

URGENT CALL BY COMMUNITY LEADERS FOR ACTION TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY IN ENCINO

July 30, 2025

Mayor Karen Bass
Councilmember Nithya Raman
LAPD Chief Jim McDonnell

Our Encino Community cannot wait any longer.

On July 10th, Robin Kaye and Thomas Deluca were tragically killed in their Encino home by an intruder who had a prior criminal record. LAPD responded to two 911 Calls but left the property both times when it appeared that there was no crime incident.

In the days following this tragedy, there were numerous high profile home invasions and burglaries including a homeowner shooting an intruder. These daily crimes have shaken our community and underscore the urgent need for action and improved protection of public safety in Encino.

Last week, over 250 Encino residents gathered at an emergency town hall at the Encino Community Center to voice their concerns and ask for action. The meeting, which drew major media coverage, reflected the growing fear among residents including families, seniors, and local business owners.

While the focus of last week's meeting was on hearing from District Attorney Nathan Hochman and details of the murders from LAPD, the upcoming Zoom Community Meeting this Thursday, July 31 is to hear from you and what specific action items you will take to better protect our community.

We respectfully propose – and request your support and implementation of - the following actions:

1. INCREASE LAPD RESOURCES IN ENCINO

- Encino Real-Time Watch Center for live crime monitoring
- Encino drone pilot program for rapid aerial response
- Inter-Agency Task Force with County-State-Federal law enforcement
- License plate readers at major Encino intersections
- Zero tolerance enforcement of no license plate vehicles
- Encino Substation on Ventura Boulevard

2. ENFORCE EXISTING NO CAMPING LAWS IN THE SEPULVEDA BASIN AND CLEAR ENCAMPMENTS TO PROTECT HIGH FIRE RISK TO ENCINO

- Removal of all encampments within 30 days
- Permanent safety infrastructure to prevent re-encampment
- Safe relocation options with appropriate housing and services
- Fire prevention efforts including brush removal to safeguard surrounding communities
- Protection of youth sports fields, family gathering areas and open space

3. ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN

- Written 30-Day Accountability Plan by August 31, 2025
- Weekly public briefings on safety metrics and progress
- Monthly accountability reports shared with the community via Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) and EPOA
- Community Meeting with LAPD Chief Jim McDonnell

We believe collaboration between city leadership, law enforcement, and community stakeholders is essential to restoring a sense of safety and trust.

Our goal is to ensure a swift, coordinated response that protects lives and preserves the well-being of every Encino resident. We remain committed to working together toward that goal.

Sincerely,

Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC)

Encino Property Owners Association [EPOA]

Encino South Neighborhood Watch

Roy Nwaiser, President ENC

Rob Glushon, President EPOA

Adam Wright, Administrator Encino South Neighborhood Watch

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