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Councilmember Dennis Zine  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Room 450  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember Zine,

I am contacting you to let you know that the Winnetka Neighborhood Council (WNC) was very pleased to see the motion for a new shopping cart control ordinance (CF #: 08-2070), that Councilmember Smith and Cardenas proposed.

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 know from past experience that you have focused on the blight these shopping carts have caused and that your own efforts and those of the Posse have worked to control them. We would like to encourage you to continue this and support the future ordinance that the Planning Committee will put forth. Any efforts to control these carts can only benefit the community.

Sincerely,

JJ Popowich  
President, WNC