

Dear neighbors on La Loma, we need a night patrol:

We live in such a lovely place, but we are plagued by crimes of opportunity. And these crimes are NOT minor. Since last September, an eleven month period, La Loma experienced:

- **Six (6) vehicles stolen**
- **Six (6) more vehicles robbed of batteries or gas or parts**
- **Ten (10) homes burglarized**
- **Twenty-three (23) reports of trespassers/night stalkers prowling around our homes**

Forty percent of our residents experienced crime this year! And if YOU are the victim of even minor crime, you know that terrible feeling of violation that stays with you for a very long time.

Our quality of life is profoundly affected by our sense of security.

Today we have an effective team in place at our entry gate to La Loma. They help to keep things under control and prevent entry to those who don't have a legitimate reason to be here. But our gate guards are "anchored" to the guard shack performing this important task.

The most effective next step we can take is to implement a night patrol. Our local police chief agrees and has advised we need "boots on the ground". Equipped with two-way radios, our night patrol will have the opportunity to network with the guard shack and local police when needed. Our night patrol can be the foundation to develop a neighborhood watch program.

But it's not free. The annual fees we now pay for roads and security on La Loma barely keep up with expenses. We cannot implement a night patrol without raising annual fees. The added costs are defined on the reverse side of this letter. There are two parts to this proposal.

- Part 1: Our La Loma gate guards currently earn \$2.08 per hour while La Playa guards earn more at \$2.50 per hour. Let's correct this disparity on La Loma and pay our guys \$2.50 per hour. This change costs \$3,860 more annually.
- Part 2: Detailed costs of the night patrol are clearly listed on the reverse side. The figures support a night patrol four nights a week, eight hours per night, on a variable (unpredictable) schedule. The cost to do this is \$5,275 more per year.

Our annual fees haven't changed in ten years! This proposal increases annual fees from \$500 to \$600, or monthly from \$42 to \$50. ***Isn't it worth 28 cents more per day for a night patrol?***

If you pay La Loma annual fees, you have the right to vote this proposal up or down at the annual LMPOA meeting on Saturday of Labor Day weekend, 1 September 2018. The meeting will be held at the Poco Cielo lounge, downstairs, starting at 9:30 am.

We, the undersigned members of La Loma security committee, urge you to support this plan:

Viktorya Allen Tom Daniel Kathy Duran Bruce Fine Cathryn Grosvenor Juan Lara
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Proposal for La Loma night patrol: details of the \$100 per year increase

Part 1: Parity

- Treat the LMPOA security team as **ONE TEAM**
 - Bring pay levels to parity with La Playa
 - Pay/shift on La Loma goes from \$25 to \$30 = \$2.08/hr to \$2.50/hr
 - Budget increase per year
 - Salary increase \$3,650
 - Social Security (no change) - 0 –
 - Aguinaldo increase (Christmas bonus) 140
 - Vacation pay increase 70
- Total cost for Parity \$3,860**

Part 2: Night Patrol

- Improve quality of life on La Loma by improving our sense of security
 - Implement night patrol in addition to normal gate guard function
 - Eight hours per night, four nights each week, on a variable schedule (unpredictable)
 - Rolled up cost per year
 - Salary at \$2.50/hr x 32 hours each week \$4,160
 - Social Security 875
 - Aguinaldo (Christmas bonus) 160
 - Vacation pay 80
- Total cost for night patrol \$5,275**

Impact

1. Increase La Loma expense budget for Parity plus Night Patrol: \$9,135
 2. Increase La Loma annual fees by \$100 (from \$500 to \$600)
 - a. 52 current payers x \$100 increase \$5,200
 - b. Income is running a little ahead of expenses 3rd qtr 2,500
- Total increase in funds available 2019 for La Loma: \$7,700**
- Plan a small drawdown from reserves \$1,435**

NOTE that the annual increase equals just twenty-eight cents more per day!

Conclusion: We can cover the cost of an eight hour per night, four-night patrol

and grow it as more residents pay their Roads and Security fees.

“You may vote this proposal up or down at the annual meeting”