

Hi Tish Bertino;

Sept. 16, 2014

Regarding parking permits to be made available for residential property on Errett Circle, Woodrow and 103 Wilkes Circle:

We are owners of a home at 116 Wilkes Circle (two houses from the church at the corner of Woodrow).

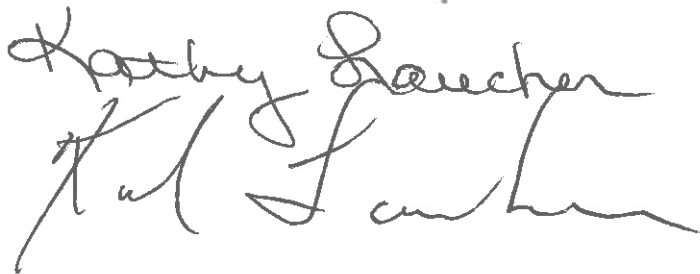
We STRONGLY oppose the residential permit parking on just the addresses that were listed. It would impact the already congested availability on Wilkes Circle.

Most families have at least two vehicles (for instance, the home across from us has **six** vehicles at any given time). It is not any better at the other end of the block where another church (sans parking area) impacts that area. Finding a parking spot already is a challenge without more overflow from Errett Circle.

We may need parking permit designation ourselves. How far do you go?

Thank you for allowing us to respond on this issue.

Kathy & Karl Laucher

Handwritten signatures of Kathy Laucher and Karl Laucher. The signature for Kathy is written above the signature for Karl.

P.S. Per your suggestion we request a review of this issue.

Patricia Bertino

From: dbavid <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2014 2:35 PM
To: Patricia Bertino
Subject: Re: Permit Parking on Errett Circle

Re: Permit parking on Errett Cir., the two residents at 310 Errett vote to REVISE the proposal to install Residential Permit Parking on the inside perimeter of Errett Cir. TO INCLUDE THE OUTSIDE PERIMETER for permits as well. If only the inside perimeter required a permit., the motor-homes and vans utilizing the services at Circle Church (food, shower, and bathroom, which is often unavailable), then the outside perimeter of Errett Cir. would become an attractive alternative for overnight visitors.
Sincerely, David Minkoff and Annette Ciaramitaro

Tish,

September 5, 2014

Please be advised that I strongly object to the installation of residential permit parking on the inside perimeter of Errett Circle.

This will not solve the problem that has been building for the past several years in the circles neighborhood. It will simply move the problem further out into the neighborhood.

Specifically, the problem stems from the Garfield Park Christian Church, ne Circle Church, which has no actual congregation but has created a homeless center which enables a variety of derelict, dangerous, and vagabond characters by offering a place to sleep at night and free food during the day. There is a daily parade of homeless that defecate in yards. Neighbors are continually finding used hypodermic needles, used condoms, cigarette butts and other forms of excrement in their yards, parking strips and sidewalks.

It has become well know amongst a growing community of homeless and folks that live in their cars and campers that the Circle Church is a place to park and hang out. So having permits for the inside perimeter will simply push them to park across the street and on all the streets feeding out from Errett. I live on Wilkes Circle near Woodrow and there is already a parking issue on my block. Wilkes is also the most likely spot for these vagabonds to park overnight once they no longer are able to on the inside perimeter of Errett. This is partially true because there are at least two other churches to park in front of on my block.

My wife is already hassled if she works in her garden or walks in the neighborhood. The permits will not do anything to change this. The Church activity has to be curtailed immediately. When those campers move outside of my house my wife and my neighbors' children will feel even less safe then they already do.

We realize that the neighbors who signed the original petition for the permits were simply trying to do something to bring attention to this problem, and we agree completely that there is a huge problem. But unfortunately, this is not a solution, it's simply kicking the can or squeezing the balloon or playing whack-a-mole.

Please consider this before approving these permits.

Thank you,



Joe Gershen

[Redacted contact information]

City of Santa Cruz Public Works Dept
809 Center St #201
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Attn: Tish Bertino

September 2, 2014

Dear Ms or Mr Bertino:

Our household of three - situated at 320 Errett Circle--is responding to the notification we received in the mail last week, regarding the upcoming installation of permit parking on the inside perimeter Errett Circle.

This is the first we hear of this plan, and thus we were not consulted —although residents in property frontages—by whomever initiated the petition. I would be curious to know how many households on the Circle were actually polled, i.e. how many households constitute the 68% mentioned in your letter.

We oppose this proposal. It will make it much harder for residents to park in the street, since the outer rim fills up very quickly with cars, and residents already have to rely on the inner rim to park their own car. ***Therefore we request a review of this proposal by the Transportation Commission.*** It is non residents who should pay for parking or get a permit, not residents. At the very least, residents should obtain a FREE permit.

I can be contacted by email at ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX@gmail.com~~ if there is any follow up.

Warm regards, and thank you for your attention to this matter



Margherita Pagni



John Archie



Greg Farley

Patricia Bertino

From: Ellen Sevy ~~ellen@information...~~
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 8:47 PM
To: Ellen Sevy
Cc: Patricia Bertino; Marlin Granlund; James Burr
Subject: residential permit parking install Errett circ

Dear Tish Bertino,

I am writing today to amend my previous email response dated September 4th.

I am including that email at the end of this one for your reference.

I would reconsider my opposition to the residential parking permit installation on the inside perimeter of Errett circle going through IF and only IF the same restrictions were added to the entire 800 blocks of Woodrow and the 700 block of Woodrow in front of the Missionary Baptist Church and the Garfield Park Library at the same time. I would also want to include the area in front of 103 Wilkes Circle. All of these places are subject to the exact same problem happening at Errett circle

A part of me wonders if this will be enough as the church and the library are corner properties which border on Wilkes and Walk circles respectively.

Again I am trying to keep from moving the problem just a few feet down the street.

Thank you

Ellen

Below is the email sent Sept. 4th 2014:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing because I want to prevent the installation of residential permit parking on the inside perimeter of Errett circle.

I oppose the installation because it will NOT solve the problem and will only encourage parking across the street on Errett and down the streets branching off of Errett. It will also bring more parking to Wilkes circle which is already overcrowded.

I live at 103 Wilkes circle (corner of Wilkes and Woodrow) I will be heavily impacted because the people parking and camping overnight will just move down the street a few feet.

Please be aware that I don't feel safe having these vehicles some of which have occupants over night a few feet from my window and doors.

The solution to the overall problem is to stop the overnight sleeping shelter at the circle church.

Thank you for your consideration

Ellen

August 28, 2014

Scott Galloway
214 Wilkes Circle
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Public Works Department
809 Center Street, Room 201,
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Attn: Patricia Bertino

Subject: Permit Parking on Errett Circle

I am strongly opposed to the parking restrictions proposed for the inside of Errett Circle. I hereby protest the proposed Residential Permit Parking on Errett Circle as posted and as described in your notice to me of August 28, 2014. I am strongly opposed to any permit parking in the Circles area. Please send this letter of protest to the Transportation Public Works Commission for review.

I reside at 214 Wilkes Circle in property that I purchased in 1981. From the front left corner of my property, I can look down the alley beside my home and see the Circle Church and a section of the parking along the inner side of Errett Circle adjacent to that church.

There is indeed a parking problem in the Circles, but this problem is not due to any external influence like the University or recreational access to the coastline. We do not have a problem parking in the Circles on summer weekdays related to coastal access. We do not have a problem university students parking here to catch a bus to UCSC.

The parking problem in the Circles is caused by the large number of people residing in the Circles, which is an area of mostly older homes with single off street parking spaces or no off street parking spaces. Many of the homes were built in the early 1900s on single lots with little or no off street parking. Many homes are now occupied by more than two automobile drivers. This creates a high demand for parking.

There is no off street parking on my property, but there are two spaces in front of my home. I have one car, so that means that my neighbors use one of the spaces in front of my home on a regular basis. Because many of my neighbors have more people living in their homes than the homes were originally designed to accommodate, parking spaces are already in short supply. Since I teach and night and also do a fair amount of volunteer work at night, I often I return home with boxes, bags, and educational equipment to carry only to discover that both parking spaces in front of my home are occupied, and that all parking spaces near my home are also occupied. I am forced to park in the alley, off load my boxes, bags, and educational equipment, and then park my car either far down Wilkes Circle or on another street.

The inner curb of Errett Circles is used by some of my neighbors as overflow parking. This is an effective use of those parking spaces because there are ample curb spaces there and the cars parked there overnight are not parked directly in front of a home, so parking there does not deprive a neighbor of the spaces immediately adjacent to their

home.

One of my neighbors has four cars and an RV. They park their RV in their only off street parking space. There are only two parking spaces in front of their home, but they manage to squeeze three cars bumper to bumper into those two spaces. That neighbor parks the fourth car along the inside curb of Errett Circle overnight on most nights. That particular neighbor is not renting out portions of their home. They are a family of five with four working people in the family. They need all four cars. A number of other neighbors do rent out rooms and do not have enough parking spaces for the cars owned by the owner and renters. Another neighbor runs a preschool. Yet another neighbor runs a business and appears to be parking commercial vehicles on the street overnight. I have no problems with my neighbors. The Circles "is what it is." Houses here were affordable for us when we purchased them in part because the homes that we bought were older and had limited parking, but we are living with the situation and we make it work by cooperating with one another.

Parking restrictions on Errett Circle and the proposed permit system will have a decidedly adverse environmental and social impact on Wilkes Circle and the residents residing here. Placing parking restriction on Errett Circle will push the parking problems in the Circles over the edge and you will seriously degrade the environmental and social quality of life in he Circles if you impose these restrictions. Please don't do this. A parking permit process that restricts parking to permit holders will only make life harder for the mostly low-to-middle-income people living in the Circles. Those who are forced to purchase permits will have an unnecessary economic burden placed upon them. Those who opt not to purchase the permits will begin to park in front of their neighbor's homes and make life harder on those neighbors.

If as I have heard one person say there are concerns about people sleeping in their cars at night in the parking spaces on Errett Circle, then that would seem to me to be an enforcement issue. There are laws on the books that prevent vehicle camping on the street. If that is the problem, then it would be much less expensive to enforce existing law than it would be to create and enforce new restrictions.

If as I suspect, the proposed restrictions are designed to prevent the Circle Church from sheltering and offering breakfast to homeless people under the "Sunrise Program" operated by the church, then the proposed restrictions constitute a misuse of public funds to persecute the poor and disenfranchised in our community.

If the pressure behind this proposed restriction is coming from community concerns about charitable programs operated by the church to serve the homeless, I ask you to spend public resources on building permanent supportive housing, alcohol and drug treatment facilities, mental health programs, and programs like 180/180 and 180/2020 that have demonstrated success in housing the chronically homeless. Please do not impose any restrictions or permit zones in the Circles.

Sincerely,


Scott Galloway

Patricia Bertino

From: Cedar Geiger <~~cedar@cityofseattle.com~~>
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 8:08 PM
To: Patricia Bertino
Subject: Parking permits Errett Circle

Attn. Tish Bertino

For the record, I'm am totally opposed to the proposed parking permit idea. More costs, and more bureaucracy. This idea is an overreaction to an issue that has been addressed in the past and presents no problem for most of us.

Cedar Geiger
518 Errett Circle

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Cedar

Patricia Bertino

From: Robert Thomas ~~robertthomas@gmail.com~~
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 10:01 AM
To: Patricia Bertino
Subject: Subject : Regarding requiring a permit to park on Errett Circle

Subject : permit to park on Errett Circle

Regarding the plan to require a permit to parking on Errett Circle and Allowing permits for ,only those who have homes that frontage Errett Circle. I own a home on Wilkes Circle (I've owned my place here for over 20 years and been a Santa Cruz resident for over 30 years) 62 years in Monterey bay area . My home is on an alley way ,that puts my property back line approximately 50 feet from Errett.

Frequently my street is parked up when I arrive home from work and so I have to resort to parking on Errett Circle. If only frontage property owners are allowed to park on all of Errett Circle , that will put even a greater demand for the limited parking on Wilkes Circle that is just a short street away ! This will damage my property value and utility for me and my family and make my parking situation much worse !

As a resident who expects equal protection, this move will provide a special privilege only to those with property that touches Errett Circle. They will have their property frontage plus the privilege of exclusive use of the church frontage . This has never before been for their exclusive benefit before ! And at our expense and likely others who will see their parking problem worsen on their streets !

Should I too, have exclusive parking across the street from my house ?? Could I have permits and exclude all other property owner except anyone with adjacent property from parking .. That would be great for me ! however I do share its use with my neighbors ! And is this permit just a form of Tax not approved by residents ?

Please don't approve this special parking privilege at the neighboring community's expense . It make more sense to allow a comprise of their exclusive (permit use) of their own property frontage side of the street , but not exclusive use of church side frontage this has always been for all of the areas residents overflow use.

Sincerely , Robert Thomas

robertthomasw@gmail.com

9-10-14

408 Errett Circle

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Santa Cruz Public Works Department

809 Center Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Attention: Tish Bertino

Dear Ms. Bertino,

This letter is to express my concern about and objection to the proposal as it stands for converting the inside of Errett Circle parking to permit only.

Why are the residents being punished? In other words, why must we now have to pay money to secure historically free parking places in our own neighborhood? What prompted this action?

When the parking is permitted, what will prevent transient campers and motor homes from parking instead in front of our houses, causing much more invasive duress than when they park across the street?

What available resources will patrol and enforce the parking violations?

This has always been a camper neighborhood. It doesn't seem fair to anyone to change this now. The campers have not bothered me when they park across the street generally speaking. Why are we picking on them? I never saw or signed a petition...

I would consider the proposal more viable if two conditions were met:

- 1- The permits were free to affected neighbors
- 2- Parking was permitted on the outside of the circle as well

Please bring these proposal concerns and suggested amendments for review before the Transportation Commission.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,


Janet Chaffin

Patricia Bertino

From: Taylor Mathews [mailto:tmathews@msd.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 1:52 PM
To: Patricia Bertino
Subject: Parking permits Errett circle

Hi Tish,

We are the residents of 308 Errett Circle. Initially I signed the petition to have restricted parking but now realizing we have to pay for it we have changed our mind. So as this process goes I would just like to let you know that 308 Errett Circle is against the parking permits.

Thank you,

Taylor Mathews
[redacted]

Sent from Windows Mail

Patricia Bertino

From: [redacted] on behalf of Rachael Orben [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2014 8:24 PM
To: Patricia Bertino
Subject: Fwd: Parking permits on Errett Circle

Hi Tish,

I realize that I have just missed the deadline for sending a letter so you may not be able to consider this email. But I wanted to say that as a five year resident of 114 Errett Circle I think that the parking permits are a ridiculous waste of time and a not helpful action towards neighborhood safety. Neither I nor any one else in my household signed the petition to implement them. We think that efforts to make our neighborhood safe should focus on speeding cars rather than parked cars. In particular speed bumps on the quadrant of the circle between California and Woodrow would make the circle much safer and maybe less fun to drive around at full speed at 2 am (or drive around and shoot bee-bee guns into people's cars). Fire trucks do not need to use this route making it a viable option.

Thanks for your time and effort.
Rachael

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9/19/14

City of Santa Cruz
Public Works Department,
Dear Lish Bertino and Marlin Grandlund,

This letter is in response to your posted request for written expressions of disagreement with the proposal for permit only parking overnight on the inner perimeter of Everett Circle.

My wife and I are 42 year residents of Santa Cruz and have owned our home on Delaware and Woodrow Ave. for 22 years. We live three blocks from Everett Circle and walk or drive through this Circle street daily.

We enjoy the diversity in our neighborhood and try to support healthy community. We see no good reason for this new parking restriction. The only copy of the resident's petition I've seen (viewed online) appears hastily assembled and provides no reasons or justification for parking limits. We were never asked for our opinions or signatures and never heard of a petition being circulated regarding this matter.

I'm hopeful that you can help me understand this issue and the city staff process better, so here are some of my concerns and questions:

Who originated and circulated this petition? and when?
 What rules guide the petition process as a petition intends/pretends to accurately represent neighborhood opinion?
 What percentage of neighbors were asked for their opinion?
 What percentage of agreement is necessary among those surveyed before public works takes action?

Regarding the petition copied on-line: How many signatures are accurate and valid?
 Who from city staff verifies these signatures?
 Do signatures of owners, renters, family members and friends have equal validity?
 Are signatures by household residents whose frontages are not listed as eligible for permits, still counted in city calculations?
 Is there a 300ft limit for valid input?
 If so, is this practice common?

Don't we have already enough restricted parking throughout our neighborhoods?

Did the petition specify hours or days for permits required?
 So people would know exactly what they support by signing.

Does city staff recognize the large percentage of houses on this circle street with no garages or provision for any cars to park on resident property? Many have converted to accommodate extra tenants, often adding more cars.

Isn't this a form of confiscating available public parking for private, "across the street" convenience?

Has the central property owner impacted by this change, Garfield Park Circle Church been consulted or asked for input? I don't see their signature on this petition.

Is it not logical that visitors and residents without permits will now use available parking on nearest neighbors' streets?

Won't this cause new tensions and requests for restrictions?

Has the Public Works Commission been a part of this discussion? If not, why wouldn't they be involved in such neighborhood changes?

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And finally, please let me know if you sense that some of the energy behind this misguided effort, derives from the fear of overnight vehicle sleepers. It is a fact that single women without housing have few safe options in Santa Cruz. We do have lots of waiting lists. We also have too much mis-placed fear and demonizing of people without housing. The Circle Church helps, I believe very responsibly, all kinds of people. They do not allow overnight parking and their grounds are posted with this restriction prominent. I'm wondering if some neighbors think this permit action is some way to punish or limit the good they are doing. I truly hope not. But it is a fact that there is sometimes more fear of the "other" than gratitude for all our blessings here in Santa Cruz. By the way, I've been closely monitoring parking on inner perimeter Erett Circle for awhile and the cars are invariably empty of humans but consistantly "middle class" ~~or~~ style of ownership.

So while I'm still looking for an answer to my original, most basic question regarding this proposal - WHY? and how is this an improvement for Everett Circle?

I am truly grateful to you for plowing through all of this, you are welcome to park in front of my house any time and thank you sincerely for your kindness and professional responses to my questions over the phone, during my office visit and in this letter of hopefully respectful disagreement.

Best Wishes, Mel + Vicki
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