

Parking restrictions proposed to address illicit activity in North Richmond

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To combat littering, sideshows and other illicit activities, county officials are proposing to restrict vehicles from stopping, standing and parking along stretches of Silver Avenue and North Jade Street near the Las Deltas Housing Project in North Richmond.

The proposal, which appears on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors' Tuesday meeting agenda, would impose the new traffic restrictions along Silver Avenue 312 feet west from Harold Street. The same restrictions would also occur along a 500-foot stretch of North Jade Street north from West Grove Avenue.

The proposal is one of a variety of measures being taken to “discourage large and disruptive gatherings that could harm quality of life,” said Robert Rogers, district coordinator for the Office of County Supervisor John Gioia.

The area has already seen improved lighting and landscaping to increase visibility. Soon, officials are looking to install speed bumps.

It’s a response to concerns from residents, Rogers said.

“Due to low occupancy rates in the area, illegal street gatherings in the vicinity of these restrictions are common resulting in littering, sideshows, and other illicit activities in and around North Jade Street,” public documents state. “These restriction will help local law enforcement limit these gatherings.”