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Superintendent Alberto Carvalho
Los Angeles Unified School District
333 S. Beaudry Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Re: Urgent Need to Address Traffic, Safety, and Evacuation Risks at Kenter Canyon Elementary School

Dear Superintendent Carvalho and Members of the Board,

For more than seven years, the Brentwood Homeowners Association¹ (BHA) has received persistent reports from residents regarding unsafe and unlawful behavior by parents during student drop-off and pick-up at Kenter Canyon Elementary School. Despite repeated communication with school administrators since 2018, these problems remain unresolved and continue to escalate.

Residents have documented parents blocking driveways, parking in red zones, and driving over safety cones placed to protect visibility and access. (*see attached photos*) One resident wrote that she has been “trapped in my driveway and unable to get my own children to school” because of cars parked across her entrance. Another reported being met with verbal hostility when asking parents to move, and yet another described paying “thousands of dollars to repair sprinklers and a mailbox destroyed by vehicles using our driveway for three-point turns.”

While the school’s addition of a Kindergarten drop-off procedure and sidewalk monitors has been appreciated, illegal and unsafe parking continues daily on North Kenter Avenue—the only road in and out of the canyon. Parents routinely park on the northeast side of the street opposite the drop-off area, cross mid-block with small children, and ignore posted restrictions. This ongoing behavior not only endangers students and residents but also risks blocking the single evacuation route serving hundreds of homes.

We raise this issue now with LAUSD out of deep concern for public safety and emergency preparedness. The difficulties experienced at Marquez Elementary during the Palisades Fire demonstrated how quickly blocked access can create life-threatening conditions. Similar behavior at Kenter Canyon could easily lead to the same outcome during a future wildfire or other emergency.

The Brentwood Homeowners Association formally requests a joint meeting with LAUSD, LAFD, LAPD, and community representatives to develop an enforceable, coordinated plan to:

- Ensure safe and lawful student drop-off and pick-up procedures;
- Protect residents’ access to their driveways and properties; and
- Preserve the integrity of the single evacuation corridor for the canyon neighborhood.

¹ Established in 1946, Brentwood Homeowners Association (BHA) is the largest homeowners association in the 90049 zip code. BHA represents approximately 4,500 homeowners and condo residents living west of the 405, north of San Vicente Boulevard and east of Canyon View Drive.

This issue has persisted for years and is no longer a matter of inconvenience—it is a matter of public safety. We urge LAUSD to take immediate action before this situation becomes tragic.

Thank you for your attention and for your commitment to student and community safety. We look forward to working collaboratively toward a lasting solution.

Sincerely,

Thelma Waxman

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President

cc: Councilwoman Traci Park, CD-11
Deputy Chief Gerald Woodyard, LAPD
Deputy Chief William Peralta, LAFD

Illegal Parking Behavior During Drop-Off and Pick-Up



Car completely blocking 570 N. Kenter driveway



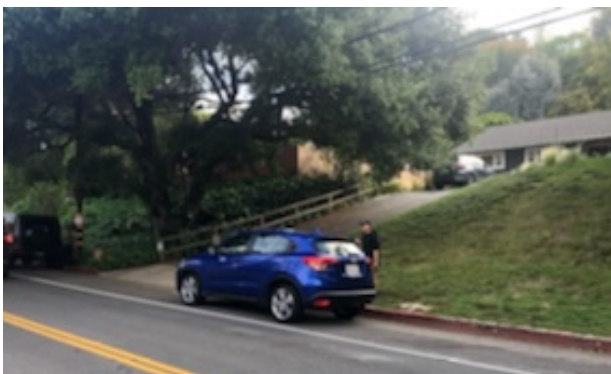
Traffic stopped with parent and child jaywalking on N. Kenter Ave



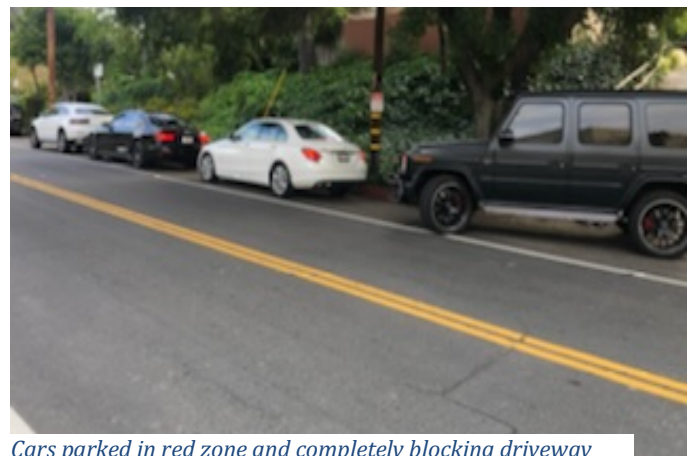
Car parked in red zone, partially blocking driveway



Car completely blocking driveway



Car parked in red zone, partially blocking driveway



Cars parked in red zone and completely blocking driveway