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December 23, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2456

Dear Supervisors:

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF POE PARKWAY BETWEEN DeFOE WAY AND WESTERLY TERMINUS OF POE PARKWAY
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Adopt the enclosed Resolution to temporarily close Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway. Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway is a fully improved secondary roadway with no fronting developments.

2. Instruct the Director of Public Works to post adequate signage and traffic control to reasonably apprise the public as to the nature and extent of the closure.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Currently, Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway is a secondary street in the unincorporated County area of Stevenson Ranch. This section of Poe Parkway does not service any intersecting roadways or driveways. The residents of Stevenson Ranch have expressed their concerns about

criminal activity of people using this segment of roadway for drag racing, and that some teenagers loiter at the end of the cul-de-sac and vacant properties. The recommended action will authorize the Director of Public Works to place appropriate signs and traffic control to establish the closure of Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as implementation will enhance highway safety and accommodate traffic-related concerns of residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds are included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2003-04 Public Works Road Fund Budget to cover the minor cost of installing the necessary signs and traffic control advising the public of the road closure. Financing is not required.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4 allows a local authority to temporarily close to through traffic a highway under its jurisdiction when it finds that, based upon the joint recommendation of the Sheriff and the California Highway Patrol (CHP), there is continual criminal activity in the portion of highway recommended for temporary closure; the highway is not designated as a through highway or arterial; easy access for vehicular and pedestrian traffic contributes to the criminal activity; and the closure will not adversely affect emergency access, performance of public utility services, or the delivery of freight. On November 17, 2003, and November 4, 2003, the Sheriff and the CHP, respectively, recommended the closure due to the existing criminal activities on the subject portion of Poe Parkway (see enclosed). Poe Parkway is a secondary roadway and not a through highway or arterial route. Access for emergency and utility services on Poe Parkway will remain available by way of a gated entrance.

The California Vehicle Code permits the temporary closure to remain in effect for up to 18 months, except that period may be extended for five consecutive periods of not more than 18 months by ordinance or resolution after a public hearing and all the same conditions are met. The public hearing notice shall be published pursuant to Government Code 6062a. There are no driveways or developed properties adjacent

to the portion of highway to be closed; therefore, no public vehicular access is needed.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The establishment of these restrictions, including the installation of related traffic control devices required to notify the motoring public, is categorically exempt under Class I-(x)7 of the Environmental Guidelines approved by your Board.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

At such time as these recommendations may be approved, please return one copy of this letter to Public Works

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDERING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF POE PARKWAY
BETWEEN DeFOE WAY AND THE WESTERLY TERMINUS OF POE PARKWAY
TO THROUGH TRAFFIC

WHEREAS, it is within the power of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 21101.4 of the California Vehicle Code, to temporarily close to through traffic a highway under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, it is found and determined that:

1. Based upon the recommendation of the Sheriff and the California Highway Patrol, there is existing and continual criminal activity on the portion of Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway.

2. It is the joint recommendation of the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol that, because of the existing serious and continual criminal activity, the roadway be closed.

3. Poe Parkway is not designated as a through highway or arterial street.

4. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the highway contribute to the criminal activity.

5. The temporary closure of Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway will not adversely affect the operation of emergency vehicles or the performance of municipal or public utility services in the area, nor substantially adversely affect traffic flow or safety on the adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, nor the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County and the involved community that Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway be temporarily closed to traffic for a period not to exceed 18 months.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway be temporarily closed to traffic for a period not to exceed 18 months unless extended by further action by this Board pursuant to Section 21101.4 of the California Vehicle Code.

IT IS, FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Public Works is instructed to post adequate signage for the closure of Poe Parkway in order to reasonably apprise the public as to the nature and extent of the closure.

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2004, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By_____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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By Francis E. Scott
Deputy

Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

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November 17, 2003

Guita Sheikholeslami, Senior Civil Engineer
Los Angeles County Department of Public Work
900 South Freemont Avenue
Alhambra, California 91803

Dear Ms. Sheikholeslami:

We have received your letter regarding the request by residents of Stevenson Ranch to close Poe Parkway to vehicle traffic between Defoe Way and the Westerly Terminus of Poe Parkway. Over the last year, our station personnel have noticed that there has been a dramatic increase in serious criminal activity by juveniles in the above described section of roadway. This is due to the fact that the location is a dead end roadway and slightly out of view of neighborhood residents and passing vehicle traffic.

We have discussed this problem with Lt. Hoose from the Newhall Office of the California Highway Patrol. We both agree and would like to recommend that the Department of Public Works temporarily close off Poe Parkway, just West of Defoe Way with steel gate and locking system. It would need to be constructed in a manner that it can be unlocked and opened in the event of an emergency.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Sergeant Roger Wallace at (661) 799-5802.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

Patti A. Minutello, Captain
Santa Clarita Valley Station

State of California—Business, Transportation and Housing Agency GRAY DAVIS, Governor

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November 4, 2003

File No.: 540.12185.11822

County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
Attn: James Noyes
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803-1331

Dear Mr. Noyes:

In response to your letter regarding a temporary road closure of Poe Parkway between Defoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway, the California Highway Patrol supports this proposal. This may provide some solution to the problem we are experiencing in the area. Our Department often receives calls of racing vehicles and loitering in the area. With the north campus of Stevenson Ranch school now closed, there is no need for traffic to access that area.

In conjunction with the closure, we also suggest installation of a gate with emergency personnel access. This location is ideal for an emergency command post. The area was used for the command post for the most recent fire in the Stevenson Ranch Community by the Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, and the California Highway Patrol.

If you have any further questions, please contact Officer Michelle Esposito, our Community Outreach Officer for the Newhall Area of the California Highway Patrol.

Sincerely,

D. F. HOFF, Captain
Commander
Newhall Area

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INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

TO: Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

FROM: Department of Public Works
Traffic and Lighting Division

NOTICE OF HEARING
PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF POE PARKWAY

California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4 authorizes local authorities, by ordinance or resolution, to temporarily close to through traffic a highway under its jurisdiction when it finds there is continual criminal activity in the portion of highway recommended for temporary closure; the highway is not designated as a through highway or arterial; easy access for vehicular and pedestrian traffic allows the criminal activity; and the closure will not adversely affect emergency access, performance of public utility services, or delivery of freight.

The Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors is requested to give notice of the public hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 6062a. Attached is a notice of the public hearing to be published twice in newspapers, five days apart, at least ten days prior to the January 27, 2004, public hearing.

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Attach.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED APPLICATION OF SECTION 21101.4 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF POE PARKWAY TO THROUGH TRAFFIC

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, the ____ day of _____, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. has been fixed as the time, and the Hearing Room of the Board of supervisors, Room 381B, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, has been fixed as the place where any and all persons having objections to the proposed temporary closure of Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway may appear before said Board of Supervisors and show cause why said proposed temporary closure should not be made in accordance with Section 21101.4 of the California Vehicle Code.

If you have any questions concerning this hearing, please call Ms. Guita Sheik of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works at (626) 300-4708.

Si no entiende este aviso o necisita mas informacion, favor de llamar Sr. Juan Sarda al numero (626) 300-4846.