

MOTION

Sun Valley in the Northeast San Fernando Valley within Council District 6 is home to approximately 46,000 residents and a significant business community. Sun Valley is located southeast of Pacoima where the 5 and 170 Freeways meet and is bisected by the Union Pacific Railway along San Fernando Road. Ten elementary and secondary schools are located in the community. Recent census reports indicate that approximately 70% of Sun Valley residents are Latino and 17% live in poverty.

The City of Los Angeles General Plan recognizes the goal of "assurance of environmental justice and a healthful living environment." So too, the Sun Valley Community Plan identifies the purpose of contributing to "a healthful and pleasant environment" in Sun Valley.

At recent public meetings, residents of Sun Valley allege that poor air quality negatively affects the health of children and people living, working and attending schools in the community. South Coast Air Quality Management District modeling indicates that Sun Valley contains one of the top 100 excess cancer risk grids for stationary sources in the South Coast Air Basin. The UCLA Department of Family Medicine is conducting a Sun Valley Asthma Screening and Early Intervention Program, and preliminary results indicate a significant prevalence of asthma among Middle School students in Sun Valley. Furthermore, the community is concerned about accidental releases from industrial facilities that use hazardous materials

The City Environmental Affairs Department as Local Enforcement Agency regulates permitting and inspection of solid waste and certain recycling facilities within the City. The Department is a member of the City of Los Angeles Brownfields Resource Team, which provides technical and financial assistance to environmentally impaired industrial sites. The Department also operates a business assistance program to foster and provide incentives for the use of alternative and green technology. Thirty-three facilities in Sun Valley have permits from the Department as waste transfer stations, open or closed landfills, and solid waste vehicle yards. The Department estimates that in the next two years between ten and twenty additional facilities in Sun Valley will apply for such permits.

The City of Los Angeles Planning Department regulates zoning and land use permitting decisions within the City. Currently, land use applications are pending before the Department concerning the expansion and/or re-use of industrial facilities in Sun Valley including, but not limited to, the Bradley and Penrose Landfills.

The City of Los Angeles Fire Department as the City's Certified Unified Program Agency regulates industrial use of hazardous materials within the City. The Department also enforces the requirements for proper storage and emergency planning regarding the accidental release of hazardous materials.

The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office in January 2003 formed a Sun Valley Environmental Taskforce to address environmental issues relating to auto-dismantling businesses in Sun Valley. City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo's Taskforce includes numerous State and local regulatory agencies that collectively provide a network of investigative and prosecutorial offices.

The concentration of industrial, solid waste and recycling facilities in Sun Valley and the incidence of cancer and asthma in the community underscore the need to apply coordinated planning and environmental justice principles and practices to the siting of new industrial and

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waste facilities in the area and the importance of strict enforcement of existing environmental laws and regulations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the geographic area within Sun Valley bounded by Glenoaks Blvd. to Sunland Boulevard/Vineland Avenue to Strathern Street to Lankershim Boulevard to Haddon Avenue to Montague Avenue to Glenoaks Boulevard be identified as "the Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area."

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney's Office report within sixty (60) days on the status of the multi-agency Sun Valley Environmental Taskforce, including a description of inspections to date and pending enforcement actions.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City of Los Angeles Planning Department immediately and timely refer to the City Environmental Affairs Department all pending and future land use applications relating to active or closed landfills, solid waste, auto-dismantling or recycling facilities within the Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area. The Environmental Affairs Department shall review the applications and supporting documentation and provide timely written comments to the Planning Department on the environmental impacts of the proposed activity and recommended mitigation measures. The Environmental Affairs Department shall report within sixty days on the resources and funding that it will need to comply with this Motion.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Planning Department immediately and timely refer to the Los Angeles Fire Department all pending and future land use applications for facilities proposing to use non-exempt quantities of listed hazardous materials within the Sun Valley Environmental Improvement Area. The Fire Department shall timely review the applications and supporting documentation and provide comments to the Planning Department regarding the proposed activity and recommended mitigation measures. The Fire Department shall report within sixty days on the resources and funding that it will need to comply with this Motion.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Planning Department immediately and timely post and/or deposit in a binder at the Sun Valley Public Library a copy of all pending and future discretionary land use applications for industrial facilities within the Sun Valley Environmental Improvement Area, along with a notice to the public identifying applicable dates for public hearings and timelines for receipt of written public comments.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Planning Department conduct a written study to be completed by May 31, 2004, including no less than three (3) local public hearings in Sun Valley, that proposes design guidelines and standards for the establishment, expansion, continuation and/or reuse of industrial facilities within the Sun Valley Environmental Improvement Area. The Department shall consult with the local Neighborhood and Community Advisory Councils, residents, businesses and the Chamber of Commerce, and other City Departments, including but not limited to the City Attorney, Environmental Affairs Department and Community Development Department. This study shall contain a comprehensive review of the issue and propose recommendations that may include, but are not limited to, a Community Design Overlay District, a Business Improvement District to enhance the Sun Valley business community, "Q" Conditioned Zoning and/or additional public notification requirements to address environmental concerns.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Planning Department provide a status report to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee within ninety days regarding its efforts to improve coordination of comprehensive planning efforts within the Sun Valley Environmental

Justice Improvement Area. The City Planning Department shall report within sixty days on the resources and funding that it will need to comply with this Motion

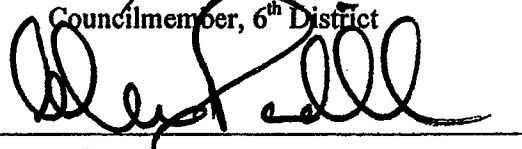
I FURTHER MOVE that the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks provide a report to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee within ninety days on the existing inventory of parks and recreation centers within Sun Valley and whether and to what extent Sun Valley is included in anticipated park construction efforts. The Department shall also report on tree services performed by its Forestry Division in Sun Valley.

PRESENTED BY:



TONY CARDENAS  
Councilmember, 6<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



Bernard C. Lujan  
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July 21, 2005

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Councilmember Padilla	City Attorney
Councilmember Parks	Department of Recreation & Parks
Councilmember Perry	Planning Department
Councilmember Smith	Fire Department
Councilmember Garcetti	Community Development Department
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment	

RE: DESIGNATING A GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WITHIN THE SUN VALLEY AS THE SUN VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPROVEMENT AREA

At the meeting of the Council held July 20, 2005, the following action was taken:

Attached reports adopted.....	<u>          X          </u>
Attached motion adopted().....	<u>                          </u>
Attached resolution adopted.....	<u>                          </u>
Motion adopted to approve attached report.....	<u>                          </u>
Motion adopted to approve attached communication.....	<u>                          </u>
Mayor vetoed.....	<u>                          </u>
Mayor approved.....	<u>                          </u>
Mayor failed to act - deemed approved.....	<u>                          </u>
Findings adopted.....	<u>                          </u>
Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted.....	<u>                          </u>
Categorically exempt.....	<u>                          </u>
General exemption approved.....	<u>                          </u>
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*Frank T. Martinez*

City Clerk  
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**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

report as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Public Comments	<u>XX</u>	<u>—</u>

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to designating a geographical area within the Sun Valley as the Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area (Area).

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Cardenas - Padilla - et al.):

1. DESIGNATE the geographic area within the Sun Valley bounded by Glenoaks Boulevard to Sunland Boulevard/Vineland Avenue to Strathern Street to Lankershim Boulevard to Haddon Avenue to Montague Avenue to Glenoaks Boulevard as the Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to report in 60 days on the status of the multi-agency Sun Valley Environmental Task Force, including a description of inspections to date and pending enforcement actions.
3. DIRECT the Planning Department to refer to the Environmental Affairs Department (EAD), for review and comment, all pending and future land use applications relating to active or closed landfills, solid waste, auto-dismantling or recycling facilities within said Area. INSTRUCT the EAD to report in 60 days on resources and funding that will be needed to perform said reviews.
4. INSTRUCT the Planning Department to refer to the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), for review and comment, all pending and future land use applications for facilities proposing to use non-exempt quantities of listed hazardous materials within said Area. DIRECT the LAFD to report in 60 days on resources and funding that will be needed to perform said reviews.
5. DIRECT the Planning Department to post at the Sun Valley Public Library a copy of pending and future discretionary land use applications for industrial facilities within said Area, along with applicable dates for public hearings and time lines for receipt of written public comments.
6. INSTRUCT the Planning Department to complete a written study, including conducting three local public hearings in Sun Valley by May 31, 2004, that proposes design guidelines and standards for the establishment, expansion, continuation and reuse of industrial facilities within said Area. The Planning Department is to consult with local Neighborhood and Community Advisory Councils, residents, businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, and City departments.

7. **DIRECT** the Planning Department to report to the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee within 90 days regarding its efforts to improve coordination of comprehensive planning efforts within said Area and to report within 60 days on funding requirements.
8. **INSTRUCT** the Department of Recreation and Parks to report to the PLUM Committee within 90 days on the existing inventory of parks and recreation centers within the Sun Valley.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Summary:

According to the Motion (Cardenas - Padilla - et al.), the Sun Valley, with approximately 46,000 residents and businesses, is located in the northeast San Fernando Valley in Council District Six. The Sun Valley is located southeast of Pacoima where the 5 and the 170 freeways meet and is bisected by the Union Pacific Railway along San Fernando Road. There are ten elementary and secondary schools located in said area. The Motion also notes that according to recent census reports, approximately 70% of Sun Valley residents are Latino and 17% live in poverty.

The Motion states that at recent public meetings, Sun Valley residents alleged that poor air quality negatively affected the health of residents. Also, South Coast Air Quality Management District modeling indicated that the Sun Valley contains one of the top 100 excess cancer risk grids for stationary sources in the South Coast Air Basin. Furthermore, the University of California, Los Angeles Department of Family Medicine is conducting a Sun Valley Asthma Screening and Early Intervention Program, and preliminary results indicate a prevalence of asthma among middle school students in the Sun Valley.

In addition to this, the Motion also describes the responsibilities of City departments in relation to environmental regulation. The EAD regulates permitting and inspection of solid waste and certain recycling facilities within the City. Also, the EAD provides technical and financial assistance to environmentally impaired industrial sites and fosters the use of green technology. Meanwhile, the Planning Department regulates zoning and land use permitting decisions in the City. The LAFD regulates industrial use of hazardous materials in the City. Finally, the City Attorney's Office, Sun Valley Environmental Task Force, formed in January 2003, addresses environmental issues relating to auto-dismantling businesses in the Sun Valley.

At a special meeting held on April 13, 2005, representatives from the community and Council District Six updated the Environmental Quality and Waste Management Committee on the steps taken to establish the Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area. After a brief discussion, the Committee approved the recommendations contained in the Motion. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

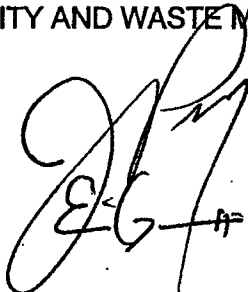
Respectfully submitted,

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER  
PERRY:  
GARCETTI:  
PADILLA:

VOTE  
YES  
YES  
ABSENT

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**ADOPTED**

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**LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

**PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

report as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Public Comments	<u>XX</u>	—

**PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** relative to designating a geographical area within the Sun Valley as the Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Cardenas - Padilla - et al.):

1. **CONCUR** with the recommendations of the Environmental Quality and Waste Management Committee report dated July 5, 2005, relative to designating the geographic area within the Sun Valley bounded by Glenoaks Boulevard to Sunland Boulevard/Vineland Avenue to Strathern Street to Lankershim Boulevard to Haddon Avenue to Montague Avenue to Glenoaks Boulevard as the Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area.
2. **INSTRUCT** the Planning Department to add to the Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area boundaries to the west and northwest in Council District Seven, to the immediate west in Council District Six, and to the extreme southeast in Council District Two.
3. **REFER** the request in the Motion (Cardenas - Padilla - et al.), to the City Planning Department as lead, City Attorney, Environmental Affairs Department (EAD), Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Community Development Department (CDD), and the Department of Recreation and Parks, along with the assistance of the Sun Valley Environmental Taskforce, and request a status update within 60 days.
4. **REQUEST** the LAFD, EAD, City Planning Department (and any other fiscally impacted City department) to report on the resources and funding that it will need to comply with the intent of Motion (Cardenas - Padilla - et al.).

**Fiscal Impact Statement:** Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

**Summary:**

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The Motion was referred to the Environmental Quality and Waste Management Committee and the Planning and Land Use Management Committee. At a special meeting held on April 13, 2005, the Environmental Quality and Waste Management Committee approved the recommendations contained in Motion (Cardenas - Padilla - et al.), and made two additional recommendations, similar to those in the Motion.

On June 15, 2005, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee reviewed the Motion and the recommendations of the Environmental Quality and Waste Management Committee. At this meeting the matter was continued until July 6, 2005, at the request of Councilmember Cardenas, in order allow additional time for review by the affected Council office/districts, City departments, Sun Valley Environmental Task Force, and community.

At July 6, 2005, Planning and Land Use Management Committee, staff from the Planning Department identified the boundaries of the Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area, and reported that the Sun Valley community plan area contains 10,618 acres of land in which almost 20% is industrial. Staff reported that "The Environmental Justice Area" accounts for about 1500 acres of land. Staff further reported that at the request of the Council offices, boundaries in the area have now been modified to add areas to the west, and northwest to include portions of Council District 7, to the immediate west in Council District 6, and to the extreme southeast which includes portions of Council District 2. In addition, it was reported that this land is zoned entirely for industrial land uses. Planning staff added, that in many cases these industrial uses are close to residential areas. In addition, staff reported that a system and procedure has been proposed to allow for review and public hearings on new applications for use to determine if there will be environmental impacts, and if necessary to propose mitigation, of negative environmental impacts.

The City Attorney briefly discussed enforcement efforts in the City, and specifically in Sun Valley. The Department of Recreation and Parks, and other City Departments also testified at the hearing.

Councilmember Cardenas, clarified that as a part of the City's efforts, community meetings will be continued for all interested parties to review proposals related to environmental justice issues related to the Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area.

Several speakers, including members of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council, and East Valley Coalition provided testimony, and spoke in support of the "the Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area."

After a brief discussion, and in consideration of public testimony provided, the Committee concurred with the recommendations of the Environmental Quality and Waste Management Committee in its report dated July 11, 2005, and requested that Council also do the following:

1. REFER the request in the Motion (Cardenas - Padilla - et al.), to the City Planning Department as lead, City Attorney, Environmental Affairs Department (EAD), Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Community



Development Department (CDD), and the Department of Recreation and Parks, along with the assistance of the Sun Valley Environmental Taskforce, and request a status update within 60 days.

2. REQUEST the LAFD, EAD, City Planning Department (and any other fiscally impacted City department) to report on the resources and funding that it will need to comply with the intent of Motion (Cardenas - Padilla - et al.).

Respectfully submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

*Tony Cardenas*  
*APM 10/15*

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
REYES:	YES
CARDENAS:	YES
Weiss:	YES

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**ADOPTED**

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