



**Cahuenga
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Property
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Association**

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THE PASSWORD

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**COMMUNITY MEETING - FREE
ALL WELCOME - COME AND HEAR
COUNCILMAN
JOHN FERRARO**

discuss the following:

Secession
Traffic
Development/Universal
Cahuenga Pass Community acknowledgment

WHEN:

Tuesday, July 28, 1998 7:30pm

PLACE:

**Valley View Elementary School
6921 Woodrow Wilson Drive**

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS EXPANSION UPDATE

By Dan Bernstein,
V.P. CPPOA

Los Angeles County and City of Los Angeles Planning Staff are at work drafting the specific plan ordinance that, when approved by the Planning commission, will set the parameters for the Theme Park and Studio expansion proposed by Universal. It is likely that this document will be submitted to the Commission for vote in August 1998. Once through the Commission, it will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors, the Los Angeles City Planning Department (PLUM) and the City Council. Once the ordinance is approved by the Commission, it will be extremely difficult to make it more restrictive without an impressive outcry to influence the county and city politicians. Thus, now is the time to mobilize. Come to the JULY 28th meeting or send us your name and telephone number.

Your CPPOA Board has met with Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's office and Councilman John Ferraro to express our local concerns regarding neighborhood noise, view and parking issues in addition to the traffic issues that we share with the several neighborhood associations in Hollywood, the Cahuenga Pass, East Santa Monica Mountains, Toluca Lake and Studio City. Those of us who live within hearing and viewing distance of the Universal property are a lot more intensely concerned about noise and view mitigation. You and I need to keep our neighborhood issues in focus during the next several months. No one else will. If you can help us maintain and/or expand our influence the county and/or city government, please let us, your CPPOA Board, know. Universal's paid representatives have presented and will continue to present Universal's point of view on mitigation to every elected official in county and city government. We need to make sure they know our point of view.

Florence Blecher, President CPPOA

This editorial is about your response to CPPOA's recent mailing on Secession. The community response to our letter was WONDERFUL! You obviously feel just as strongly as the Board does about this issue --that the vast majority of those of who live in the Cahuenga Pass DO NOT SEE ourselves as Valleyites and don't wish to be dragged along against our clearly expressed collective wills! Here are the results of the informal survey:

Of those of you who checked only a single box -- one percent (1%) were undecided or felt that they did not have enough information to make an informed choice; six percent (6%) wanted to go with the San Fernando Valley City; thirty-seven percent (37%) felt aligned with the Westside; and forty-seven (47%) percent wanted to remain with the City of Los Angeles.

Of those of you who broke things down by preference -- four cent (4%) voted for either the Westside or Los Angeles; three percent (3%) of you indicated that your first choice was to stay with the City of Los Angeles, second choice was to go with the Westside, and last choice was to go with the Valley; two percent (2%) of you voted for the Westside first, second for LA, and the Valley last. So, overall, a resounding ninety-three percent (93%) voted for either the City of Los Angeles or the Westside!

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As you can well see, you've given your Board an indisputable mandate --thank you!

People's comments were equally emphatic:

- "I want to remain Hollywood;"
- "City of Los Angeles - NEVER S. F. Valley;"
- "We don't want the City of LA broken up at all. Even if it is broken up, we don't want to be part of any "San Fernando Valley City;"
- "City of Los Angeles -- any of the other choices are "STUPID"
- "Please, no "San Fernando Valley City!"
- "Pleease...don't let'em make us be the Valley!"
- Definitely stay in the City --we are not the Valley -- never have been, hopefully never will be!

To further clarify and express our community identity, our city councilman, John Ferraro, at our request, has gone to bat for us and helped us to initiate the process of getting neighborhood signs to identify the Cahuenga Pass for all to see! It will take several months for them to be fabricated, but they should start appearing in the late autumn. Thank you John, Renee, AnnMarie and Mary!

This is only one of the wonderful things that John and his office have helped up with lately. Please come to meet with him at our upcoming general membership meeting on July 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Valley View Elementary School!

Again, well done, Cahuenga Pass! The message is clear!

The mailing and its results were great, but it was also **VERY EXPENSIVE** to put together! Now is the time of year that your CPPOA dues are due. It is \$30.00 per household -- very little when you consider all the issues that face our community. Your Board of Directors not only has to deal with Secession and Valley Vote, but Universal's EIR process is still being reworked; the Barham-Cahuenga Corridor Study still has not been published and is almost two years late in its release; there's the Hollywood and Highland/TrizecHahn project and the traffic that it will add to our community; the Campo de Cahuenga MetroRail station; the Racquet Center/Von der Ahe project; our neighborhood streetscape for the Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard corridor Specific Plan; not to mention smaller project-by-project development proposals which we monitor and act upon.

Please fill out the enclosed form and **renew your membership in CPPOA, YOUR ORGANIZATION** -- the Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association !
Thanks

**MTA NAMES OUR METRORAIL STATION
AFTER UNIVERSAL STUDIOS!!!**

By Krista Michaels,
CPPOA Board Member

The Metropolitan Transit Authority has designated the Metrorail station on Lankershim Boulevard as the Universal Station, and your Property Owners Association has long fought that designation.

The designation as the "Universal City station" was assigned many years ago as a matter of convenience when the original idea for the Los Angeles subway system was presented. Unfortunately, that name has stuck! The Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association thinks that the Lankershim station should be designated the same way that the MTA designates all its other stations - by naming it after the closest intersection. Thus, the station's proper designation should be "The Cahuenga-Lankershim Station."

MTA station naming policy also states the need to acknowledge historically significant sites near Metrorail stations. This station is adjacent to the Campo de Cahuenga, a National historic register listed site at which Mexico ceded Alta California to the US in 1847. We feel that the Campo should also be acknowledged in the station's name.

Your Board feels that it is improper to name a publicly funded and intended-for-public use project after private enterprise. We have sent numerous letters to the MTA stating our complaint and the reasons why we feel it is inappropriate to use public funds to give free advertising to a private enterprise.

Please let us know your opinion by calling the CPPOA and telling us what you think about this matter. Our phone number is (323) 960-7868. Also, please phone or write our supervisor, Zev Yaroslavsky, who sits on the MTA Board at (213) 974-3333.

PERMIT PARKING

By Krista Michaels,
CPPOA Board Member

Have you been experiencing problems with parking on your street? Are you impacted by Universal Studios and CityWalk employees parking on your street and walking across the Universal Center bridge? Would you and your neighbors like to restrict parking on your street to residents and their guests?

If you and your neighbors would like to investigate parking restrictions for your street, please contact the CPPOA, and we will be happy to give you basic information about this process and whom to contact. The CPPOA phone number is (323) 960-7868.

NOTICE

By George Chritton

The U.S. Postal Service has installed a new street mailbox near the intersection of Cahuenga Boulevard West, Mulholland Drive and Woodrow Wilson Drive. It is located at 6921 Woodrow Wilson Drive, at the driveway entrance to the Valley View Elementary School.

Not only is this box for your convenience, but you can help reduce thefts from individual residential street mailboxes by depositing your outgoing letters into this mailbox.

This installation was made possible by the cooperation of the USPS and the Hollywood Postal Service Advisory Council. Applications are welcome from volunteers who reside or who have a post office box or business located in ZIP codes 90028, 90068 and 90078. Please send your applications to U.S. Postal Service Advisory Council, P.O. Box 696, Hollywood, Calif. 90078-0696. Thank you.

Please support your local homeowners group, THE CAHUENGA PASS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOC. BY filling out the attached **Annual Dues Payment Form**. We need your dues and support to continue to make our neighborhood one we can all be proud to live in.

ANNUAL DUES PAYMENT FORM

Enclosed is payment for my (our) 1998/1999 Dues for my (our) property(ies) owned in the Cahuenga Pass area. I (we) understand the Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association is a nonprofit California Mutual Benefit Corporation incorporated only for the property owners in this area and payment is due by July 1st for the term of one year.

Last Name, First Name (Please Print)

Property Address (if more than one, please list separately)

Mailing Address (if different than property address)
City, State and Postal Zip Code.

Residence phone (indicate if unlisted with "U") /Fax/ E-mail

Please check the committees you would be interested in assisting:

____ Community Improvement/Maintenance & Security
____ Membership/Newsletter and Outreach Liaison
____ Special Events and Meetings
____ Corporate Business/Elections and Nominations
____ Planning/Traffic and Development

\$30 annual dues for all property owners for each CPPOA membership.

Membership entitles you to one vote per household.

Check No. _____ Total Dues Paid: _____
Make all checks payable to CPPOA

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