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Greig Smith  
Councilmember, CD 12  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Room 405  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember Smith,

I am contacting you to let you know that the Winnetka Neighborhood Council (WNC) was very pleased to see your introduction of a motion for a new shopping cart control ordinance (CF #: 08-2070).

Over the last year the Board has asked two new developers to ensure that they install new shopping cart theft protection systems as a condition of our support for their zoning changes.

The Board has long encouraged residents to report abandoned shopping carts to the stores for pick up. Unfortunately many residents have become so used to them being in our neighborhoods that they don't take the time to do it. In addition, the stores don't retrieve them as they used to.

We strongly encourage the adoption of an ordinance similar to the Glendale ordinance. This must include:

1. A requirement that all new stores constructed to install shopping cart theft deterrent systems.
2. A requirement that all existing stores that use shopping carts install shopping cart theft deterrent system within a defined period after the ordinance's passing date.

We appreciate your championing of this issue and we hope that you will continue your efforts on this important subject.

Sincerely,

JJ Popowich  
President, WNC