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June 10, 2013

Los Angeles Pierce College
Attn: Anna Davies, Vice President of Academic Affairs
6201 Winnetka Avenue
Woodland Hills, California 91371

Re: Port-a-potty needed at Winnetka/Victory Park & Ride
Public defecation in nearby alley by students and others

Dear Vice President Davies:

We are writing you about a matter that you probably know nothing about: public defecation and urination by Orange Line riders behind the homes on Winnetka Ave. The neighbors have been suffering from this blight and health hazard since the Orange Line opened.

As the area to the north of Victory Blvd. lies in Winnetka, neighbors came to our Winnetka Neighborhood Council (WNC) meeting about a year ago. The matter was referred to the WNC's Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM Committee). Members of the PLUM Committee, Bettie Ross-Blumer and Diana Holley, met on-site with the neighbors twice, once as an initial information-gathering meeting, and once with three Los Angeles City officials from the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services.

The findings of Senior Investigator Debra Scott, Senior Street Services Investigator II on October 30, 2012, and of members of the PLUM Committee are as follows:

- Residents directly to the north of the Winnetka/Victory Park & Ride are complaining about Orange Line bus riders using the alley behind their homes as a toilet. The Winnetka Ave. alley entrance is only a one-house distance from the bus line, to the north (west side of Winnetka Ave.). See the map attached hereto. (Attachment #1)
- There are no bathroom or toilet facilities at the Winnetka/Victory Park & Ride.

- Residents have photos of human feces next to their garage doors and property walls in the alley behind their homes. We saw various feces specimens and the alley reeked of urine. See Attachment #2.
- Residents have seen nicely dressed young people, assumed to be Pierce students, entering and leaving the alley behind their homes, and found human feces in the alley thereafter. They have also witnessed bus riders of various ages and of both sexes using the alley as a toilet.
- Almost daily, the residents find new human feces behind their garages and yard walls.
- Human waste is a hazardous material, and cannot be cleaned up by City workers; they would have to be Hazmat qualified to do so.
- It is a crime to take off one's clothing in public and expose oneself, even if only to drop one's pants and use the ground as a toilet.
- It is also a sex crime.
- It is a crime to publicly urinate and defecate.
- From the City officials, we learned that the Orange Line itself is Metro property, and that the Park & Ride land is owned by Pierce College.

As Pierce College is the owner of the Park & Ride lot, we would like to present you with a possible solution: Pierce College could install a port-a-potty either paid for by Pierce or paid by Pierce & Metro. The port-a-potty installation idea came up as an alternative to going straight to the County Department of Public Health.

We have looked into having two port-a-potties installed, one near the east-bound station and one near the west-bound station. Please see the attached bids and spreadsheet regarding various port-a-potty companies. Said bids are for one (1) port-a-potty. (Attachment #3)

You may find it useful to know that the most reasonable bid is from So Cal Industries (Southern California Sanitation). The cost of a standard restroom from So Cal Sanitation is \$64.68/month with a \$35.00 delivery charge. This includes a 1x/week service; they can service the unit twice a week. The price is based on a minimum twelve-month rental, and includes the energy fee and sales tax.

As this problem continues on an ongoing basis, please consider our request and solution as quickly as possible. It would be a great public service for Pierce College to work with the Neighborhood Councils to find solutions, such as installing two port-a-potties at the Park & Ride at Winnetka & Victory.

Sincerely,

Eric Lewis, President
Winnetka Neighborhood Council

On March 12, 2013, the full Winnetka Neighborhood Council endorsed this letter by Resolution #WNC-2013-031213-06.

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