

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Agenda Item #12

MOTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED LIGHTING IN WESTWOOD VILLAGE

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WHEREAS, more than 64 property crimes and 12 violent crimes have occurred since January 1st, 2016 in the Westwood North Village between the hours of 9PM and 5AM¹;

WHEREAS, over 10,000 University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) students live within one mile of campus²;

WHEREAS, the current street lighting infrastructure in the North Village of Westwood is inadequate, leading to many dark locations and dim lighting in general³;

WHEREAS, improvements such as LED bulbs and updated circuitry would enhance the lighting situation in the neighborhood;

WHEREAS, increased street lighting can serve as a deterrent for crime and create a safer community⁴;

WHEREAS, the Westwood Neighborhood Council (WWNC) recognizes the importance of student activism in calling attention to issues of safety;

WHEREAS, the WWNC believes that partnerships with stakeholders such as University of California Police Department (UCPD), UCLA administration, and the City of Los Angeles are crucial in improving the safety of UCLA students;

WHEREAS, UCPD and the UCLA USAC Internal Vice President's office have asked the Westside Alliance, a coalition of landlords, tenants, and UCLA administration, to upgrade the lighting on their respective properties;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Westwood Neighborhood Council calls upon the Bureau of Street Lighting for the City of Los Angeles and the Office of City Councilmember Paul Koretz to upgrade the lighting infrastructure in Westwood Village as expediently as possible.

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the Westwood Neighborhood Council allocate a \$1,000 Neighborhood Improvement Grant to match and partner with the UCLA USAC “Let’s Get Lit” campaign.

¹<https://goo.gl/RjzFyj>

² <https://housing.ucla.edu/community-housing/closest-to-campus>

³ <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1UfKH2agoU-fhjobU4zgU5DJglrc>

⁴<http://www.ocpa-oh.org/Evaluation%20and%20Research/Effect%20of%20Street%20Lighting%20on%20Crime%20-%20UK.pdf>