



July 17, 2023

Hon. Eunisses Hernandez  
Councilmember Council District 1  
200 North Spring Street,  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Scarff/Portland Street Alley, Citation for Obstruction and Next Steps

Dear Councilmember Hernandez:

At the July 6, 2023 Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council (NANDC) Board meeting, NANDC moved to support the actions required to open the Scarff Street Alley "T", and clear any obstruction, maintain street access, clean up debris on alley street portion and vacant lot.

The Board voted unanimously (10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions) to support the proposal to rectify what had been an ongoing issue for residents of Scarff and Portland Street.

The alley had been gated improperly and the alley is not closed officially. The City has an obligation to maintain the alley and end the obstruction. Over time, the closing has created a public nuisance with the vacant lot owner agents stacking debris against the brick wall to the south, and cluttering the alley.

The Policy Committee of the NANDC Board met on June 27, 2023 and engaged in an extensive discussion and reviewed materials of past and current conditions.

NANDC supports this proposal and asks the Councilmember and staff move this forward as quickly as possible. NANDC is a self-governed, self-directed, and independent organization empowered by the City of Los Angeles (City) Charter. This charter offers neighborhood councils a role in the City's decision-making process. NANDC was certified by the City of Los Angeles on April 27, 2002 and

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was the 24th neighborhood council formed under the guidelines of the City Charter.

If you have any further questions on this matter, please contact Ms. Jean Frost, Area 3 Representative and Policy Committee Chair, at [area3a@nandc.org](mailto:area3a@nandc.org).

Sincerely,



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