



# Safety Assessment

Jordan Downs



# Jordan Downs

## Safety Assessment

On October 7, 2020, Jordan Downs - Community Safety Partnership (CSP) was asked to complete an assessment of the development with the focus of quality of life issues. CSP officers, as well as site manager from the development completed the survey. HACLA management was briefed on the concept of **CPTED, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design**. This concept utilizes basic safety measures which prevent crime, such as trimming hedges and trees, lighting, pedestrian awareness, traffic control, etc. The goal is to prevent crime by designing a physical environment that positively influences human behavior. The theory is based on four principles: natural access control (Walkways and pathways), natural surveillance (Community having the ability to have a line of sight to an open area), territoriality (A sign, to identify as a landmark for the community), and maintenance (This principle is constantly being done by the HACLA maintenance team).

The following are examples of areas of concern which were discussed during the initial meeting between Community Safety Partnership Bureau personnel, Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, Gang Reduction Youth Development and the City Attorney's Office. Below listed are some examples of areas of concern we were directed to focus on.

- Missing or faded LAMC 41.23 signs on every building or public gathering space.
- Missing or broken lights.
- Dark walkways or under-lit areas
- Missing or cut/broken fencing or barriers
- Gates or doors with broken locks
- Vandalized cameras, windows, signs, buildings
- Areas of large group or gang group congregation where no cameras currently exist
- Areas where stop signs could be placed
- Areas where speed bumps can be placed
- Areas where street signs can be placed (ped crossing, speed limit, cross walk, etc.)
- Curb lines that need to be painted red or handicapped

The following items were identified by HACLA – Jordan Downs management as concerns which should be addressed and acknowledged for the importance and safety of the community:

- Squatting reported in vacant units in and around building 43.
- Parking and blocking access to Jordan Downs management office.

### Cameras

There are currently no cameras operable in the developments controlled by HACLA. The cameras were removed as part of demolition and redevelopment efforts. Since the removal, there has been significant increase in violent crime both reported and unreported. Dialogue with

HACLA suggests that cameras will not be reinstalled due to the associated costs for an upgraded system.

### **Problem Locations**

██████████ Ongoing issue with loitering of large groups engaged in drinking, gambling and narcotics. Prior complaints investigated by HACLA. Tenant warned and denied direct involvement with the groups, but photos show otherwise (see attached photo).

██████████ – ██████████ Congregation of potential Grape Street gang members engaged drinking, gambling and narcotics (see attached photo).

██████████ – Ongoing problem with tenant. Congregation of Grape Street gang members engaged in drinking and narcotics. Purple rags and gang paraphernalia and tagging frequently present on exterior of building.

██████████ Ongoing problem with large groups congregating while playing loud music and drinking. Tent has been erected by using a tarp and clothes lines where group gathers daily.

**Jordan Downs Headstart Building** – Ongoing problem with groups gathering in lot which effects the productivity of HACLA maintenance. Vehicles block ingress and egress making it difficult for employees to work. Parking issue continue into the evening hours and become a problem for CSPB officers. A request was made with HACLA – Jordan Downs to secure the parking lot. Vendor approval is pending per Mike Woods of HACLA.

### **Light Survey**

Lighting is poor throughout Jordan Downs which creates a haven for illegal and illicit activity. The greatest areas of concerns are along 101<sup>st</sup> Street and the parking lots (see attached photos).

### **Street Maintenance**

Painting of red curbs throughout development to provide deterrence of illegal parking (see photo).

Speed control bumps needed along 102<sup>nd</sup> street to slow vehicular traffic (see photo).

Street signed defaced and/or missing (see photos).

### **Parking Issues**

Parking continues to be a major concern throughout the development. As more people are forced to stay home from work, parking spaces are limited causing residents to park on the grass in front of their units. Access could be minimized if chained off (see photos).

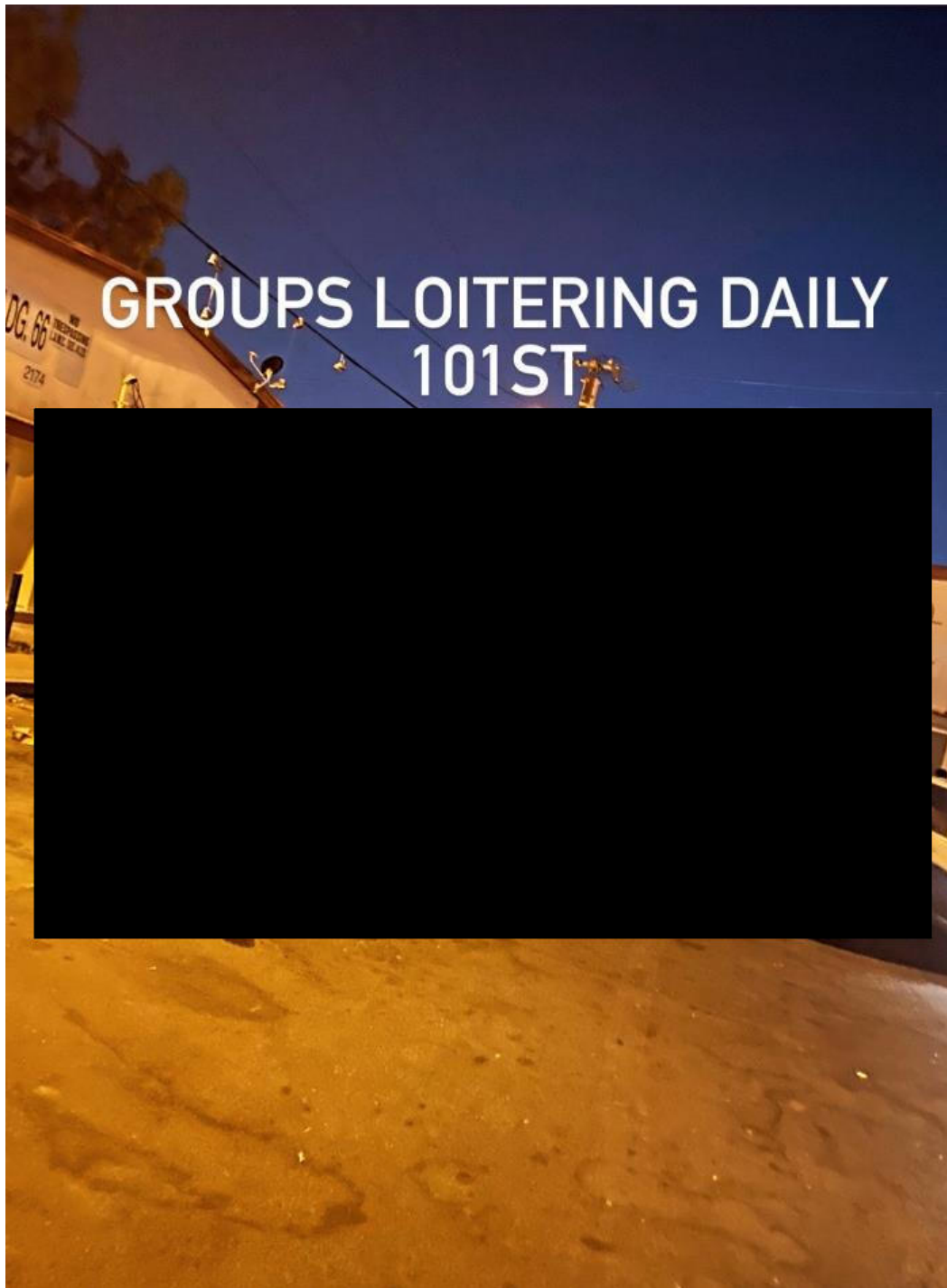
Residents parking in lots without permits. Request management office to address parking as part of lease agreement with all residents.

### **Quality of Life**

Trash collection and large items scattered throughout developments (see photos).



NO STREET SIGN  
102ND/ST





STREET SIGN NEEDS  
REPLACING  
101/GRAPE



# NO PARKING LOT LIGHTS 101ST

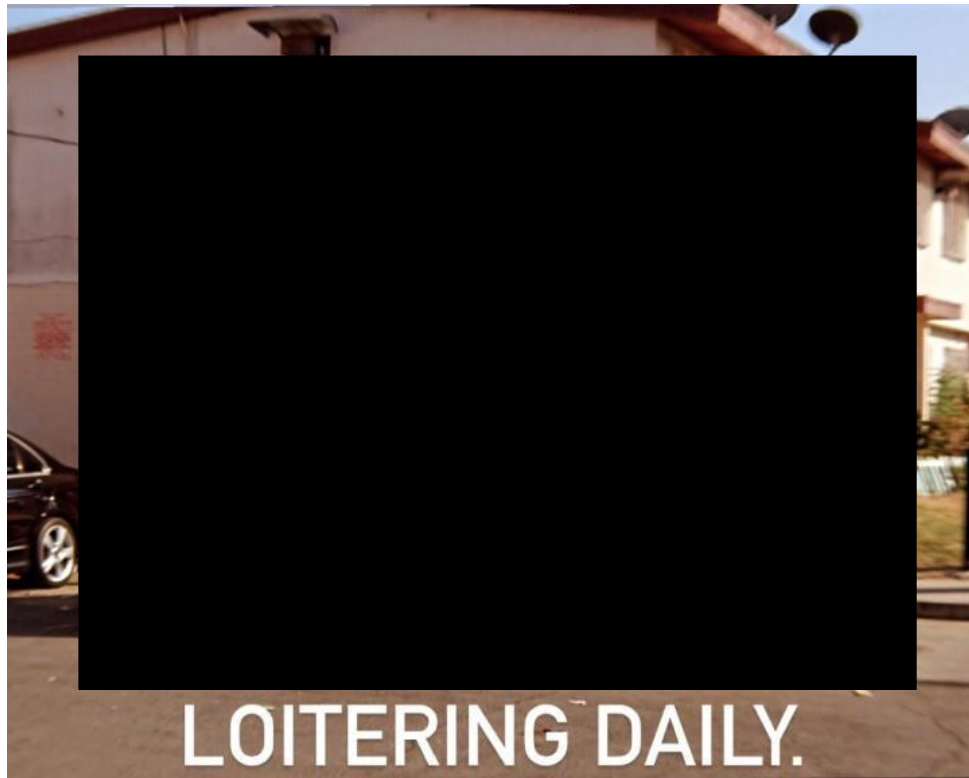




ALL RED CURBS NEED TO  
BE REPAINTED  
THROUGHOUT  
DEVELOPMENT















**LARGE BULKY ITEMS  
NEAR MULTIPLE  
TRASH CANS**

