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TO: Councilmember-elect Traci Park
Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly Mitchell
Congressman-elect Ted Lieu
State Senator-elect Lola Smallwood Cuevas (District 28)
State Assemblymember-elect Isaac Bryan (District 55)
City Controller Kenneth Mejia

Dear Councilmember Traci Park,

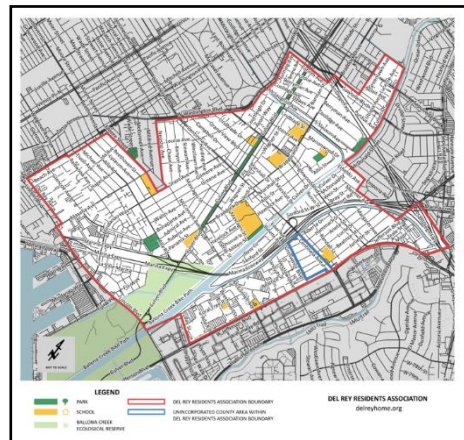
Welcome!

Let us introduce ourselves...

The **Del Rey Residents Association (DRRA)** - as distinguished from the Del Rey Neighborhood Council - is a 501 (c) (4) community organization that provides an independent voice for Del Rey since 1972.

<https://www.delreyhome.org/>

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Although **most residents of Del Rey** are in the City of Los Angeles, about 400 households live in unincorporated Los Angeles County. And we're all yours!

What we in Del Rey want you to know:

Census data show that Del Rey's mix of ethnicities, income levels, owners versus renters, educational levels is at or near the statewide medians. Del Rey has transformed into a community where its residents can also work, shop, recreate, educate, and access healthcare nearby. This ability to stay close to home helps alleviate traffic congestion throughout the city and aids in reducing harmful carbon emissions.

In other words, **Del Rey is balanced, and we want to keep it so.** We estimate that at least 15 per cent of our housing stock is already set aside for low-income residents; although the housing covenants **most definitely needs better enforcement.**

1. **Housing Density.** The State of California and City of Los Angeles are encouraging more housing density without planning for the infrastructure and services that will be needed by those new residents. Our Community Plan, adopted in 1997, was supposed to be updated every five years. The draft update (2019) is still pending, and our zoning is becoming more of a suggestion than an enforceable ordinance.
2. **Homelessness.** Yes, we need to provide healthcare and services to people who are down on their luck, but in turn, they **must be expected to comply with the ordinances** prohibiting trespassing, open fires, litter, public indecency, public intoxication, vandalism, illegal parking.

These encampment locations are of the greatest concern:

- a. Culver Blvd. under the 90 Freeway, next to the part of the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve that is in Del Rey.
 - b. On the Culver Blvd. median between McConnell Avenue and Berryman Avenue (multiple camps).
 - c. On Grosvenor Blvd., McConnell Street, Coral Tree Place between Jefferson Blvd. and Ballona Creek (near Westside Neighborhood School and Home Depot).
 - d. Inglewood Blvd. at the 90 freeway.
 - e. In the creek beds of Centinela Creek and Ballona Creek between the 405 freeway and Lincoln Blvd.
 - f. In-and-around Bill Rosendahl Park (formerly Glen Alla Park).
3. **Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve.** Del Rey is transected by three creeks, and the DRRRA has expressed its opposition to the “restoration” plan that has been proposed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The current plan uses a floodwater flow-rate that is far below that experienced in the 1862 and 1938 floods. The layout of our streets means that we need better evacuation plans for our population whether the disaster is natural or manmade.
 4. **Digital Advertising.** **We do not want digital advertising in our community,** and yet the City of Los Angeles has agreed with Metro to promote its Transportation Communication Program and has pushed its own Street and Transit Amenity Program (“STAP”) and Interactive Kiosk Experience (“IKE”) program. All three programs are focused on generating revenue, regardless of the negative effects on the quality of life of our residents.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to address these issues in our community.

Best regards,

DEL REY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

By Elizabeth Campos Layne, President

Del Rey Map

Boundaries show both **Del Rey** and our **Del Rey Residents Association (red line)**

