

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES  
REPORT NO. 4**

July 1, 2009

**CD: 13**

Honorable Board of Public Works  
Of the City of Los Angeles

Commissioners:

**RECOMMENDATION TO DENY APPROVAL FOR A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT  
FOR CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1 That your Board denies the application for the proposed Special Event listed in transmittal No's 1 and 2.

**TRANSMITTALS**

- 1 Letter from Mitch O'Farrell District Director of Constituent Services, Office of the City Council President Eric Garcetti dated June 23, 2009.
2. Letter from Mitch O'Farrell District Director of Constituent Services, Office of the City Council President Eric Garcetti dated June 23, 2009.

**RECITAL**

The Church of Scientology began holding regular special events at 1308 L. Ron Hubbard Way since March 1998 by Council Motion. The initial motions came from the office of John Ferraro Council District 4.

The events created complaints from area residents due to excessive closures, events held without permits and access being restricted to residences of the effected area and the general public.

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Representatives from the Bureau of Street Services met with representatives from Council District 13 and other City departments to discuss the community public safety concerns in 2008.

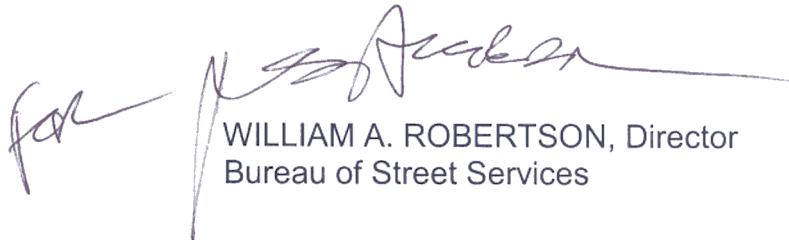
The meetings resulted in a number of suggestions to resolve the problems. The sponsor was advised of the issues. The events were discontinued since October 2008. Recently the Bureau received a new request to hold another event by the Church of Scientology on July 2, 2009 thru July 4, 2009.

Council District 13 did not enter a motion for this event and opposes the issuance of a permit based on the history of violations of permit conditions. The sponsor has met all application and permitting conditions to hold an event without a motion, however, the Bureau has received letters of protest.

Based on the information provided in the letters and the recent history of violations by the organizer, the Bureau recommends denial of the permit.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'for [unclear] Robertson', is written over a printed name and title.

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