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***In 2019 Your Support for the Oaks Homeowners Association
Will Be More Important Than Ever***

2019 promises to be a momentous year for the Oaks neighborhood. Changes are occurring around us that could have a significant impact on the quality of life here -- for good or for ill. The Oaks Homeowners Association is your neighborhood's voice in the debates about major development in Hollywood, the traffic that development creates, Hollywood Sign tourism, and crime and security. We could use your help. We hope you'll join us: by contributing your dues for next year but also by contributing your time. If you can help us on any of these efforts, please let us know:

The City is contemplating the implementation of many of the strategies outlined in the Dixon Study and aimed at reducing the ill effects of Hollywood Sign tourism in the neighborhoods around Griffith Park. As we've seen in the last two years, the Hollywoodland neighborhood has moved aggressively to push Hollywood Sign tourists (along with hikers and visitors) out of Beachwood Canyon and over to Bronson Canyon. We must manage this new influx of visitor traffic so that it does not overwhelm the Oaks. And we must be there to shape the policies that City Council will consider in 2019.

We need a new traffic signal at Canyon & Franklin. Increased Hollywood Sign traffic on Bronson and increased freeway traffic on Franklin have created an intolerable bottleneck at the Franklin & Bronson intersection. The result is not only regular delays for all using the intersection but increased hazard to pedestrians and motorists. We've been lobbying the City and DOT for two years now to get an additional traffic signal at Canyon and Franklin that would provide a second exit point for the Oaks and reduce pressure at Bronson. The City acknowledges the efficacy of such a signal, but continues to balk at the cost. We must push harder.

A massive amount of high-density development is coming to Hollywood. More than thirty major mid-rise and high-rise projects are either under construction or in the pipeline in Hollywood. And yet there seems to be little planning for what this level of development will do to mobility in the area. After all, no additional streets are being built. This unprecedented level of development will have a profound impact on our lives in the Oaks. We need to be involved as the City attempts to manage this growth and the traffic it creates.

Homelessness is increasingly visible in Hollywood. As more homeless people seek shelter in Hollywood, we realize that the problems of Skid Row no longer stay there. How can we help the City manage this human emergency?

Security in the Oaks became more tenuous in 2018. There was an uptick in suspicious activity, trespassing, package theft, and burglary in the neighborhood this year. The increases in visitor traffic, construction activity, and homelessness may have contributed to these security concerns. This year Oaks volunteers organized support for a new patrol service for the entire neighborhood. Because more and more Oaks residents have signed up, the service will soon increase to sixteen hours per day!

Each year the Oaks HOA brings residents and their families together for community events.

In 2019 we'll host the June Summer Picnic, the Halloween Walk, the Holiday Party, and in the spring: our fourth Architectural Tour and Benefit! These moments remind us of the bonds we have with our neighbors and our neighborhood. Good neighborhoods don't happen by accident. They happen because dedicated people work on their behalf.

***Please Join or Renew Your Membership for 2019 Today
by sending in the enclosed envelope with your check.***

And if you haven't already gotten one of our limited-edition Oaks HOA license plate holders, now's your chance. For a donation of \$100 or more (which includes the \$45 dues) you will receive one of these frames designed by a local artist. Show your support for the homeowners association.