

Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council

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Mitchell Englander, Councilmember
City of Los Angeles
12th Council District
9207 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Dear Councilmember Englander,

Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) requests the addition of a bus route in our community. Adding this route would enable students to take the bus to and from Chatsworth High School, Sierra Canyon High School, the Park and Ride station on Rinaldi and enable people in our community to have access for bus services to California State University, Northridge and other areas in our community. This would lower the car density at all three schools and lighten the congestion along the routes people take.

We request that bus services proceed north on DeSoto Avenue, past Chatsworth Street to Rinaldi Ave and heads east on Rinaldi Street to Reseda Blvd and then south to California State Northridge.

Currently over 100,000 car trips are clogging the streets each week in the neighborhoods of Porter Ranch, Northridge and Chatsworth. This creates heavy impact on our streets and infrastructure. Allowing students, seniors, and others the convenience of leaving the car home and using the bus to go to the shopping centers, schools and other venues would make a dynamic difference in high traffic flow. Tens of thousands of people are being denied bus service in our community on the Rinaldi corridor which includes day workers, students and senior citizens. These are the people that can least afford the expenses of other forms of transportation such as cars and bicycles.

Secondly, please note that there is no bus service on Rinaldi Street west of Corbin to Balboa Boulevard. This is a very heavily traveled street. It seems a natural to have bus service in that location since Rinaldi runs right next to the 118 freeway.

Please contact us
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Porter Ranch stakeholders pay a transit tax, yet receive little or no service. With no public transportation in the north western portion of the City of Los Angeles, it makes no sense to support ballot propositions that totally ignore this area.

PRNC urges you to take this request in hand. Even though there is a bus that goes to the Porter Ranch Town Center on Rinaldi Street, it only serves a very limited group of people entering Porter Ranch. Once the bus route is activated people will use the bus to go down to Rinaldi Street, Devonshire Street, Balboa Boulevard or Nordhoff Street and obtain their necessary transfer to another bus taking them on their journey to work, school, home, concerts and so on.

If you have any questions, please free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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