the person who voted to destroy single-family home ownership in California. We hope for good sense from a majority of the Council to reject the back-room gerrymander that is being prepared. <u>Here</u> is the link to send a comment; the file number is 21-1243 and you must respond to a return email to confirm your submission.

Briefly. A NextDoor post this morning gives details of a package theft on South Wilton Place. I received email notice of a film shoot to occur in the 200 South block of Wilton Pl in mid-November.

I have received some support and no negatives for the idea to decrease afternoon "cut-through" traffic on Wilton Drive with a "No Left" from 4 to 7 where Wilton Dr. turns south. I will begin by enlisting the GWNC Traffic Committee.

Thanks for reading, Bob Reeves, President



