

ADDRESSING RIGHT-OF-WAY OBSTRUCTIONS IN FIFTH DISTRICT UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES

In the past three years, the County has experienced an increase in commercial activity from non-traditional settings. The County has taken extensive efforts to invest in these activities, and support the entrepreneurialism of small businesses. However, in the Fifth District unincorporated communities, there has also been a steady increase in activities and obstructions in County public right of way, and adjacent to residential areas and brick and mortar commercial establishments. To protect the safety and well-being of all residents, and to ensure the accessibility of sidewalks for all users, the County must review the current County Code and ensure they are updated to reflect the needs of our communities.

These activities result in blocked sidewalks, private property infringement, driver visibility obstruction, and harm to brick-and-mortar businesses, and impacts to private residences. While some of these activities can be addressed in County Code, it does not provide for the flexibility or appropriate enforcement mechanisms to fully resolve these issues and still allows for significant nuisances and obstructions to occur in the community. Specifically, these issues predominantly occur in the unincorporated communities of Altadena, La Crescenta, Charter Oak and Castaic.

Through additional flexibility and updated provisions of County Code, the County's Department of Public Works can collaborate with local communities to address the growing safety concerns caused by these activities.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Works, in collaboration with County Counsel and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, to report back in writing within 120 days with a draft ordinance for the regulation of the placement of stationary equipment, mobile carts, or any other activities that obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or create interference with visibility or sight line, or other impacts to the safe operation and maintenance of public rights of way within the unincorporated communities of Altadena, La Crescenta, Charter Oak, and Castaic.

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