



BENEDICT CANYON
ASSOCIATION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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SCHOOLS The most important challenge your Association faces now is the great possibility that the school bus service in our area will be eliminated.

Due to a critical financial problem, the Board of Education is considering necessary economies. Many programs are being reviewed and others will exert pressure on the Board for their special interest. The budget hearings will start April 13th.

We are circulating petitions with the San Ysidro Association to request that existing bus services be maintained. The Property Owner Associations in the West Los Angeles area have been informed and urged to join in this effort. Mrs. Jerrold Rudelson is leading this program and should be contacted for information. (CR 5-6247)

In addition to our local efforts we are also trying to lessen the current financial burden to the city by requesting that certain inequities which now exist in our state be changed.

The proportion of state contribution to local support should ideally range between 48% and 50%. This percentage has been decreasing for years and the low point of 32% was reached in 1966-1967. School systems in other areas receive as much as 87% state basic aid.

The residents of Los Angeles contribute more taxes to the state than any other area. Our school system faces special problems due to an exploding and diversified population. State authorities must be informed of our concern for their failure to return a fair share of state basic aid.

We urge you to WRITE to the following officials and let them know how the absence of school bus service would effect you.

- *Dr. Jack P. Crowther, Superintendent of Los Angeles Schools
- *Ralph Richardson, President of the Board of Education or any of its seven members.

* 450 North Grand, Los Angeles, California 90054

State Senator Lou Cusanovich
Assemblyman Charles Conrad
Governor Ronald Reagan
Jesse Unruh, Speaker of the Assembly
Dr. Max Rafferty, State Sup't. of Public Instruction

School busses on Benedict Canyon now transport 700 children, twice a day, to schools that are 5 to 10 miles from their homes. This movement occurs during peak traffic hours. City traffic reports indicate that Benedict Canyon, with two lanes and no sidewalks is now operating at maximum capacity. The danger to our children being driven in car pools is too clear. Car pools would increase our traffic problem and make our canyon a less desirable area for families with school children.

SEWAGE TUNNEL James Potter, our City Councilman, has advised the Association the City has dropped its plans for the proposed sewage tunnel under Benedict Canyon. Further studies indicated the tunnel to be too costly and not the proper routing.

ART MART The first annual "Benedict Canyon Art Mart" will be held Sunday, April 16th from 1 to 4 P. M. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, 9698 Yoakum Drive. Everyone is welcome. Mrs. John Musico (276-0990) can be contacted for information.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID The Los Angeles County Medical Association provides the public with a 24 hour emergency telephone number where patients may receive the names of doctors for home visits. We are included in the Los Angeles area. (483-7122)

Fire Engine and Truck Station #99 located on Mulholland near Beverly Glen has one "E and J Resucitation Unit" to send in an emergency. The emergency crew is trained in first aid and will take over until a doctor arrives. Call GR. 3-1155.

Due to our distance from medical assistance, the Board of Directors is investigating the possibility of obtaining the cooperation of medical doctors in Benedict Canyon. This list would be used in EXTREME EMERGENCY ONLY. The Board would assist in reaching these doctors in an EXTREME EMERGENCY. We would appreciate any comments from the resident doctors of Benedict canyon.

BEAUTIFICATION Trash cans should be put out after 6 P.M. Wednesday for the Thursday pick-up. Please remove the empty containers from the street before 6 P. M. Thursday. Your neighbors will appreciate this courtesy.

The maximum size of real estate signs is 6 square feet. They may only be placed on property in which the real estate company is participating. Contact Arthur Pieper regarding any abuses.

An official complaint has been filed with the City of Los Angeles to force the removal of an unsightly empty real estate shack at Oak Pass and Hensal Road.

TRAFFIC STREETS Due to the press of other obligations, Rudy Petersdorf has resigned as committee head. Thanks for your years of good work Rudy, and hurry back.

Anthony Liebig, 1555 Benedict Canyon Dr. (CR. 5-9760) joins the Board of Directors and will head our traffic and street committee.

COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION Theta Communications has been granted the franchise in this area. Arthur Pieper will keep us informed. The City Council is now considering proposed installation charges and monthly fees.

GLENWOOD The residents of Beverly Glen are starting legal action against U.S. Plywood. A tentative tract map has been filed by U.S. Plywood and indicated the first packed tight multiple dwellings would be built on the ridge just west of Benedict Canyon.

More residents of this canyon must become involved in this fight. Home owners living below or east of this first tract, should be alerted to the plans. Dudley Trudgett will inform you of problems which this project will create in Benedict Canyon.

MEMBERSHIP Future Newsletters will be mailed to Association members only. Join with us in working to PRESERVE and IMPROVE our canyon.

The Board of Directors wish to thank all those residents who have joined the Association for 1967. If you have not joined to date, we urge you to do so. Be informed of our activities and "pitch in". We need your \$5.00 and most of all YOU. I welcome your suggestions and assistance.

Sincerely,

Marshall Geller, President

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