



May 24, 2017

City of Carson
701 E. Carson Street
Carson, CA. 90745
Attn: Ken Farfsing

CITY MANAGER
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Dear Mr. Farfsing,

I'm writing to petition the City of Carson to change the parking on Recreation Road from its current state to parking by permit only. I am the owner/operator of Go Kart World, located at 21830 Recreation Road, which opened its doors in the City of Carson in 1993. For nearly a quarter century, Go Kart World has attempted to serve its customers while being a good neighbor and a good community partner with the City. Partly due to that strong relationship, the City graciously offered a parking variance during my last expansion. The variance allowed my customers to use Recreation Road to park rather than requiring me to construct a separate parking structure. Since that time, we've shared Recreation Road with Court Prowel, and Altman's Winnebago without issue.

Since opening, I've invested nearly \$5 million into Go Kart World which has now become a landmark on Facebook and a well-known sight for anyone traveling the 405 Freeway. Recently, due to the arrival of the new Kia dealership at the end of Recreation Road, my business and therefore my livelihood and future has been put in dire jeopardy. Kia has a very large workforce; enough to fill the whole of Recreation Road with cars, and while they were required to provide parking for their employees, they are not required to make them use it. Instead, their employees park on Recreation Road while Kia's employee parking is filled with new cars.

EXHIBIT NO. 1

21830 Recreation Road, Carson, CA 90745
Parties: 310-834-2959 • Track: 310-834-3800
www.gokartworld.com

Although Go Kart World and Kia entered in an informal, or “gentleman’s” agreement to share the street, as of lately, their employees refuse to honor the agreement and Kia’s management will no longer accept my calls. The loss of customer parking has already cost Go Kart World hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost revenues. At this rate, my business will go under by Christmas.

After meeting with you and Bill Zimmerman today, it appears the only option left to me is to attempt permit parking. While I’m unsure of what’s involved in issuing permits to 20,000 people per month, I know the outcome if I don’t try. I appreciate your time today. Please do whatever you can to help this process move quickly.

Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Respectfully,

John R. Harris “Bob”
President
Go Kart World, Inc.