

AD HOC COMMITTEE

KERN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PARKING

MISSION STATEMENT

The AD HOC Superior Court Parking Committee of the 2012-2013 Kern County Grand Jury was established to determine the extent of the parking problems facing all employees at the Superior Court Building and suggest solutions to these problems.

AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS:



Terry Wolfe, Chair
Malinda Click
Donna Malahni Jackson (not shown)
Michael McCarthy
Judith Waters

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PURPOSE OF INQUIRY:

The Parking Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) of the 2012-2013 Kern County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) was formed to study and recommend solutions to the current parking problems at 1415 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA.

PROCESS:

The Committee had the Assistant CAO for General Services address the entire Grand Jury at a general meeting. Other information was obtained by in person observations.

BACKGROUND/FACTS:

There are currently more personnel in need of parking than parking spaces available.

- A. There are approximately 300 permits allocated for 150 available parking spaces.
- B. There are five spaces allocated to the 19 Grand Jurors. The spaces are designated by painted signs. Additional upright signs have not been installed.

FINDINGS:

Through observation and investigation the Committee has determined the following:

- F1. The East Quad at the Superior Court could be used for parking more cars.
- F2. The Bank of America parking structure is allocating spaces for the docents at the Superior Court.
- F3. There are several van accessible handicap parking spaces in the Superior Court parking lot.
- F4. The existing east quad concrete and dirt planters are no longer used due to water leakage into the basement parking directly below.

COMMENTS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- R1. Remove the existing non-used concrete and dirt planters providing not less than 44 parking spaces on either side of the East Quad (see attached).
- R2. Request that Bank of America allocate several parking spaces for the Kern County Grand Jurors.
- R3. Install upright signs at each Grand Jury parking space (i.e. like the Probation Parking upright signs).

NOTES:

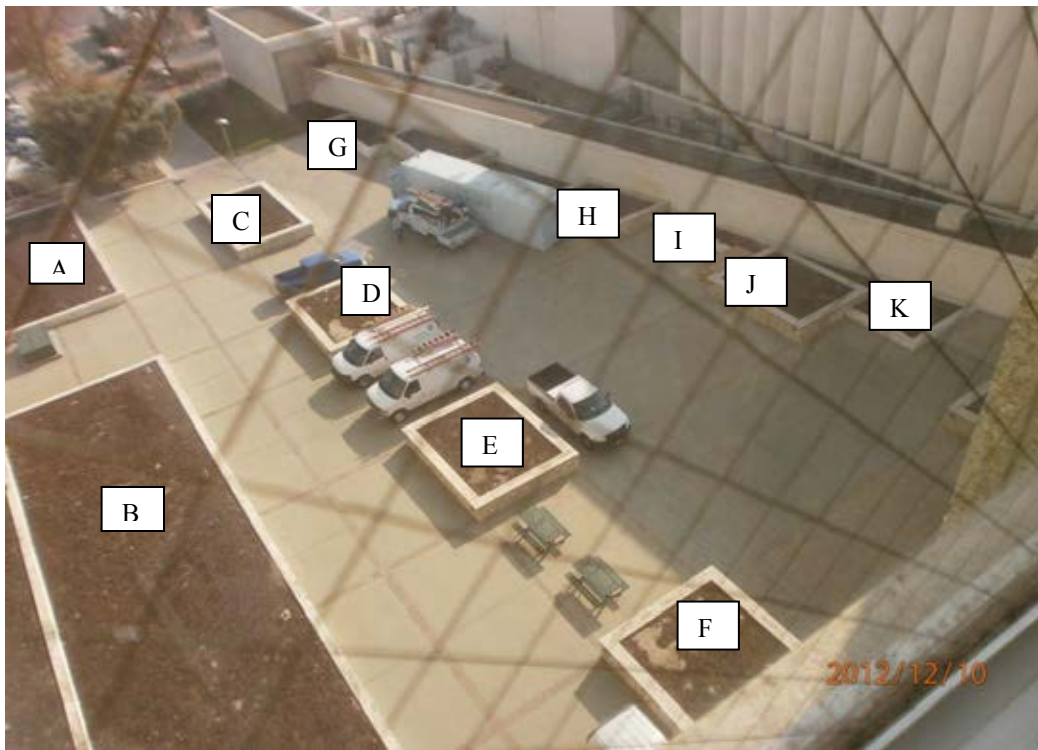
- General Services Department should post a copy of this report where it will be available for public review.
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- Present and past Kern County Grand Jury Final Reports and Responses can be accessed on the Kern County Grand Jury website: www.co.kern.ca.us/grandjury.

RESPONSE REQUIRED WITHIN 90 DAYS TO:

**PRESIDING JUDGE
KERN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
1415 TRUXTUN AVENUE, 2ND FLOOR
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301**

**cc: FOREMAN
KERN COUNTY GRAND JURY
1415 TRUXTUN AVENUE, SUITE 600
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301**

East Quad



- **Weight of Dodge Ram Pickup Truck = 6400 lbs.**
- **Weight of one cubic foot of concrete = 120 lbs.**
- **Weight of one cubic foot of dirt = 100 lbs.**

Planter A

50'L x 1'W x 2'H x 2 = 200 cu. ft. x 120 lbs./ cu. ft. = 24,000 lbs.
 24'L x 1'W x 2'H x 2 = 96 cu. ft. x 120 lbs./ cu. ft. = 11,520 lbs.
 48'L x 22'W x 2'H = 2112 cu. ft. x 100 lbs./ cu. ft. = 211,200 lbs.
246,720 lbs.

Planter B

Lower Left—118'L x 1'W x 2' H x 2 = 472 cu. ft. x 120 lbs./cu. ft. = 56,640 lbs.
 Lower Left—24'L x 1'W x 2'H x 2 = 96 cu. ft. 120 lbs./cu. ft. = 11,520 lbs.
 Lower Left—116'L x 22'W x 2'H = 5104 cu. ft. 100 lbs./cu. ft. = 510,400 lbs.
578,560 lbs.

Planter C

Upper Center—20'L x 1'W x 3'H x 2 = 120 cu. ft. x 120 lbs./cu. ft. = 14,400 lbs.
 Upper Center—16'L x 1'W x 3' H x 2 = 96 cu. ft. x 120 lbs./cu. ft. = 11,520 lbs.
 Upper Center—18'L x 14'W x 3'H = 756 cu. ft. x 100 lbs./cu. ft. = 75,600 lbs.
101,520 lbs.

Planter D

Second from Top Center—20'L x 1'W x 3'H x 2 = 120 cu. ft. 120 lbs./cu. ft. = 14,400 lbs.
 Second from Top Center—16'L x 1'W x 3'H x 2 = 96 cu. ft. x 120 lbs./cu. ft. = 11,520 lbs.
 Second from Top Center—18'L x 14'W x 3'H = 756 cu. ft. x 100 lbs./cu. ft. = 75,600 lbs.

101,520 lbs.

Planter E

Third from Top Center – $20'L \times 1'W \times 3'H \times 2 = 120$ cu. ft. $\times 120$ lbs./cu. ft. = 14,400 lbs.

Third from Top Center – $16'L \times 1'W \times 3'H \times 2 = 96$ cu. ft. $\times 120$ lbs./cu. ft. = 11,520 lbs.

Third from Top Center – $18'L \times 14'W \times 3'H = 756$ cu. ft. $\times 100$ lbs./cu. ft. = 75,600 lbs.

101,520 lbs.

Planter F

Fourth from Top Center – $30'L \times 1'W \times 3'H \times 2 = 180$ cu. ft. $\times 120$ lbs./cu. ft. = 21,600 lbs.

Fourth from Top Center – $16'L \times 1'W \times 3'H \times 2 = 96$ cu. ft. $\times 120$ lbs./cu. ft. = 11,520 lbs.

Fourth from Top Center – $28'L \times 14'W \times 3'H = 1176$ cu. ft. $\times 100$ lbs./cu. ft. = 117,600 lbs.

150,720 lbs.

Planter G

First from Top Right – $24'L \times 2'H \times 1'W \times 2 = 96$ cu. ft. $\times 120$ lbs./cu. ft. = 11,520 lbs.

First from Top Right – $8'L \times 2'H \times 1'W \times 2 = 32$ cu. ft. $\times 120$ lbs./cu. ft. = 3,840 lbs.

First from Top Right – $24'L \times 8'W \times 2'H = 384$ cu. ft. $\times 100$ lbs./cu. ft. = 38,400 lbs.

53,760 lbs.

Planter H

Second from Top Right – $28'L \times 4'H \times 1'W \times 2 = 224$ cu. ft. $\times 120$ lbs./cu. ft. = 26,880 lbs.

Second from Top Right – $8'L \times 4'H \times 1'W \times 2 = 64$ cu. ft. $\times 120$ lbs./cu. ft. = 7,680 lbs.

Second from Top Right – $26'L \times 6'W \times 4'H = 624$ cu. ft. $\times 100$ lbs./cu. ft. = 62,400 lbs.

96,960 lbs.

Planter I

Third from Top Right – $20'L \times 4'H \times 1'W \times 2 = 160$ cu. ft. $\times 120$ lbs./cu. ft. = 19,200 lbs.

Third from Top Right – $12'L \times 4'H \times 1'W \times 2 = 96$ cu. ft. $\times 120$ lbs./cu. ft. = 11,520 lbs.

Third from Top Right – $18'L \times 10'W \times 4'H = 720$ cu. ft. $\times 100$ lbs./cu. ft. = 72,000 lbs.

102,720 lbs.

Planter J

Fourth from Top Right – $18'L \times 4'H \times 1'W \times 2 = 144$ cu. ft. $\times 120$ lbs./cu. ft. = 17,280 lbs.

Fourth from Top Right – $12'L \times 4'H \times 1'W \times 2 = 96$ cu. ft. $\times 120$ lbs./cu. ft. = 11,520 lbs.

Fourth from Top Right – $16'L \times 10'W \times 4'H = 640$ cu. ft. $\times 100$ lbs./cu. ft. = 64,000 lbs.

92,800 lbs.

Planter K

Fifth from Top Right – $26'L \times 4'H \times 1'W \times 2 = 208$ cu. ft. $\times 120$ lbs./cu. ft. = 24,960 lbs.

Fifth from Top Right – $14'L \times 4'H \times 1'W \times 2 = 112$ cu. ft. $\times 120$ lbs./cu. ft. = 13,440 lbs.

Fifth from Top Right – $24'L \times 12'W \times 4'H = 1152$ cu. ft. $\times 100$ lbs./cu. ft. = 115,200 lbs.

153,600 lbs.

Total lbs. = 1,780,400 lbs. / 6400 lbs. = 278 vehicles.

- **Twenty-two parking spaces would be available on each side of the Quad.**

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Response to Findings:

The Board of Supervisors notes that the Grand Jury's findings are substantially correct.

Response to Recommendation:

R1. Remove the existing non-used concrete and dirt planters providing not less than 44 parking spaces on either side of the East Quad.

As noted in the Grand Jury report, 150 available spaces exist immediately within the campus for approximately 300 parking permits. For this reason, additional parking has been allocated at additional lots located to the southwest of the main campus, as well as in the parking structure behind the County Administrative Center. While removing the planters would provide additional parking, the 44 stalls would not eliminate the problem. However, in order to alleviate a portion of the parking constraints, the request will be entered into the capital projects request database, and given consideration for funding during budget development.

R2. Request that Bank of America allocate several parking spaces for the Kern County Grand Jurors.

Entering into an agreement with Bank of America for 14 additional spaces would likely come at a significant cost. With parking available in County-owned lots, it is not recommended that the County pay for additional parking.

R3. Install upright signs at each Grand Jury parking space (i.e. like the Probation Parking upright signs).

General Services used available funding to purchase and install an upright sign at each Grand Jury parking space.