

Better Signage and Enforcement for Public EV Chargers

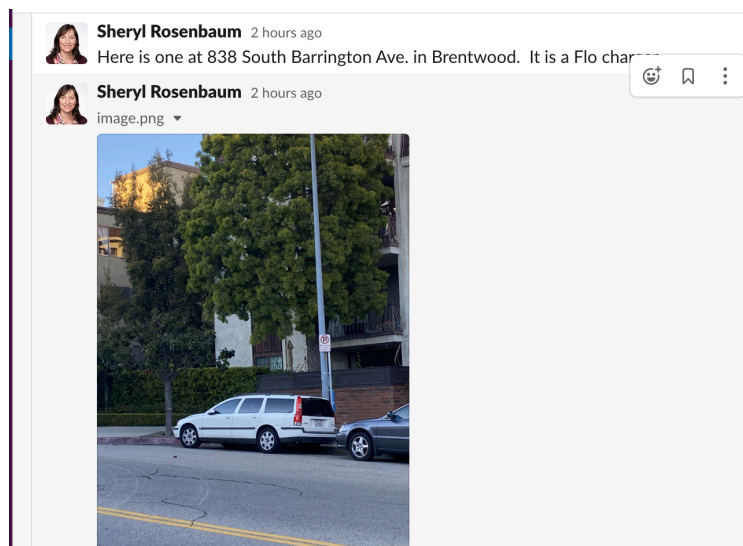
Background Information:

Governor Newsom has declared that only fully electric vehicles will be sold by 2035; Volvo will cease all sales of ICE cars as of 2030. With the planet already at one degree of warming above the preindustrial era, electric vehicles, along with other zero and low emission transit methods, are a key part of the strategy to get climate change under control.

Adoption of EVs is severely hampered by limited access to charging infrastructure. The few existing public charging locations are too often blocked by ICE cars -- or EVs which are not currently charging -- using them as parking spots.

Equity Note: The lowest income EV drivers, and potential drivers, are most affected by this lack of access. While wealthier single family owners can install chargers in their homes at relatively low cost with incentives from LADWP, this tends to be a much more costly and drawn out process for condo owners contending with HOAs. Renters, while technically having the legal right to install their own charger, have little incentive to do so without the promise of a long-term lease, and uncooperative landlords can require tenants to pay for both the installation and de-installation of chargers, making it an untenable expense.

Here is an example of a Flo station in Brentwood with no street signage with an ICE car blocking it. Most drivers would have no way of knowing they are blocking the chargers.



In some cases, drivers are aware but park there, anyway.



Sheryl Rosenbaum 1 hour ago



FYI this one has signage and writing on the parking spot itself so it has been added in some places. This car parked there anyway. 11617 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025

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Motion recommended to the WRAC board by the WRAC Mobility & Transportation Committee (MTC), 5/17/21

[The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils] requests that the city of Los Angeles improves signage in electric vehicle charging locations to discourage non-charging vehicles (both ICE and EVs) from parking there. It further requests that the city issue a warning ticket and subsequent fine to any vehicle owners who repeatedly park in these spots illegally once adequate signage is installed.

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