



FRIENDS OF SUNSET PARK

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Defeat SB 9 and SB 10!

These two bills in the State Legislature will take control of YOUR neighborhood away from you and your neighbors and put it in the hands of developers!

- They will force cities to allow multi-unit housing in single-family neighborhoods.
- **Senate Bill 9 (SB 9)** would allow 6 or 8 units on one single-family parcel.
- **Senate Bill 10 (SB 10)** would allow 10-unit buildings almost anywhere, and could overturn local Measure LC, which protects Santa Monica Airport land from overdevelopment.
- **Neither bill requires affordable housing!**
- Vancouver has **quadrupled** density with no resulting decrease in housing costs.

Tell our state representatives how you feel about these bills:

State Senator Ben Allen: sd26.senate.ca.gov – click on “Contact”

Assemblyman Richard Bloom: a50.asmdc.org – click on “Contact Richard”

For More Information

Livable California – LivableCalifornia.org – Scroll down to “Recent Positions”

United Neighbors – UnitedNeighbors.net – Click on “SB 9 and SB 10 Diagrams”

United Neighbors video showing the impact of SB 9 and SB 10 – youtu.be/7CbD5G_QigY

Stay Informed – Join Friends of Sunset Park

Friends of Sunset Park is a city-recognized non-profit neighborhood organization working to improve the quality of life for renters and homeowners in Sunset Park. To join, visit our website at www.FriendsofSunsetPark.org or use the membership form on the reverse side.

Covid-19 Update

COVID Vaccine – L.A. County:

Book an appointment and/or sign up for the Vaccine Newsletter in order to be notified when new appointments become available: PublicHealth.LACounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/index.htm

Santa Monica COVID-19 information: Go to SantaMonica.gov/coronavirus

COVID Mental Health: If you or a loved one is struggling, reach out for help from a mental health professional. Call (800) 854-7771 or visit DMH.LACounty.gov

“Zoom in” on Your SMPD Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO)

The Santa Monica Police Department will be hosting weekly “Office Hours” on Wednesdays at 1:30 PM so residents can log in and speak with their NRO and CPC (Crime Prevention Coordinator). The sessions will last about 45 minutes. The Sunset Park neighborhood is in Beat 2, our NRO is Edgar Navarro, and our CPC is Halima Barreto. This is an online version of “Coffee with a Cop.” Email them at Edgar.Navarro@smgov.net or Halima.Barreto@smgov.net to get the Zoom access information.

Prevent Car Break-Ins and Grand Theft Auto

Theft from vehicles is the number one crime in our neighborhood. From the 11/27/19 issue of *Popular Mechanics*: “5 Impressive Ways Criminals Use Wireless Signals to Steal Everything”:

“Imagine coming home after a long day of work, kicking off your shoes, setting your key fob on the table, and heading to bed....Now imagine waking up the next day, putting those shoes back on, grabbing your keys, and heading outside—only to find that your car is missing. Unfortunately, this is becoming an all-too-frequent occurrence. ...

So why is it possible to pull off this kind of theft? Keyless ignition systems come with a fob that transmits a unique low-frequency signal to the car’s computer system, which then validates that the correct signal has been sent and allows you to push a button on the dashboard or console to unlock the doors and start the engine. Hackers can take advantage of this by using a cheap relay box to copy and transmit the signal from your key fob while it’s still inside your home or on your person, making it easy to steal your vehicle....

The good news? It’s pretty quick and cheap to prevent yourself from falling victim to a relay attack. Shove your key fob in your refrigerator, freezer, microwave, or some other giant hunk of metal that can block the radio signal so that thieves can never pick it up. (Just don’t cook your keys.) You can also try wrapping the keys tightly in tin foil to keep the signal from getting out, or try storing your keys really, really far away from your car.

The best, most practical way to avoid auto theft: Store your keys in a Faraday cage, which is an enclosure that blocks all electromagnetic fields....you can purchase special Faraday pouches on Amazon that are shaped perfectly for your key fob to keep it protected at all times. Another option is to keep a Faraday box where you’d normally keep your keys and stash them in there....”

Catalytic Converter Theft Is on the Rise

Dozens of catalytic converters have been stolen from parked cars in Sunset Park since the beginning of the year. They cost about \$2,000 to replace because they contain precious metals. This is a regional problem, and the converters can be removed with a battery-powered saw in less than a minute.

What is a catalytic converter? The catalytic converter is a round canister that connects two pieces of piping in the exhaust. When missing, you will notice a loud rumbling noise as soon as you turn on the engine. Models of cars targeted include Toyota Prius or RAV4, Honda Element or CR-V, Toyota Camry, and other SUVs.

Tips to prevent theft:

Park in a garage, fenced-in area, or a well-lit area. Motion detector lights or continuous lights illuminating your driveway may help. Mechanics can weld on bolts or put a cage around the converter. They can also etch your license plate number on the converter, in case it’s stolen and then recovered by police.

Contacting the police: For a crime in progress, call 9-1-1. For a crime no longer in progress, call the SMPD non-emergency line at 310-458-8491 and provide as many details as possible.

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2021 MEMBERSHIP FORM

You can also join online at FriendsOfSunsetPark.org

Name _____

Membership Dues:

I am interested in:

Address _____

\$30 Regular Household Dues

Crime/Safety/Graffiti

Zip _____ Phone _____

\$50 or \$100 for Sponsor

Controlling Development

\$10 Minimum Household Dues

Emergency Preparedness

\$50 Business

Neighborhood Watch

Email _____

Additional Donation

Santa Monica Airport

Additional Household Member Name (s):

Santa Monica College

Traffic, Pedestrian Safety, Parking

Additional Household Member Email (s):

Today’s date _____

What I like best about living in Sunset Park: _____

My greatest concerns are: _____

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