

From: [The Office of the President](#)
To: [LMU University Communications](#)
Subject: Loyola Boulevard Entrance Update
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Message from the President February 10, 2014

Dear LMU Community:

Last fall, in response to concerns expressed by some Westchester residents about parking in the community, Councilman Mike Bonin asked LMU to look into restricting pedestrian access at LMU's Loyola Boulevard entrance. I commissioned an internal team, led by Mike Wong, Associate Vice President of Administration Services, to evaluate the request. Over the last several months, this team, which included representatives from Facilities Management, Public Safety, and Community Relations, made a good-faith effort to study this proposal. They presented their findings and recommendations to me last week. Their conclusion is that the challenges and general negative effect on the LMU community far outweigh the value of any envisioned relief to neighborhood parking concerns.

The team researched several different pedestrian gate designs currently in use in Southern California, including gates at USC and at Sony Picture Studios. They immediately identified issues with constructing pedestrian gates at Loyola Boulevard, specifically centered on challenges regarding safety and enforcement.

The team's evaluation of the proposal included outreach to the LMU community to solicit their input. Discussions with the faculty senate, staff senate and ASLMU were held. Additionally, a campus-wide email was sent requesting feedback that resulted in approximately 1,500 responses. Comments from the LMU community were overwhelmingly against the proposal and focused on impacts to safety, access and campus culture.

Based on the team's recommendation, which I support, we have informed Councilman Bonin that LMU will not install pedestrian gates or impose additional restrictions at the Loyola Boulevard entrance. I emphasize that we remain committed to working with Councilman Bonin and our neighbors to devise creative solutions for current and future challenges and to collaborate on ways to enrich our community together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David W. Burcham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David W. Burcham
President