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**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2022 9:17 AM

**To:** [info@culvercityartsdistrict.com](mailto:info@culvercityartsdistrict.com) <[info@culvercityartsdistrict.com](mailto:info@culvercityartsdistrict.com)>; Eriksson, Goran

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Simply said... Ms Mendoza, has provided a litany of credible complaints as to why the street should not remain closed. During past events that have been held there with or without permits there are pile ups of cars on the Melvil side of barriers / along sidewalk & in the alley.... Frankly, it's a disturbance, including everyday access to Washington Blvd & for Emergency vehicles. Not mentioning the attraction to undesirable street persons...

I will await announcements of future public meetings...

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Elaine provided me a copy of your signed petition, so now, we both have a copy of it.

If you have any questions about the next steps outlined below, feel free to call me to discuss them in more detail at 310-253-5636.

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who are familiar with this review and will be leading the efforts relative to studying traffic impacts.

I will be in touch personally once we have set a community outreach meeting (in person) for the residents and businesses in the vicinity to discuss all of the issues, impacts and concerns. The process is outlined below.

Take care,  
Elaine

Our review process will include the following steps:

- Conducting a meeting with public safety staff for both Culver City and the City of Los Angeles to understand any issues or concerns with access. (This is scheduled to occur on 7-18-22)
- Conducting a community meeting - with mailed notice - to all residents and businesses in the area to discuss the potential closure and/or reopening of the street. I will personally send an email to you, and anyone else you would like. (Depending on the outcome of the 7-18-22 meeting and any task assignments resulting from it, this meeting will likely be scheduled the first week of August on a weeknight. Stay tuned for a formal public notice of the meeting and its agenda.)
- Presenting a report to City Council that outlines all of the comments and concerns we have heard and request direction from City Council if they would like to proceed with a traffic study and environmental review. All members of public may also comment during this agenda item as well. (This is tentatively scheduled for the 8/22/22 City Council meeting however, depending on the outcome of the two prior meetings mentioned above, it may be delayed.)

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Good morning Ms. Rosen,

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Supplement to the Public Order outlines the extension of TUPs throughout the City. There is currently a TUP for use of Melvil Street which has been issued to the Rosie's Foundation and will expire upon specific City Council direction.

As previously discussed, consideration of reopening Melvil Street will include a community meeting and then a dedicated discussion at City Council. The community meeting to discuss Melvil's future has been scheduled for Thursday evening, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM (it will be held virtually via Webex). The mailed notice will be sent out in the next day or so. Once input is received from the neighborhood (both businesses and residents) a summary of that feedback will be presented at a future City Council meeting (currently scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup>) to consider either extending or terminating Rosie's TUP; and/or instructing staff to take measures to reopen or alternatively, to study the permanent closure of Melvil.

We are in receipt of the petitions that have been submitted to re-open the street and all of those addresses will be included in the mailing. We have also been in touch with the City of Los Angeles, and have received a mailing list from them, similar to what was done in September 2020, to include all residents north of Washington in the vicinity.



If there are any individuals you would like us to email regarding the community meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>, please let Joe and I know and we can reach out.

So in summary to next steps for Melvil Street consideration:

- Community Meeting – **September 1<sup>st</sup> – 7 PM** via Webex (notice to City of LA and Culver City residents to be sent by tomorrow)
- Culver City City Council Discussion currently set for – **September 19<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM** at City Hall Council Chambers or via Webex

Take care,  
Elaine

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**From:** Susan R [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 6, 2022 6:28 PM



**Subject:** Re: Temporary Use Permits (TUP) to use Sidewalk or Roadway for Outdoor Dining will Expire on August 31, 2022, unless extended through fee payment.

I would like to know... what sidewalk dining permits for restaurants have to do with A street closure such as Melvil have to do with TUP & a residential street not having access to Washington Blvd

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 6, 2022, at 5:26 PM, Graciela Mendoza <[chela20001@yahoo.com](mailto:chela20001@yahoo.com)> wrote:

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**From:** City of Culver City <[culvercity@public.govdelivery.com](mailto:culvercity@public.govdelivery.com)>

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, August 5, 2022 at 05:06:49 PM PDT

**Subject:** Temporary Use Permits (TUP) to use Sidewalk or Roadway for Outdoor Dining will Expire on August 31, 2022, unless extended through fee payment.



## Temporary Use Permits (TUP) to use Sidewalk or Roadway for Outdoor Dining will Expire on August 31, 2022, unless extended through fee payment

Pursuant to the [43rd Supplement to the Public Order](#), Temporary Use Permits (TUP) to use the sidewalk or roadway for outdoor dining will expire on **August 31, 2022**.

If you choose not to extend your TUP and pay the required fee, please remove your outdoor dining furniture, umbrellas, etc, no later than August 31, 2022.

If you wish to extend the TUP, it can be extended until December 31, 2022. The payment will be the City's regular annual license fee of \$13 per square foot, prorated to the final 4 months of 2022 or approximately **\$4.33** per square foot.

If you anticipate extending, please do so **no later than August 15, 2022**. To extend your TUP, [please email the Engineering Counter](#) with the following information:

1. A determination to extend the TUP and pay the fee;
2. A copy of the approved TUP site plan with a total square footage added that is legible;
3. A copy of the required TUP insurance, with an expiration date no sooner than December 31, 2022; and
4. Your TUP permit number.

The City will then email you an invoice, based on the approved square footage, which can be paid by credit card at Culver City Hall, 1st Floor Cashier's window.

For additional information on how to apply to obtain an Outdoor Dining Permit for use of your expanded sidewalk, [please visit the City's website](#).

**Maximous, Andrew**

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**Subject:** RE: SEPTEMBER 1st WEBEX "PERMANENT CLOSURE MELVIL ST.

**From:** Susan R [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, September 2, 2022 9:03 AM

**To:** Gerety-Warner, Elaine <[Elaine.Warner@culvercity.org](mailto:Elaine.Warner@culvercity.org)>; Gov Delivery <[CulverCity@GovDelivery.com](mailto:CulverCity@GovDelivery.com)>; Eriksson, [REDACTED],

**Subject:** SEPTEMBER 1st WEBEX "PERMANENT CLOSURE MELVIL ST.

RE: ADVANCE PLANNING / GENERAL PLAN... DOES CITY COUNCIL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE OFF A STREET ACCESS TO WASHINGTON BLVD THAT HAS RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES ?

I attended the meeting that allowed pro project people 10 minutes to speak and others as myself 3 minutes.

- people that are pro this closure .... Does anyone live on MELVIL? Would they be pro if the street they resided on was declared a permanent street closure?
- downtown culver city Main Street closure was compared to MELVIL as a potential street for a Farmers Market. Main Street is in the heart of commercial retail with municipal parking. Where are Farmers parking to unload & reload? Will they be allowed to park in the Bus Lanes on Washington Blvd amongst the lane poles or a dead end at Rosie Green Truck near the front of my property?
- how legal is the car pile up surrounding Rosie Truck during events that have been held to date?
- Culver City's plans for town enhancement such as MOVE, is an accident waiting to happen.... Driver rage & passing cars using the bus lane of which I rarely see a bus in it! Turning onto a N or S street off Washington is challenging nightmare , hitting poles since there's barely room to turn. Limiting parking spaces....and you plan to attract more cars with your plans for MELVIL St.... Parking in general is problematic on a commercial street and now you are planning to invade residential streets?
- THE CITY PARK AT THE END OF MELVIL WOULD BE AN IDEAL PLACE for Events/ Rosie's Green Truck /a Farmers Market / Pilates classes .... plenty of parking/ bathrooms.... While I support Rosie's non profit and the Arts, I do not approve of this potential invasion in front of my home and Lack of respect for other residents living on this block of which many rely on parking spaces on the street where they live.
- please provide evidence from companies that you mentioned tonight supporting the PERMANENT MELVIL CLOSURE ...SUCH AS APPLE ENTERTAINMENT ... HBO WARNER COMMUNICATIONS .... AND REPORTS ON STUDIES THAT WERE MENTIONED WILL BE DONE....

Susan R [REDACTED]  
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