


INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

April 18, 2024

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS  
FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager   
SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications addressed to the Board have been received by the Board Office, and the action taken thereon is presented.

<u>From</u>		<u>Action Taken</u>
Griffith Park Pony Ride comments		Referred to General Manager
1) Michael Maslin comments regarding Golf Tee Time	#9578m	Referred to General Manager
2) Rick Stevens comments regarding Golf Tee Time	#9578n	Referred to General Manager
3) Jake Hilliard comments regarding Golf Tee Time	#9578o	Referred to General Manager
4) Augie Bezmalinovich comments regarding Golf Tee Time	#9578p	Referred to General Manager
5) Dean Dana comments regarding Tennis Courts	#9603a	Referred to General Manager
6) Garcia Incareal comments regarding Graffiti at Sycamore Grove Park	#9608a	Referred to General Manager
7) Fiona Garrett comments regarding Tiny Homes	#9609	Referred to General Manager
8) Ron Bitzer comments regarding Tiny Homes	#9609a	Referred to General Manager
9) Laurel Grove Neighborhood comments regarding Tiny Homes	#9609b	Referred to General Manager

10) Greg comments regarding a proposal to renaming Watts Serenity Park	#9610	Referred to General Manager
11) Ryan Singer comments regarding Vehicle Crash on Mount Lee Drive Trail	#9611	Referred to General Manager
12) Jason Saunders comments regarding a pause in development of Bill Green Memorial Park	#9612	Referred to General Manager
13) Liz Radley comments regarding LARER project	#9613	Referred to General Manager
14) Matthew Crawford comments regarding Figueroa/Slauson park	#9614	Referred to General Manager
15) Suriya Prasad comments regarding conditions at Seily Rodriguez Park	#9615	Referred to General Manager
16) Emily Flores comments regarding Majors Division Softball Coach	#9616	Referred to General Manager
17) George The Great comments regarding Graffiti and Closed Restrooms at Echo Park	#9617	Referred to General Manager
18) Jordan Tyler comments regarding Safety and Compliance Concerns	#9618	Referred to General Manager
19) Jon Warner comments regarding the Bridge Home shelter at Griffith Park	#9619	Referred to General Manager
20) Rick Hernandez comments regarding the Bridge Home shelter at Griffith Park	#9619a	Referred to General Manager
21) Matt Eskander comments regarding the Bridge Home shelter at Griffith Park	#9619b	Referred to General Manager
22) Dr. Suzanne Wenzlaff comments regarding the Bridge Home shelter at Griffith Park	#9619c	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Rosa Cartagena, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: Golf Tee Times - Bots**

1 message

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**Rick Reinschmidt** <rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org>  
To: Michael Maslin <>  
Cc: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 2:54 PM

Hi Michael

Thank you for your response to this new pilot program. I understand the process of booking tee times will have to change moving forward. In the case of multiple members of a foursome booking tee times in advance and then choosing which one to use before cancelling the rest, they would now have to call or text each other before completing their reservations and choose the best tee time at the time of booking in order to not pay those extra deposits. This is not the silver bullet, but we believe it will deter some brokering activity. Not only would a broker have to pay \$40/foursome, but they would have to pay it again when they cancel and re-book the tee time under the new name. So now they're out \$80. Plus the fee they charge which we understand is about \$40/foursome. So now they'd have to charge \$180 for the same tee time they charged \$40 before. We also believe it will cut way down on cancelled tee times. Many other options have been in discussions as possible solutions. Many are technology based so they can't be implemented quickly. But this deposit can. And thank you for your suggestions. We do require ID at check in to match the name of the tee time. And we do only allow 1 tee time per day per account.

Again, thank you for your email.

On Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 1:01 PM Michael Maslin <> wrote:  
Rick,

I'd like to thank you for the genuine effort you are putting into trying to find a solution to the broker problem.

I'd also like to provide some thoughts because I feel strongly that this will harm the casual golfer like myself and so many others more than it will hurt the brokers.

More likely than not, the brokers will pass this cost through to their customers because they get all of their tee times filled simply due to the sheer amount of demand, and it only increases the going rate by \$10pp. I don't anticipate the initial cash outlay will be problematic because you can book with a CC.

For people like myself, tee times are so incredibly hard to get that me and my foursome will all log on to try to score tee times. It is rare, but in some instances we may get more than 1 time booked. In this case we have to deal with a \$40 fee for each additional tee time we book, even though we would want to cancel all but one right away.

For others, some people book tee times at lower demand courses (Sepulveda for example) in the hope that a cancellation may open at one of the harder to get courses (Rancho, Griffith, etc). If nothing opens, then you play at the worse course, but if something does open, now you lose \$10pp if you opt to play a better course.

I'm hopeful that this solution is in fact effective, but I'm concerned that if it's not, people like myself will be penalized, but LA Golf will be making a lot more money so changes to this "solution" will be slow.

Some alternative solutions I have in mind in case you are willing to listen:

- 1) have the cc used to book the tee time be present at check in
- 2) only allow for 1 booking per account per day

3) the best solution would be to have golf now implement a technological solution to prevent bots or people from booking multiple tee times at a given time. The brokers are able to put reservations directly into customers accounts by using their golfer card number. This shouldn't be possible so somehow they have been able to get around some of the website's blockers. If 1 and 2 can be circumvented, then it's obviously the golf now being compromised.

**Michael Maslin**

On Mar 5, 2024, at 9:44 AM, Michael Maslin < > wrote:

Amazing - thank you, Rick.

**Michael Maslin**

On Mar 5, 2024, at 9:43 AM, Rick Reinschmidt <[rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org](mailto:rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hello Michael

Thanks for sharing. We are aware of this Instagrammer's post and have already taken initial action. All LA City Golf tee times advertised on his post have been canceled and released to the public. I'm already in talks with our Vendor, GolfNow, with ideas to end this type of activity. I'll keep you updated on what those are and when they are implemented.

On Tue, Mar 5, 2024 at 9:38 AM Michael Maslin < > wrote:

Hi Rick,

Thanks again for bearing with my multiple emails.

There is a golf influencer, Dave Fink who shared evidence of the bot booked tee times then being sold.

I'm attaching the screenshots to this email. This type of activity has been making it extremely difficult for normal golfers like myself to get tee times. What's worse, is that I'm confident many of the golf course employees are fully aware that this type of thing is ongoing.

Please do something about this. Thanks in advance.

**Michael Maslin**

On Feb 23, 2024, at 10:04 AM, Rick Reinschmidt <[rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org](mailto:rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hello Michael

Thank you for your email. As I mentioned before, our long-term golf tee time vendor, GolfNow, monitors this activity with a special bot-squasher that was created specifically for the L.A. City golf tee time booking engine. By the time a golf reservation hits our tee sheets, it is virtually impossible to know how it was booked other than if it was



booked via the web, call center, or mobile app. If our bot-squasher detects suspicious activity or unusually fast activity, it will automatically throw a CAPTCHA on that IP address to prevent future activity. I've been working with our Department's City Attorneys and we've sent Cease and Desist letters to multiple companies such as Loop Golf. There are several of these companies popping up lately.

As for the alleged brokering of tee times goes... that's a whole different issue. Again, without specific names and contacts, we have no way of tracking if this is taking place. Much of what is posted online in these forums are simply not true or extremely exaggerated. We are, however, coming up with ideas for the near future that would help prevent some of this activity if in fact it is taking place.

Thank you

On Fri, Feb 23, 2024 at 6:38 AM Michael Maslin < >  
wrote:

Just following up on this.

Bots continue to be an issue and it's disappointing that nothing is being done. It's also very frustrating that in all of my prior emails, you've denied their existence. Why are you denying it, rather than trying to find a solution?

Here's a forum from December 2023.

From the golf community on Reddit  
reddit.com

At Rancho, I've heard the starter say during a prime time weekend morning "how did you get this tee time? it's usually booked by a regular." With the amount of competition, it would literally be impossible to have a regular tee time without a bot.

Please advise.

**Michael Maslin**

On Jan 2, 2024, at 9:19 AM, Rick Reinschmidt  
<[rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org](mailto:rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hello Michael

Thank you for your email regarding LA City Golf tee times. We are well aware of the SEVERAL companies such as Loop Golf who offer services to notify golfers when there are open tee times on multiple booking engines. We are working with our City Attorneys to see what our options are and what we can do about it. To our knowledge, these sites are not booking anything and do not have access to customer accounts. They simply notify golfers when tee times become available and the golfers still need to book the tee times. This is nothing that golfers cannot do themselves.

As far as those multiple tee times all of a sudden becoming available at Rancho Park Golf Course on the morning of December 23, that was not done by a bot. That was done by staff at Rancho Park Golf Course. We cancelled a pre-booked tournament at the last minute due to inclement weather and it was determined early that morning that carts were not to be permitted on Rancho Park Golf Course. Per our Tournament Policy, groups may cancel if pre booked and prepaid carts are not available at the time of the event.

Thank you

On Sat, Dec 23, 2023 at 8:31 AM Michael Maslin

< > wrote:

Hi Rick,

Happy Holidays!

In your previous reply, you indicated that it's not clear if people are still using bots. Well, I'm sharing proof that the issue still exists. Attached are screenshots of an alert my friend got this morning from an app that gives notifications when tee times become available from cancellations etc.

A block of 6 prime time tee times (4somes from 9:30a - 10:20a) become available all at the exact same time. This would not be possible without someone having a bot to book them all up and cancel them all at the same time.

I'm hopeful that steps will be taken to help the average LA golfer get tee times.

Can you please let me know what your thoughts are?

Warm regards,  
Michael

**Michael Maslin**

On Nov 9, 2023, at 9:20 AM, Michael Maslin

< > wrote:

Thank you for the response.

Unfortunately, it is clear that not enough is being done, or, whatever is being done by GolfNow is still being circumvented.

The fact of the matter is, there are bots being used every day and individuals are hoarding tee times and reselling them. This is not speculation - what you are hearing is a legitimate issue - and it must be too difficult to catch the individuals who are violating the rules.

A likely solution would be for GolfNow to make adjustments to how they restrict / catch bots. It's likely that they need additional pressure from the

LA municipality to make changes, otherwise this is going to continue without any resolution.

**Michael Maslin**

On Nov 9, 2023, at 9:01 AM, Rick Reinschmidt <[rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org](mailto:rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org)> wrote:

| Hello Michael

Thank you for your email regarding the LA City booking engine. We understand it has become extremely difficult to obtain a golf tee time over the last couple of years. Especially since we have a lot less inventory (10 minute intervals as opposed to 6 or 8 minutes). Our tee time vendor, GolfNow, built a "bot-squasher" into our booking engine. When it detects suspicious or unusually fast activity at 6:00 a.m., it automatically places a CAPTCHA on that IP address to prevent that from happening in the future. As far as reselling of tee times, yes we've heard of that happening. We have not seen that happening. If we do catch any company or any golfer violating our policy, we take action and suspend their Player Card and/or playing privileges.

We thank you for your concerns and your patronage.

----- Forwarded message -----

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From: **Rap Commissioners** <[rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)>  
Date: Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 10:38 AM  
Subject: Re: Golf Tee Times - Bots  
To: Michael Maslin  
< >  
Cc: RAP Golf

<rap.golf@lacity.org>,  
jimmy.kim@lacity.org  
<jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 12:25 PM Michael Maslin <  
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wrote:

To whom it may concern:

I am an avid golfer and frequent the city's municipal courses as much as I can. However, over the last few months, it has become nearly impossible to get a tee time.

I wake up at 6am every morning to try to get one, but they are gone within seconds.

It has been brought to my attention that there are people who have bots that scoop up every tee time as soon as they become available, and then they are being re-sold to people in the know.

Is the Rec and Parks division aware of this issue? Is anything being done to fix this?

I've paid for a players card, I pay my taxes, etc. and something needs to be done so I (and thousands of others) can actually enjoy the courses.

Looking forward to hearing back.

Best regards,

Michael

**Michael Maslin**

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City of Los Angeles



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: New Tee Time Reservation Fee

1 message

**Rick Reinschmidt** <rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org>

Fri, Apr 12, 2024 at 9:31 AM

To:

Cc: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Good morning Mr. Stevens

Thank you for your email concerning the new pilot program. After meeting multiple times with several other municipalities and course operators, we collectively decided the best course of action that can be taken immediately would be some sort of upfront charge. We understand this is not the silver bullet. But we are working to come up with additional solutions that may take a little more time to implement. A nominal "booking fee" that many courses now charge was an option. But that adds up quickly and does not get credited towards your green fee. It also would not deter any brokering activity as much. We feel the \$10 non refundable deposit will help in a few ways:

1) To help mitigate the broker issue. They are booking as many tee times as they can using a list of card numbers they obtained, selling some of those spots, then cancelling the original tee time and rebooking it right away under the name of the person who paid them for the tee time. So now they'd have to pay \$40 for the original tee time, and \$40 for the new tee time as well as whatever they are charging them for their fee which we understand is about another \$40. So now they'd have to pass that \$120 along to their customers. PLUS their credit card would be on file for any no-shows. So we feel this would deter them from doing this.

2) Many, many, many regular groups are all booking multiple tee times within their group, then sitting on them all week before deciding which one they want, then cancelling the ones they don't want. So tons of tee times are being held all week knowing they are not going to be used. We want to eliminate that practice and keep more tee times open and available.

3) Charging a fee up front guarantees a valid credit card is on file. Currently, even though a card is mandatory, it's not being validated and we have a HUGE % of declined charges for no-shows.

So yes, it'll be a little burden but overall we feel this "pilot" program will result in positive results and make more tee time available. Other municipalities and course operators that we've spoken to recently agree and will most likely be following suit soon.

One alternative is, if something comes up and the card holder cannot make the tee time, you can always "move" your tee time to another time or day on the same course. With this option you can avoid losing your deposit and any potential no-show fees. But you cannot cancel, modify, or move your tee time if you're already within 24 hours of your tee time.

Hope this clarifies some things and I hope you understand why this is necessary as a first step in mitigating these issues.

Thank you

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From: **Rick Stevens** < >  
 Date: Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 12:55 PM  
 Subject: Fwd: New Tee Time Reservation Fee  
 To: <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>

Dear Board of Commissioners,

Please find my note and comments on the new golf registration penalty fee system copied below.

Thank you,  
 Rick Stevens

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Rick Stevens** < >  
Date: Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 2:40 PM  
Subject: New Tee Time Reservation Fee  
To: <[rap.golf@lacity.org](mailto:rap.golf@lacity.org)>

Hello,

As an LA golfer and player card holder, I'd like to note my disappointment in the new reservation fee system.

I understand this is an attempt to reduce the brokering problem, but this proposed solution will likely hurt recreational golfers and not impact brokers.

Brokers have a captive market and any increase in fees will be passed along to their customers. They can easily offset or minimize the impact of these fees with their volume.

Why not move to a free tee time lottery system? Have the lottery on a rolling basis to registered & verified card holders, give the winners some duration (let's say 12 hours) to book their tee times - and if they don't book, release those times for general availability.

A lottery system would not negatively impact any constituents, and would provide an equitable distribution of tee times while still providing the golfing public a reasonably priced golf option in LA.

Thanks,  
Rick Stevens

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: Notice: Tee Time Reservations

1 message

**Jake Hilliard** <> Thu, Apr 11, 2024 at 9:37 AM  
 To: Rick Reinschmidt <rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org>  
 Cc: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Joanie Howe <>

Interesting

Well for all of us, I hope this new system works!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2024, at 9:29 AM, Rick Reinschmidt <rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Jake

Thank you for your email and your questions/concerns over the new nonrefundable deposit pilot program.

**1)** We feel this will deter brokering activity due to the fact that each booked tee time will require this \$10 pp deposit. We know these brokers are booking multiple tee times, then advertising them for sale, then cancelling and quickly rebooking them under a different name. So now they'd be out \$80 for those two tee times. Plus whatever fee they charge which we understand is about \$40. So now they'd have to pass these fees (\$120) to their buyers. PLUS their credit card is still on file so if the group doesn't show up, the broker would be out ANOTHER \$40.

**2)** Yes, any cancellation for any reason would forfeit the deposit whether it's 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 people. There is always the option to "move" your tee time at that same course to another time or day within the 9 day window with no additional fees or penalties. You just can't change or modify your tee time if you're within 24 hours of your tee time.

**3)** Yes, the person whose name the tee time is under must provide a picture ID upon check in.

Thank you again for your questions and concerns.

On Thu, Apr 11, 2024 at 7:39 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Morning,

Please also see the email below. Please advise.

Thank you!

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From: **Jake Hilliard** <j>  
 Date: Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 1:46 PM  
 Subject: Re: Notice: Tee Time Reservations  
 To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
 Cc: Matthew Rudnick <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>, Joanie Howe <>

Hey!

I have a few questions about the new systems put in place to limit tee-time reselling that I wanted to run by you guys:

- 1) how is the fee going to deter resellers? They are already charging a lot for the tee time so it seems like they will just up their fee by \$10 to cover the no-shows
- 2) if we book a tee time for our group and one person can't make it because they are sick but we still cancel their spot 24 hours prior to the tee time do we still get charged that \$10?
- 3) was the option of having to present a valid ID of the person who booked the tee time or their players card ever discussed? That seems like it would be the best option to prove that person made the tee time (since I assume you would have that info already from the players card, account, etc.)

CC'ing my cousin, Joanie, for visibility since she is typically the one who makes the tee times for our group (also a Mar Vista born and raised Angeleno)

Thanks for your time!  
Jake

On Apr 10, 2024, at 12:22 PM, City of Los Angeles <[noreply@golffacility.com](mailto:noreply@golffacility.com)> wrote:

Dear L.A. City Golfers

Beginning Tuesday, April 16, 2024, all tee time reservations booked through our website, mobile app, golf courses, or 24 hour call center will require a \$10 per person non refundable deposit and this amount will be credited towards each golfer's green fee upon check-in. Your deposit will be forfeited if you cancel your tee time for any reason (note: the separate \$10 per person no-show/short-show penalties also remain in effect). A refund of your deposit may be issued if a course is closed due to adverse weather and/or other course closure events or if electric carts are not available for rent preventing you or your group from playing.

Thank you for your understanding as we strive to make our booking process as fair and equitable as possible.

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Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

## Re: Notice: Tee Time Reservations

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: "

Thu, Apr 11, 2024 at 3:41 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Thu, Apr 11, 2024 at 3:37 PM < > wrote:

Department of Recreation and Parks  
Commission Office

Renata Simril, President  
Luis Sanchez, Vice-President  
Marie Lloyd, Member  
Fiona Hutton, Member  
Benny Tran, Member

### Re: Tee Time Reservations, \$10 Nonrefundable Deposit

Dear Honorable Commissioners –

I'm Augie Bezmalinovich a proud and lifelong Angelino, born and raised in San Pedro where my family has lived for almost 100 years. I have read the recent *Times* article regarding people hoarding golf times and reselling them for profit and I noticed that the last time I played golf at Harbor Park the starter asked to see my Players Card along with my ID. I figured the best way to solve this problem is to make sure that the person who made the time is always required to show their player card along with their ID – problem solved. Yesterday, I received an e-mail from the City of Los Angeles (see below) regarding Tee Time Reservations and it went on to say that there will be a \$10 per person nonrefundable deposit that would be forfeited if I cancel my reservation FOR ANY REASON. My question is, why? Does the City need more money and if so then raise the rate for golf. The last sentence in the e-mail that I received says, “thank you for your understanding as we strive to make our booking process as fair and equitable as possible.” How is charging \$10 for a cancelled reservation make this possible?

Please let me explain my frustration with the reservation system. I typically use the app on my iPhone and when I open the app to make a reservation I click the button, “Book Tee Time” which then asks if I have a senior card which I do. I then click a button to verify that I’m a human. Then it takes me to the Reservation Screen where I am able to fill in the date, the number of players, and course. Pressing the “Search All” button will display all of the times available for the options that I choose in the previous screen. I am able to select times 10 days in advance and the system “opens” up at 6am. I always make a time for 5 players at Harbor Park 10 days in advance.

Here is the problem with the app! Once I fill in the Reservation Screen and click, “Search All” I then select a time. The app then asks me to log in. By the time I log in, I end up losing my

reservation (it typically will say that your time is no longer available). I then found a way to “fool” the system by selecting a time from a previous day which will then allow me to log in. Once logged in, I can go back to the Reservation Screen, fill it out for the date that I really want and course and wait until 6am to search for times. I then get a number of times for the date that I selected and I’m able to select one. Sometimes I get the time that I selected and more often than not it comes back and says that the reservation time is no longer available (even though it was available, and I grabbed it). It’s almost impossible to get a time, so our group of golfers will all wake up early 10 days prior to when we want to golf and all try to get a decent reservation time. Sometimes we get 1 as a group and often times we get more than one reservation time for the entire group. We then keep the time that works best for all of us and cancel the other times. The City’s golf app sucks and needs improving BEFORE you implement this \$10 Cancellation fee! I have a solution – have anyone of you ever use Ticketmaster? If not, you should see how they operate.

1. After opening the app and click the, “Book Tee Time” Button it should then have me log in (I NEED TO LOG IN FIRST).
2. After filling out the Reservation Screen and clicking, “Search All” I should be able to “grab” a time AND LOCK EVERYONE ELSE OUT of getting this same time. The system should then give me a minute of two to complete my transaction (just like Ticketmaster) and if I’m unable to complete my transaction within the require time, I lose my reservation and it becomes available for all again.

Also, please consider that I should be able to cancel a reservation within 24 hours after I make it without penalty. This would help. Finally, we all make reservations 10 days in advance without knowledge of what the weather may be. Your policy says that only if the golf course CLOSES for adverse weather will I get a refund. This isn’t good enough and I have not seen Harbor close when it is raining (only if it’s pouring rain). That’s just not right and I’m older, if it’s raining, windy or cold I’m not going to golf and will cancel my reservation within 24 hours of when I have to play. If the weather is bad I should be able to cancel my reservation without penalty.

I am available to speak to any commissioner or RAP Staff member to discuss these proposals at any time and I would like to meet or speak by phone with Commission President Renata Simril regarding this matter. Thanks in advance for your kind consideration.

Augie Bezmalinovich

CC Jimmy Kim, General Manager  
Takisha Sardin, Board Secretary  
Rick Reinschmidt, Golf Manager  
Honorable Tim McOsker, Councilmember 15<sup>th</sup> District

On Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 12:14:18 PM PDT, City of Los Angeles <noreply@golffacility.com> wrote:

Dear L.A. City Golfers

Beginning Tuesday, April 16, 2024, all tee time reservations booked through our website, mobile app, golf courses, or 24 hour call center will require a \$10 per person non refundable deposit and this amount will be credited towards each golfer's green fee upon check-in. Your deposit will be forfeited if you cancel your tee time for any reason (note: the separate \$10 per person no-show/short-show penalties also remain in effect). A refund of your deposit may be issued if a course is closed due to adverse weather and/or other course closure events or if electric carts are not available for rent preventing you or your group from playing.

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**Re: Van Nuys Recreation Center lack of maintenance (tennis courts)**

1 message

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**Cathie Santo Domingo** <cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org>

Tue, Apr 2, 2024 at 7:44 PM

To: Dean Dana &lt; &gt;

Cc: RAP PublicInfo &lt;RAP.PUBLICINFO@lacity.org&gt;, RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org, councilmember.padilla@lacity.org, jimmy.kim@lacity.org, karen.bass@asm.ca.gov

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. I will follow up with our maintenance staff.

Regards,  
Cathie

Cathie Santo Domingo, P.E.  
Assistant General Manager  
Planning Construction and Maintenance  
Department of Recreation and Parks

On Tue, Apr 2, 2024 at 7:41 PM Dean Dana < > wrote:

Today: April 2nd 2024, even more fecal matter on the courts.

Not sure if its human or from dogs, but this must be taken care of on a daily basis. Its unsanitary as the tennis balls can easily roll into this and transfer who-knows-what onto the ball and on our hands. Its gross and unacceptable



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: Van Nuys Recreation Center lack of maintenance (tennis courts)**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 3, 2024 at 8:30 AM

To: Dean Dana &lt;

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Tue, Apr 2, 2024 at 7:51 PM Dean Dana <

&gt; wrote:

Today: April 2nd 2024, even more fecal matter on the courts.

Jimmy Kim and the entire parks and recs dept of the city of LA should be reprimanded for such disregard.

Not sure if its human or from dogs, but this must be taken care of on a daily basis. Its unsanitary as the tennis balls can easily roll into this and transfer who-knows-what onto the ball and on our hands. Its gross and unacceptable. Is it too difficult to get a pooper scooper from home depot and have a crew member from the maintenance staff clean up each day? And then once or twice a month wash the courts with a hose. com'on, its not rocket science



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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## Re: Van Nuys Recreation Center lack of maintenance (tennis courts)

1 message

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**Dean Dana**

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Tue, Apr 2, 2024 at 7:40 PM

To: councilmember.padilla@lacity.org, RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org, RAP PublicInfo <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>, karen.bass@asm.ca.gov

Cc: cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org, jimmy.kim@lacity.org

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**Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GANG GRAFFIT CDI**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 3, 2024 at 10:28 AM

To: Garcia Incareal < >

Good morning,

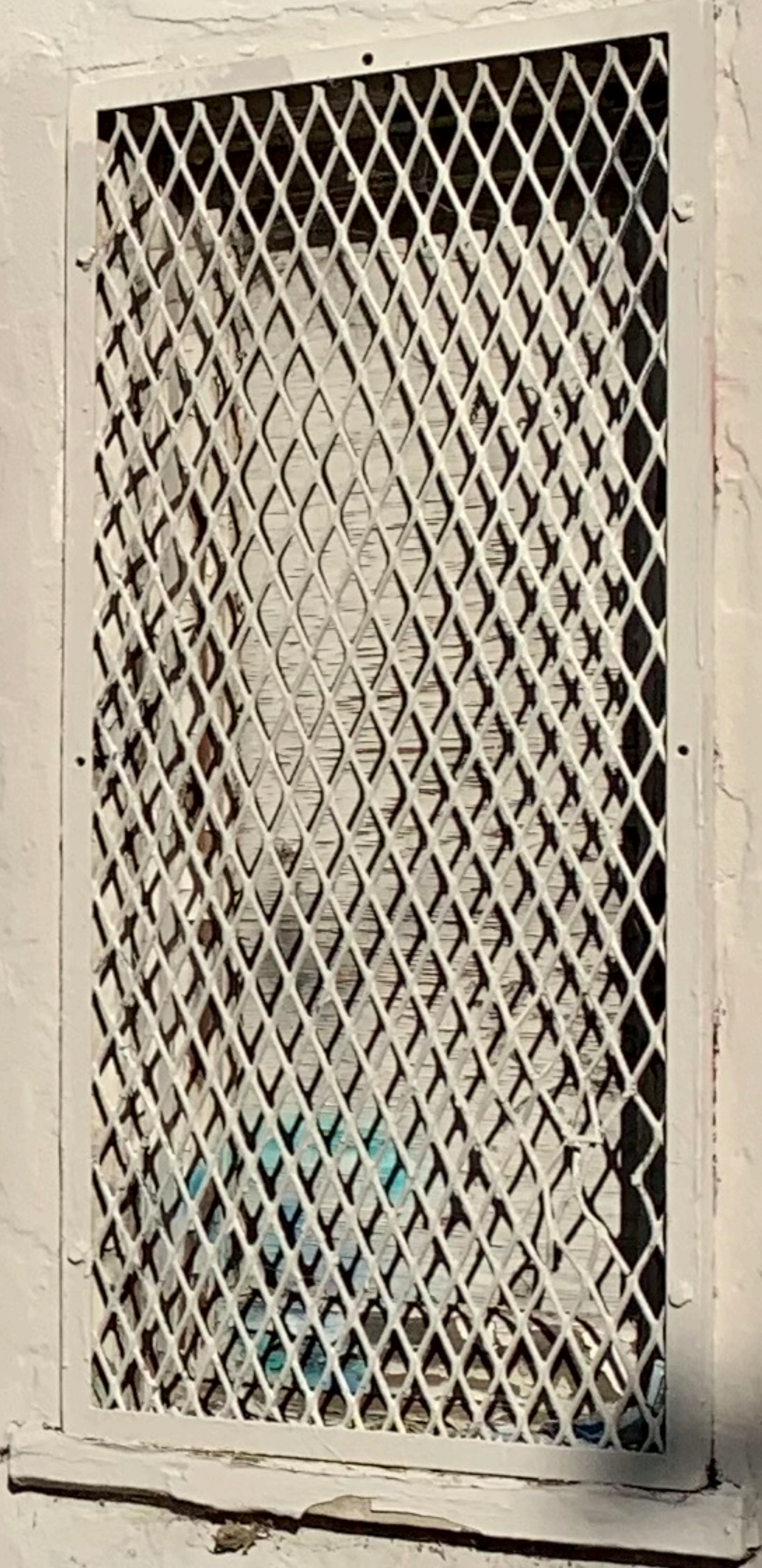
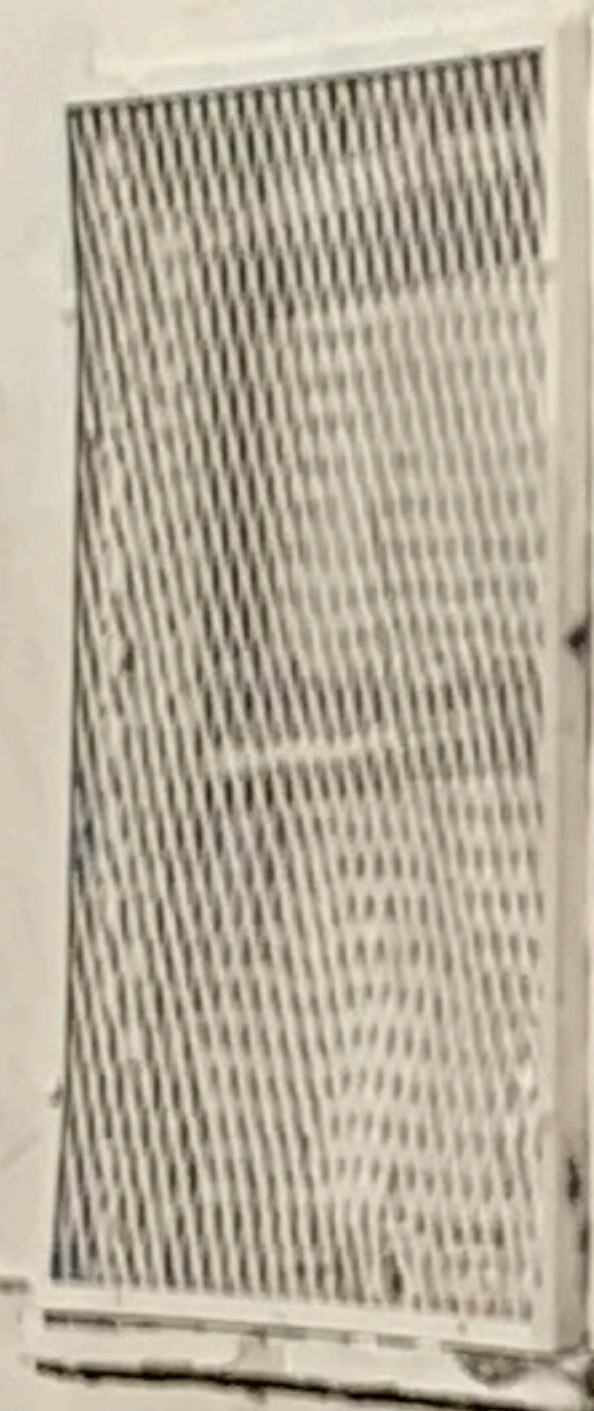
Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Wed, Apr 3, 2024 at 10:20 AM Garcia Incareal < > wrote:

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Council Eunisses Hernandez  
The Sycamore Grove Park has Gang Graffiti  
Attach pictures  
Mauro Garcia



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Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

**Re: Tiny homes at 6099 Laurel Cyn in N Hollywood.**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Fiona Garrett <fgarrett@lacity.org>

Tue, Apr 2, 2024 at 7:12 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Mon, Apr 1, 2024 at 3:47 PM Fiona Garrett &lt;fgarrett@lacity.org&gt; wrote:

As a resident at [redacted] in the close vicinity of this Tiny Homes project I strongly request that another year extension be denied for the village.

Our neighborhood believed Councilman Krekorian when this project was presented originally. We were told that it would provide homes for the people living on the street, underneath the freeway and in Alexandria Park. We also believed when we were told that the surrounding neighborhood would be patrolled by police, kept clean and remain safe for families.

Unfortunately the Tiny Homes have attracted more crime and drug addicted individuals. The neighborhood has struggled to get assistance from local officials to remove trash, individuals that have harassed residents and homeless encampments. Alexandria Park is still full of tents. The area of Valley Plaza is blighted and resembles a 3rd world country. Drug addiction is evident on our streets.

Due to lack of response and understanding it has been very stressful for the residents of the neighborhood. We have had to take time and effort to put pressure on the powers that be to do anything. We were mostly expected to shut up and put up with it.

This is not what we signed up to or what we were promised. The neighborhood has been let down and there is little hope of developing a safe community while the situation continues.

Valley Plaza needs to be used for homes not sheds, affordable housing and green spaces so we can live and thrive.

Please have respect for the residents and listen to our experiences.

Fiona Garrett

Sent from my iPhone



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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## Re: Public Comment

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 1, 2024 at 1:52 PM

To: Ron Bitzer

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Mon, Apr 1, 2024 at 11:08 AM Ron Bitzer < > wrote:

| Please refer to the attachment. Ron Bitzer, North Hollywood Resident

April 1, 2024

TO: Board of Commissioners, Department of Recreation and Parks

FROM: Ron Bitzer, North Hollywood Resident

RE: Recreation and Parks Report 24-069

Madam President and Commissioners:

RAP's recommendation in Report 24-069 recommending approval of emergency use of a portion of Victory Vanowen Park (AKA Alexandra Park, 6099 Laurel Canyon, North Hollywood,) for a temporary homeless shelter (Tiny Homes) has never been consistent with park purposes and will not be consistent for an additional one-year operation as proposed for Board of Recreation and Parks Commission approval in this Report.

During the period following a Certificate of Occupancy issued April 14, 2021, for more than 100 Tiny Homes, the following inconsistencies with City Parks have been documented (see below) --- especially alarming since the County reported only 1.1 acres of public park land in North Hollywood per 1,000 residents (Study Area 94 "We All Need Parks.")

Assuming that the City will never approve a permanent license for a non-park Tiny Homes at Alexandria Park, then I request annual documentation of the status of both the temporary shelter (almost 2 acres) and surrounding park (more than 3 acres). The City's abandoning of 2 acres of 100 plus Tiny Homes will eventually require the community to mitigate the damage to this park from what the Mayor terms "long-term interim" housing.

- **Fire Department and other City service calls in 2023 from Alexandria Park Tiny Homes managers**

Local press reported frequent (170 police or fire calls in the first 10 months of 2023) from the maintenance services of Tiny Homes at this park.) Fire destroyed 3-4 Tiny Homes at a cost of \$223,929.00, May 31, 2023, Report, Amy Lin, BOE, (213) -485-1646.

The following link may be outdated:

[https://ktla.com/news/local-news/emergency-calls-pile-up-at-l-a-s-tiny-home-villages?utm\\_source=ktla\\_app&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_content=share-link](https://ktla.com/news/local-news/emergency-calls-pile-up-at-l-a-s-tiny-home-villages?utm_source=ktla_app&utm_medium=social&utm_content=share-link)

- **Alexandria’s Tiny Homes attract illegal campers nearby.**

On March 27, 2024, for example, both City and County were mobilized for a large clean-up operation in view of campers on the County Flood Control District (the orphan branch of the Tujunga Wash) and on City-owned land.



March 27, 2024 North Hollywood

My interview with two social workers on the scene of the March 27<sup>th</sup> cleaning documented abuse of the Tiny Homes. Some people experiencing homelessness maintained both a bed with free meals at a

Tiny Homes facility and a tent on streets for their drug abuse habit (not tolerated in a Tiny Home.)

- **“Enhanced police patrols” for the community were the subject of an August 26, 2020, letter by CD#2 Councilmember Krekorian (see attachment) but have not implemented the 2021 CIRCLE program.**

A City unarmed crisis response program, Crisis and Incident Response through Community Lead Engagement (CIRCLE), has been implemented in adjacent Sherman Oaks (CD#4) but not North Hollywood. When requested to respond to a mental health crisis experienced by homeless persons near the Valley Plaza Recreation Center, LAPD officers have been observed remaining in their vehicle.

Baseline reported crime numbers for the residential community east of Alexandria’s Tiny Homes have been obtained for 30 months prior to August 2021. While petty theft continues to register the top reported crime both before and after Tiny Homes, more research is required.

- **No City homeless shelter on public park property has qualified for City-approved “permanent” status to my knowledge.**

1. **CD#4** --- A one-year extension for A Bridge Home in Griffith Park (CD 4) was approved June 1, 2023, as follows: “....County Assessor's Parcel [ No. 5434-016-900 and 5434-016-901) (Project Site) as a temporary homeless shelter and personal storage site, is consistent with the use of a portion of Griffith Park for park purposes ...” RAP 23-110.
2. **CD#10** ---A one-year extension for A Bridge Home in Lafayette Park (CD 10) was approved February 1, 2024, (RAP 24-037) because a temporary extension avoids the pitfall of permanent residential housing on public park property, which is illegal (commentary of Ms. C. Santo Domingo).



3. **CD#2** ---In North Hollywood (CD 2) an October 25, 2023, CAO letter to Recreation and Parks referred to the December 2022 City emergency order on the need for homeless shelters.

The Mayor declared a local emergency on December 12, 2022 (C.F. 22-1545), which aims to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness citywide (approximately 41,980). In an effort to support the local emergency, the Homelessness Group within the Office of the City Administrative Officer requests to extend this site for one year and respectfully requests RAP to take any necessary actions or receive necessary approvals for this extension. The site information is as follows:

11471 Chandler Blvd.

Service Provider:

Hope the Mission

Bed Count: 75

Structure type: Pallet (Tiny

Home Village) Expiration

date: January 21, 2024

Extension

request: 1 year

- **The position of the two candidates** to replace Council President Paul Krekorian in December 2024 concerning a permanent Alexandria Tiny Homes is unknown.

In August 2020 Councilmember Krekorian provided the following description of the Tiny Homes project: “These temporary measures are important interim steps to provide shelter and get homeless individuals off the streets while the city is in the process of building 10,000 Permanent Supportive Housing units - funded by Measure HHH - that will come online in the next 3 years.” (see attachment).



# PAUL KREKORIAN

## LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

August 26, 2020

Dear Community Member,

Thank you for contacting my office about the proposed temporary tiny home village in Alexandria Park. I understand you may be concerned about the project details and I want to make sure that you and your neighbors have the most accurate information about the proposed project. I would also like to tell you about how this project aligns with the comprehensive work we have done to respond to the unprecedented crisis of homelessness in our community.

One thing that almost everyone in Los Angeles agrees on is that the current status quo with regard to homelessness is entirely unacceptable. The current inadequate availability of shelter and housing resources and services, and the various court decisions resulting from that inadequacy, have resulted in a horrendous situation for our entire community – both housed and unhoused.

The homelessness crisis has been devastating to our neighborhoods. Many of our sidewalks, underpasses and bridges have become impossible to navigate because of growing encampments. Large areas in our parks and other public spaces are unsanitary because people are living in and around them without restroom facilities or hygiene options. Mounds of personal belongings have become intermingled with piles of trash, garbage and illegally dumped items. Fires in and around encampments have caused great danger and harm. And, many encampments have become places where criminal activity is easily and freely engaged in and concealed.

At the same time, the homelessness crisis is a human tragedy of disastrous proportions. The life expectancy of the unhoused population is almost 20 years lower than that of the general population, and unsheltered people die in our streets every day. The unsheltered are also far more likely to be victims of crime and violence. Most lack access to showers, laundry facilities, storage, and the social services that can help them get out of this homelessness cycle.

This intolerable situation cannot go unchecked any longer. We need to bring order out of chaos. The time for bolder action and more effective solutions is now.

In my district we are taking action and making progress. In recent months, we have opened two bridge housing sites with a combined total of 185 beds, as well as the City's first homeless services outreach and navigation center. These three facilities are already making a significant positive difference in getting our local homeless population off the streets. In addition, the Los

Key” program, including all the rooms at Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City, as temporary shelter for the most vulnerable unhoused residents in our area during the COVID-19 crisis. These temporary measures are important interim steps to provide shelter and get homeless individuals off the streets while the city is in the process of building 10,000 Permanent Supportive Housing units - funded by Measure HHH - that will come online in the next 3 years. While these extensive efforts mark solid progress, much more still needs to be done. The tiny home village planned for a portion of Alexandria Park is one of three tiny home villages in our community that are in design. The target population for these homes will be unhoused people who are currently living in the area, especially the elderly and participants with pre-existing medical conditions. The facilities are designed to be a temporary solution and the City Charter requires them to be removed no later than three years after completion. Once these facilities are completed, we will have built enough capacity in my district to shelter every person currently living unsheltered in the district.

To help these individuals take the first steps out of homelessness, the Alexandria facility will include 105 individual air-conditioned Tiny Homes, showers, restrooms, and a laundry facility. Services at the site will include three meals per day, social services, counseling, and housing navigators to help people get through the labyrinth of government programs required to gain placement in permanent housing. The goal is to provide the individualized services necessary to help each individual move to stable housing within six months.

I want to highlight several critical factors that earned my support for this project:

- Alexandria Park and the adjacent freeway right of way are already beset with significant encampments of homeless individuals, rendering the park largely unusable by the surrounding neighborhoods; this organized facility will not only provide services to those who are sheltered, it will also leave the rest of the park better than it is now.
- The site will be patrolled by round-the-clock on-site security.
- All residents will be referred by experienced homeless services providers only; no walk-ins will be allowed.
- The surrounding neighborhoods will be provided enhanced sanitation services, with regularly scheduled comprehensive cleanings of public areas, and enhanced police patrol.

The proposed Tiny Home village also responds appropriately to the burdens and limitations applied to the city by federal courts. Taken together, these cases have prevented the city from enforcing ordinances that prohibit camping, “disorderly conduct,” or lodging or sleeping in public. As the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals stated in its decision in *Martin v. Boise*, “[a] state may not criminalize any conduct that is an unavoidable consequence of being homeless.” The impact of this decision has been that the city has been unable to take common sense measures to keep our streets clean until more local housing and shelter options are available.

The proposed tiny home village in Alexandria provides such a temporary shelter option that will make it possible for us to make our neighborhoods more livable for all residents, housed and unhoused.

Much more needs to be done to protect our homeless neighbors from the ravages of living on the streets, particularly those who are older or who have been chronically homeless for an extended period of time. Each person who is living without a permanent home has a story, a history, and reminds us that we live in a society that has failed for too long to care for its most vulnerable people. By making a safe living space available to our homeless neighbors, we make progress towards building a more compassionate Los Angeles that is better for everyone. In doing so, we provide hope and progress for both the housed and the unhoused, rather than more pain and dysfunction from a homelessness crisis that would otherwise seem without end.

I look forward to hearing from you and the community on ways that we can alleviate any concerns that you may still have. The design of the project continues to be refined and adjusted to take into account the legitimate concerns that have been raised with my office. I am confident that this project will be another critically important step forward in improving the conditions in the neighborhood and improving the lives of the unsheltered.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Krekorian".

PAUL KREKORIAN  
Councilmember, Second Council District



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

**Re: Re; Recreation and Parks Report 24-069**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 7:39 AM

To: D C <>

Cc: "CD2 - Paul Krekorian, LA City Councilmember District" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>

File Name

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Wed, Apr 3, 2024 at 9:30 PM D C <>

> wrote:

Please include the attached letter regarding Recreation and Parks Report 24-069.

Thank you,  
Diann

*Diann Corral, President  
Laurel Grove Neighborhood Association  
Email:*



# Laurel Grove

## Neighborhood Association

April 3, 2024

By email: [rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)

Board of Commissioners, Department of Recreation and Parks

Re: Recreation and Parks Report 24-069  
Tiny Homes – Alexandria Park, North Hollywood

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to oppose the 1year extension of the temporary homeless shelter. In 2020 we were told that it would not exceed 3 years. The City has known that the 3 years was coming up, yet no move to relocate has been made. What assurances do we have that there is a plan to relocate the shelter off park land in a year, or will the City just keep requesting a yearly extension with no real plan to move off the park.

In the meantime, the Laurel Grove residents living in the vicinity of the 200-bed shelter village in Alexandria Park, both east and west of the Hollywood Freeway, continue to suffer disproportionately from our City's homeless crisis. While the residents are sympathetic to the needs of the unhoused and support humane measures to improve their living conditions, both in the interim and longer term. It's also recognized that some individuals reject help when offered while others are pleased to live as they presently do. The shelter village has served as a magnet for individuals preferring motorhome living, those opting to live in tents and those preferring to live in automobiles. Unfortunately, too many of these individuals abuse our area and threaten the health, safety and property of its residents, as well as abuse of public property. These abuses include:

- Blocking of sidewalks with tents, personal belongings and trash, hindering the passage of both able body and disabled residents
- Discharging of firearms,
- Menacing and threatening of residents both on the street, in their homes and in the park,
- Trespassing on their property,
- Public urination and defecation and improper disposal of wastes resulting in resident health issues,
- Fires, both deliberately and accidentally set, that have threatened area homes and with the release of toxic fumes exacerbating respiratory illnesses,
- Late night and early morning disturbances of the peace,

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April 3, 2024

Re: Tiny Homes – Alexandria Park North Hollywood

- Parking oversized vehicles on public streets limiting lines of sight for drivers and obscuring signage,
- Graffiti,
- Accumulation of large amounts of rubbish,
- Vandalism of resident automobiles, and
- Loss of street and park lighting caused by theft of wiring and theft of power by tapping into streetlight circuits.

We were told that there would be enforcement of posted parking restrictions and that tents and campers would not be allowed within the 1-mile radius of the park. That the surrounding neighborhoods would be provided with enhanced sanitation services, with regularly scheduled comprehensive cleanings of public areas, and enhanced police patrol. None of that has happened instead the area has continued to be permeated with tents, campers and trash. We are three years on and camper vans and tents are still found along Laurel Canyon Blvd and the surrounding area which we were advised would not be allowed once the Tiny homes were built.

The City suffers from a lack of neighborhood parks. We urge the commission to take the lead by not approving the extension and supporting park improvement not their reduction. Not approving the extension will force the City to seriously look into relocate the homeless into actual dignified housing in apartments with built in treatment and support systems.

Sincerely,

Diann Corral, President



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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**Re: 0\_Kartoon's Watts Serenity Park proposal.pdf**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 1, 2024 at 1:47 PM

To: gregobro3 <

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

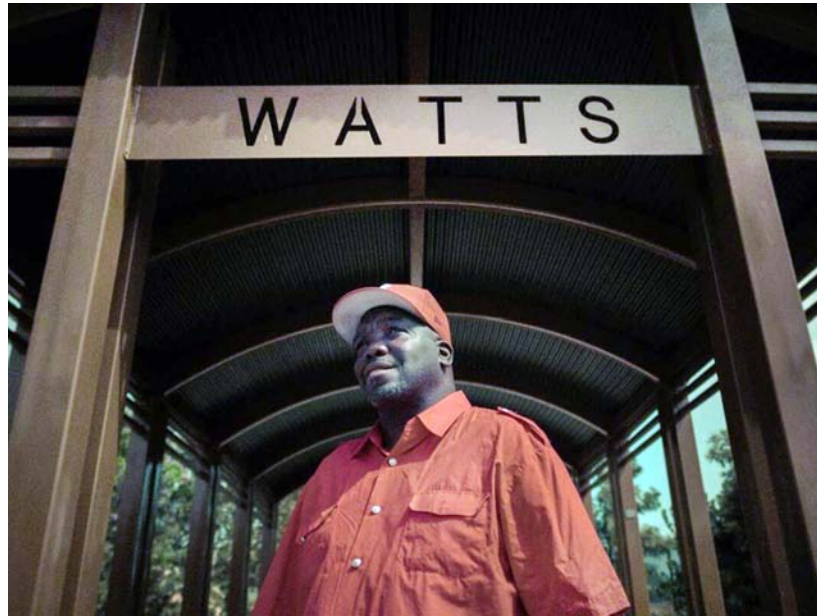
On Fri, Mar 29, 2024 at 2:36 PM gregobro3 <

> wrote:

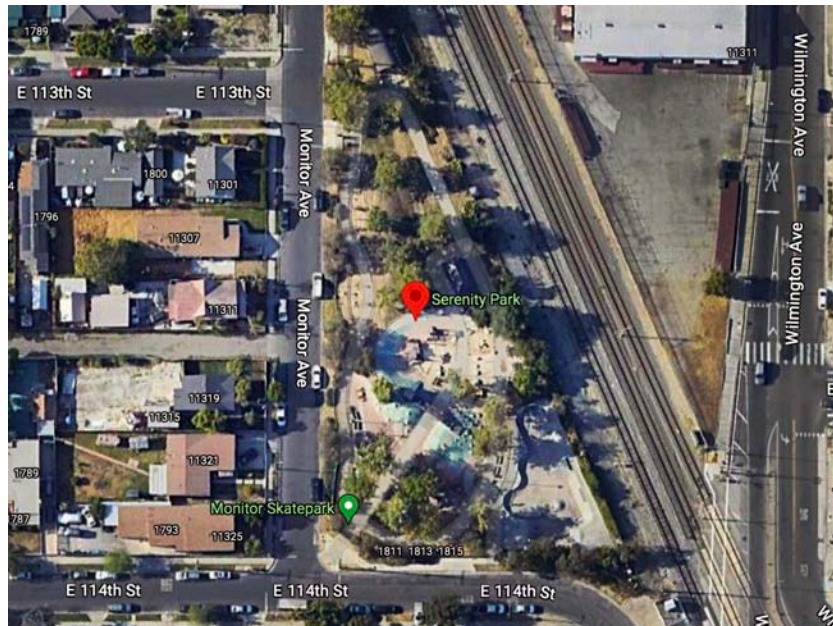
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**Proposal to (Re)name  
Watts Serenity Park  
to  
Kartoon's Watts Serenity Park**



Kartoon at Watts Serenity Park

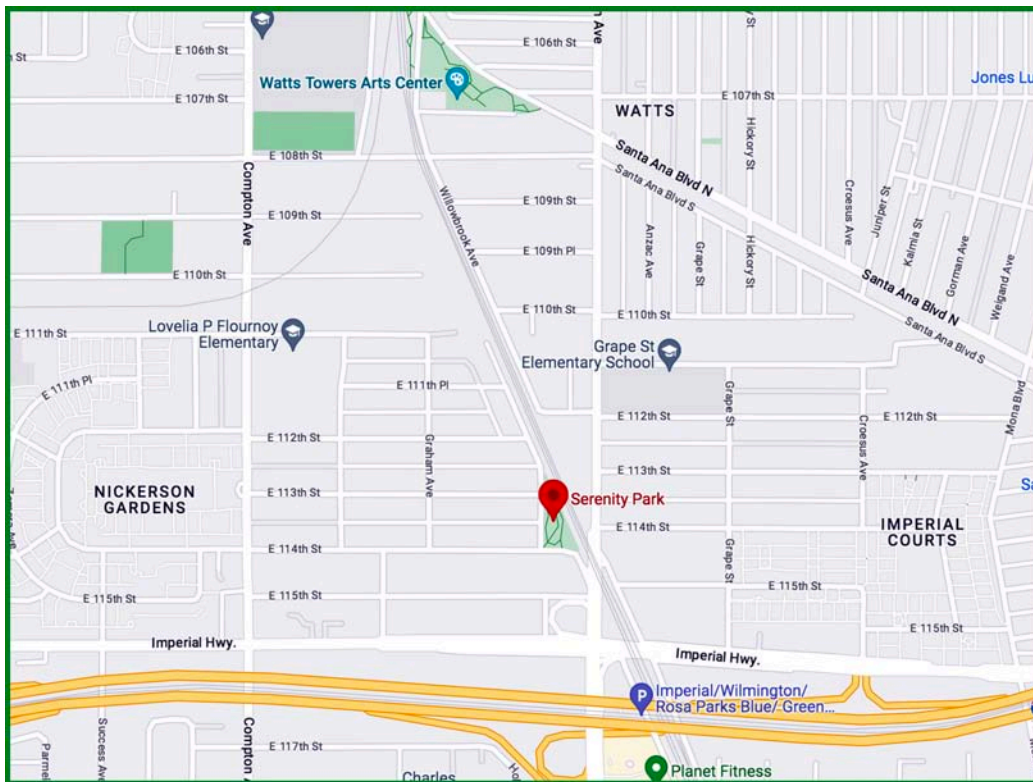


To: Board of Commissioners, Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department  
From: Concerned Residents of Watts and Friends of Ronald “Kartoon” Antwine  
(Gregory Brown, Monica Ford, Blanca Jimenez, Mike Murase, and Curtis Wilson)  
Contact information: Mike Murase,  
Date: September 11, 2023

### Proposal to (Re)Name a Park

This is a proposal to rename a park operated by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (“RAP”). The proposal is submitted to the RAP Board of Commissioners (“Board”), the entity with jurisdiction over this matter.

The park is located at **11300 Monitor Avenue / Los Angeles, CA 90059** and is currently named **“Watts Serenity Park.”** The proposed name is **“Kartoon’s Watts Serenity Park,”** or if the proposed name is found to be unacceptable by the Board, a reasonable equivalence that shall be agreed upon by the Proposers and the Board.



This Google Map shows the location of Serenity Park, between two large public housing development—Nickerson Gardens and Imperial Courts—as well as Watts Towers Art Center to the north.

## Background

The ribbon cutting for this new park in Watts took place in January 2015. The park's temporary administrative name—**Monitor Ave Park**—gave way to the newly-christened name, **Watts Serenity Park** (or Serenity Park)—a name Ronald “Kartoon” Antwine had a hand in selecting.



Ribbon cutting at Watts Serenity Park in January 2015. “Kartoon” (in green shirt) stood along with Tori Kjer, program director of The Trust for Public Land-Los Angeles, then-councilman Joe Buscaino, 15<sup>th</sup> council district, and others.

For many decades prior to this day, the 1.13-acre, triangle-shaped vacant lot was neglected by its previous owner, Union Pacific Railroad. Overgrown weeds were taller than people who lived in the neighborhood and patches of loose dirt often kicked up dust to pollute the air. By the time The Trust for Public Land became involved, the lot had become a dumping ground for garbage and rubble.

## Kartoon’s Role in the Creation of the Park

It would not be an exaggeration to say that Ronald “Kartoon” Antwine was the visionary architect, fierce advocate, and determined organizer—the motive force—in the creation of this park in Watts. (Please refer to attachments and links in this proposal.)



The first link, which is incorporated by reference, is a Youtube video entitled, “Ronald ‘Kartoon’ Antwine amends to Watts” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfUBYwflin4>. Our appeal to the Commissioners is for you to view this video together during a Board meeting, and incorporate its contents into your deliberations of this proposal.

Other sources in support of this proposal are:

Trust for Public Land  
**In LA, a Community Fights for its Park**, published December 6, 2013  
<https://www.tpl.org/blog/los-angeles-community-fights-for-its-park>

Trust for Public Land  
**Watts Serenity Park**  
<https://www.tpl.org/our-work/watts-serenity-park>

Trust for Public Land  
**In Watts, a breath of fresh air**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNW4PjdRVAE>

**Krikorian Writes** (a blog) January 25, 2014  
<http://www.krikorianwrites.com/blog/2014/1/25/the-wonderful-transformation-of-kartoons-battlefield>

**Krikorian Writes** (a blog) January 25, 2014  
<http://www.krikorianwrites.com/blog/2014/1/25/ronald-kartoon-antwines-fight-for-a-park-in-his-own-words>

**“Opinion: Let us now praise Ronald ‘Kartoon’ Antwine, who transformed himself and his corner of Watts”**  
*Los Angeles Times*, April 29, 2023  
<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2023-04-29/watts-serenity-park-ronald-kartoon-antwine-los-angeles-parks>

As the foregoing articles and videos show, Kartoon had “direct connections to the park, played an important role in the initial creation of the park,” and in keeping with RAP’s mission, Kartoon helped to “provide a safe, welcoming park with diverse recreation . . . for people of all ages to play, learn, contemplate, build community and be good stewards of our environment.”

Unfortunately, Kartoon passed away unexpectedly earlier this year on April 4, 2023, but did so with a rich legacy and love for the Watts community to which he “made exceptional contributions.” He therefore meets the RAP criteria and guidelines which state:

The Naming of parks after individuals shall be limited to those who are deceased and have made exceptional contributions to the park or community in which the park is located.

This proposal, and supporting sources cited herein, clearly show how Kartoon meets each and every one of the criteria and guidelines for the naming of the park that incorporates his contributions and legacy. Further, Kartoon’s goals for this piece of land is entirely on all fours with the mission of the Recreation and Parks Department.

### **Community Support for the Proposal**

After his passing, Kartoon’s many friends and family wished to honor Kartoon in a manner he was too humble to accept while he was alive. The first and enduring idea among his supporters was to rename the park. Neighbors in the surrounding community were polled; support for this proposal was near-unanimous.



Kartoon and Greg Brown (in red), his lifelong best friend, talking to neighbors about the park.

## The Origin Story Must Be Shared with Future Generations

The proposed naming (or renaming) will “engender a positive public image, and in no way will it commercialize the park.” It is intended to pique interest in the history of this neighborhood, and how one person (who in his own words, “I was a gang banger around here, I was selling dope around here, I was carrying guns around here . . .”) can turn his life around and lead the way for positive change in his neighborhood. This is a history that future generations of park-goers ought to know about, and the renaming of the park will facilitate the dissemination of the park’s origins.

Not only did Kartoon have this single accomplishment, as inspiring as it is, Kartoon played an instrumental role in the 1992 Watts Gang Truce. For many years, Kartoon had embraced the idea of everyone coming together, from Nickerson Gardens to Imperial Courts and beyond, and Black and Brown communities becoming closer. And throughout the past 30 years, Kartoon has had a profound positive impact on people in Watts and beyond.



Kartoon transformed a dirt lot into a family-friendly park.

## The Park Must Live Up to Its Promise

The lessons of his life and his contributions to the community—in essence, the *content and meaning* of the name—should be shared with future generations. In addition to a name change, it is proposed that a plaque or pedestal or some other type of installation that provides a narrative which describes Kartoon’s life be created. (The exact wording, design, and location within the park are to be submitted by the submitters of this proposal and approved by this Board.)



Finally, we would like to convey to this Board that (while this may be under the jurisdiction of Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force or another body) Watts Serenity Park in 2023 is in a state of neglect and disrepair that the Watts community should not be forced to tolerate. Its overall condition is a far cry from the beautiful park which opened just 8 years ago. The residents of Watts are entitled to have the same services and facilities that parks in other parts of the city have. The renamed “Kartoon’s Watts Serenity Park” must not remain in the same condition it is today. The physical upkeep and maintenance of the park must be a part of the new life that Kartoon would have wanted to breathe into this community asset. It has the potential to bring together the transformational power of recreation, sports, and socialization, regardless of race, gender, age or socioeconomic status.



## **ATTACHMENT A – ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

### **City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks**

221 N Figueroa St, Suite 300  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Mailing address:

Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department  
Office of Board of Commissioners

**P.O. Box 86328**

**Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328**

**Email Address:** [RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG](mailto:RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG)

### **Commissioners**

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- Luiz Sanchez, Vice President
- Marie Lloyd, Member
- Fiona Hutton, Member
- Benny Tran, Member

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- Harold Arrivillaga, Commission Executive Assistant  
**Telephone:** (213) 202-2640 / **Fax Number:** (213) 202-2610  
**Office Hours:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

For information about upcoming meetings of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners and for bid results, please call the Commission Information Line: (213) 202-2640

Check to see if Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force is functional and if it has jurisdiction over park maintenance.

### **Elected Officials and Selected Leaders (to be confirmed)**

- Karen Bass, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles
- Tim Mcosker, Councilmember, 15<sup>th</sup> Council District
- Mike Gipson, State Assemblymember, 65<sup>th</sup> Assembly District
- Maxine Waters, US House of Representatives, 43<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District
- Tori Kjer, The Trust for Public Land (Los Angeles)
- Rev. Shane B. Scott, senior pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church



## **ATTACHMENT B—NAMING POLICY, PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES**

### **City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks Naming Policy, Procedures and Guidelines for Parks And Recreational Facilities**

The mission of the Department of Recreation and Parks (“RAP”) is to enrich the lives of the residents of Los Angeles by providing safe, welcoming parks and recreational facilities and affordable, diverse recreation and human services activities for people of all ages to play, learn, contemplate, build community and be good stewards of our environment.

One of RAP’s objectives under the Mission is to enhance and expand recreational programs, services, and significant financial support and contributions through public and private collaborations.

#### **Policy:**

RAP recognizes that parks and recreational facilities are an essential and integral part of the communities they serve, and that the names of parks and recreational facilities, and park amenities within them, play a significant role in fostering identities in the surrounding communities. This Naming Policy (“Policy”) establishes the criteria and requirements, and sets forth the guidelines and procedures, for the naming and renaming (collectively, “Naming”) of parks, recreational facilities, landmarks and any other assets determined appropriate by RAP (collectively referred to herein as “Park Assets”), which are owned, managed or controlled by RAP.

Pursuant to this Policy, the initial name of a new park or recreational facility, which may be temporary for purposes of administration and accounting, shall be administratively assigned by RAP staff in the traditional manner utilized prior to the establishment of this Policy, based on geographic features such as street and community names or prominent features. In addition, the Naming of existing Park Assets, pursuant to a RAP recommendation relevant to a Naming proposal received from a private or public entity, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (“Board”), as described herein. In accordance with this Policy and pursuant to RAP recommendations, the Board shall consider the following two types of Naming proposals. The first type encompasses situations in which RAP receives or is offered a donation, gift, sponsorship, and/or other contribution from an outside entity that presents a decisive benefit and shows a direct connection to a Park Asset and serves the interests of the City and its residents. This type of Naming proposal would require a Naming Agreement to summarize the terms and conditions necessary to effectuate the financial or other benefits connected to the Naming proposal with a term (time period) recommended by the GM and approved by the Board, depending on the scope or nature of the agreement, and value, visibility, and lifespan of the donation, gift, sponsorship and or other contribution. The second type comprises Naming proposals to use a major historic event and/or unique significance of a specific place or person, as the basis for the proposed Name; again with the requirement that there be compelling

and impressive substantiation demonstrating how the interests of City and its residents were served or impacted. The key in both types of Naming proposals is the importance of demonstrating direct connections to the Park Asset and clear community benefits as a foundation for considering any Naming proposal.

For purposes of this Policy, and with the exception of the temporary Naming of new Park Assets, the authority to approve the Naming of existing Park Assets shall be solely with the Board. Any exceptions to this Policy shall be subject to the prior approval of the Board.

### **Criteria and Guidelines for Evaluating Park Asset Naming Proposals:**

For purposes of this Policy, the following shall be considered when evaluating the appropriateness, feasibility, and implementation of Naming proposals:

- The Naming of parks after individuals shall be limited to those who are deceased and have made exceptional contributions to the park or community within which the park is located.
- Parks shall only be named after living persons under circumstances requiring such naming as a condition precedent of a grant deed or covenant.
- The Naming of a park after a major historic event must be based on a direct connection between the park and such event.
- The Naming engenders a positive public image which does not unduly commercialize the park or recreational facility.
- The proposed name for the park or recreational facility, and/or contributor, must be compatible with the Mission of RAP.
- Park Assets that are held by RAP through a lease or use agreement may be considered for Naming under this Policy, subject to any requirements or restrictions contained in such document.
- RAP reserves the right to limit the duration of time a Name will be in place and/or in effect.
- No specialized signage or advertisement containing a commercial message to purchase a good or service shall be authorized for use on park property.
- All forms of signage placed on or within a Park Asset shall meet RAP's graphic and sign standards.
- There shall be no religious symbols included on Naming signage.
- Park Assets not under the operation of RAP (shared or exclusive), although under the ownership or jurisdiction of RAP, shall not be subject to this Policy; such as for example, the Los Angeles Zoo in Griffith Park.
- Parks should not be subdivided for purposes of Naming, unless there are readily-identifiable physical divisions in the park (major roads, waterways, hillsides, etc.) which facilitate or warrant a subdivision; or there exist other compelling reasons for having more than one name connected to a park. This should not prevent independently Naming a recreational facility or amenity located within a park, as long as the selected name will not cause confusion for park patrons.
- RAP shall seek to inform the public with regard to the Naming of a park in their community.

- Any exception to the above shall be subject to the Naming criteria contained herein, and the Board's prior approval.

**Procedures:**

The Board retains the authority to name or rename Park Assets situated on park property. The following shall be the protocol for evaluating, considering and denying or approving Naming proposals:

1. A written proposal for the Naming of a Park Asset must be initially submitted to the RAP Board Office, to the attention of the Board Secretary. In accordance with this Policy, the Board Office shall forward the proposal to the RAP General Manager ("GM") for consideration.
2. Prior to any form of Naming Policy being implemented, sponsorship proposals shall be evaluated by RAP staff, with recommendations to the GM for possible consideration.



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

**Re: Vehicle Crash on Mount Lee Drive Trail**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Ryan Singer < >

Wed, Apr 3, 2024 at 8:23 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Tue, Apr 2, 2024 at 4:38 PM Ryan Singer &lt; &gt; wrote:

Hello,

I'm writing regarding a frightening experience I had this morning while cycling down the paved portion of Mount Lee Drive from the top of the Hollywood sign. As I was descending, about a quarter mile down from the radio tower, I came upon a car that had just crashed into the side of the mountain. It had careened down the trail, smashing into the guard rail twice and then almost flipping before it came to a stop crashed at a 45 degree angle pointing into the hill. Two hikers downhill from the accident narrowly avoiding being hit, and I was myself about a minute behind where I would have been hit. Fortunately, the driver and passenger of the car survived. Easily, this morning could have ended in tragedy. I attached a picture of the accident below.

I understand the driver and passenger of the car are part of the maintenance staff for that station, and that they were driving their personal vehicle. This is a road that is very steep, poorly paved, and not, in my opinion, easily navigated by cars not intended for those conditions.

I'd appreciate if someone could characterize for me what, if any, care is given to monitor and control vehicle traffic in the park boundaries? To the extent vehicle traffic is necessary for ongoing operation of the facilities, it seems important that some thought be given to ensure the safety of park users. Is there, for instance, any training given to the people who are provided access to drive inside the park? How are they informed of speed limits? Are there speed limits? Are they informed of appropriate driving behavior when they come upon park users? And what is regarded as appropriate driving behavior, as defined by the park? Is there any restriction on the types of vehicles permitted to drive on off-road conditions, as exist on Mount Lee Drive?

As a cyclist and trail runner, I spend a lot of time in Griffith Park. Mount Lee Drive is one of the few corridors available for bicycles and pedestrians in this city that is closed to public vehicle traffic. I regard those corridors, in that way, as especially safe, imagining that the people who are permitted to drive in those areas of the park are equipped and trained to do so safely. That clearly was not the case today, and, in turn, park users and park personnel could have died.

Concerned for what happened, my family reached out to Chief Park Ranger Joe Losorelli. When asked about the accident, he said he was aware of what happened and exclaimed "so what?" He indicated that park users are at risk for out-of-control vehicle traffic when using the park. Seriously? Sergeant Carl D. Holmes City of Los Angeles Park Rangers had the same attitude.

Today's accident is an opportunity to consider protocols around the safe navigation of park spaces by those who by necessity drive there, because, otherwise, the city invites this accident to recur, and next time might end much worse.

Ryan



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**Re: Bill Greene Memorial Park (Fig Slauson Park) request for pause**

1 message

Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 12:18 PM

To: Jason Saunders &lt;

&gt;

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 7:49 AM Jason Saunders &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Hello,

Later this morning myself and several of my fellow Voices Neighborhood Council board members will be offering public comment at the board meeting today 4/4/24.

At the time of writing this our petition requesting a pause in development of Bill Green Memorial Park, known locally as Fig Slauson Park, has over 300 signatures.

[www.change.org/SouthLAwantsAgreenPark](http://www.change.org/SouthLAwantsAgreenPark)

The community wants a sustainable green park without fencing. This WAS THE FEEDBACK we offered to staff when they approached us but what the city has designed is mostly concrete pavers and institutional fencing.

This is not the park the community wants and we have been writing letters and e-mails since our very first meeting after your commissioned approved the park in September of 2023.

Here is a video that outlines the location, history and our concerns with the park:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6c24Kh0G0o0&t=99s>

With Appreciation,

Jason Saunders



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

**Re: 4/4/2024 Commissioners' meeting - re 24-072 - Equestrian representation**

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Liz Radley < >

Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 12:21 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 8:21 AM Liz Radley &lt; &gt; wrote:

**24-072** Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration (LARER) Project

Dear Commissioners:

We welcome the future LARER project!

Please ensure equestrians have a seat at the table for the practical re-design of the existing horse trails, and the construction and completion phases of this project as it progresses through equestrian areas.

The Burbank-Glendale-Griffith Park Equestrians stand ready to become involved in our area. We are a community group of over 8,000 members, operated via newsletter and public Facebook group, that focuses on the Griffith Park and adjoining areas. We work in cooperation with the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee, a LA City Board.

Public safety concerns regarding horses need to be addressed by those who have expertise in the their sensitive nature to ensure the safe continuance of riding in Griffith Park near the LA River.

Based on the recent successful retrofit of the historic Riverside Bridge, this will include placement of equipment storage areas, temporarily relocating horse trails away from the construction area (to prevent horses being pushed out on to busy streets), and instruction of Army Corps drivers on conduct when in proximity to horses etc.

Horses have lived and been ridden in this area since before the creation of the United States of American - recorded history from the De Anza expedition shows them here from February 1776. Our equestrian economy provides jobs and other benefits in our neighborhoods. A well-coordinated project may cause inconvenience but can be arranged to minimize the risk of accidents.

Thank you for your support.

Liz Radley

Admin, Burbank-Glendale-Griffith Park Equestrians, a community group with over 8,000 members  
National Trail Coordinator, Equestrian Trails Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit established in 1944.  
President, Glendale Rancho Equine Advisory Committee, a 501(c)3 non-profit.



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**4/4/2024 Commissioners' meeting - 24-076 - Los Angeles Equestrian Center**

1 message

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**Liz Radley** < > Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 8:42 AM  
To: "RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG" <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>  
Cc: Lesa Williams < >, Joe Salaices <joe.salaices@lacity.org>

Re: 24-076- Los Angeles Equestrian Center - funds for deferred maintenance

Good morning, Commissioners:

I'm a professional in the horse world, and have lived by the Los Angeles Equestrian Center since 1997. I've watched the previous concessionaire allow LAEC to be come a shadow of its former glory.

I board one of my horses there and can personally attest to its condition.

I attended every day of the trial in LA Superior Court, and watched Rec and Parks reclaim what should have always been a jewel in the crown of Los Angeles.

I support the finances needed to restore and improve the run-down facilities and look forward to again experiencing the joyful and restorative experience of daily visiting horses there, instead of being concerned by the run-down and unsafe conditions.

Thank you!

Liz Radley

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**Re: Figueroa/Slauson park comments**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: "Corresponding Secretary Matthew N. Crawford" <Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 12:27 PM  
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Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 10:22 AM Corresponding Secretary Matthew N. Crawford <  
> wrote:

Hello,

I would like to amend my in-person remarks that I made earlier due to the 1 minute constraint.

I have traveled over most of the major cities in the United States, and I have seen green spaces in even the more disadvantaged communities.

Those cities understand the value of green spaces that are safe and accessible. Those cities understand that better communities are greener communities.

South Los Angeles has long been undeserved and often times the last community to be considered when change comes. And moreover, a community that is seldom collaborated with when the changes directly effect them.

This is an oppurtunity to serve South LA, to build a bridge to the community and to grow confidence in an underserved people who clamor for both green spaces and equity.

I implore the Commission, speaking not just as myself, Matthew N. Crawford, but also on behalf of the Voices of 90037 Neighborhood Council, to add more trees to this design and to abandon the fencing, not just because that's what the people are asking for, but also, with the adjacent Rail 2 Rail project, a giant fence seems to be disruptive and contradictory to that project.

Please just give us more trees and please take out the fencing proposed. I am asking, Voices Neighborhood Council is asking, and South Los Angeles is asking.

Respectfully,

Voices Neighborhood Council

Matthew N. Crawford -  
Corresponding Secretary





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**Re: Dire conditions at Seily Rodriguez Park**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Suriya Prasad >

Fri, Apr 5, 2024 at 12:02 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Fri, Apr 5, 2024 at 11:50 AM Suriya Prasad < > wrote:

We've received several extremely concerned comments from neighbors about the conditions at Seily Rodriguez Park, located at 5707 Lexington Ave. in Hollywood. This pocket park has been taken over by pee-wee gangs, who've tagged up every foot of the area, and the neighbors say they are afraid to enter the park.

Note the photos of the park below:



































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## Fw: Majors Division Softball Concern

1 message

**HERMILA FLORES** <h >  
 To: "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, emily F < >  
 Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 9:29 PM

Dear RAP Commission,

My name is Emily Flores, I'm a volunteer at Yosemite Recreation Center as a coach for Softball and Volleyball. There is an issue/concern with another volunteer who coaches Majors Softball. Several families have voiced concern and yet she is still coaching. Please see email thread below.

I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Thank You

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** HERMILA FLORES < >  
**To:** "sharon.nishihara@lacity.org" <sharon.nishihara@lacity.org>; paul < >; emily F < >; Jennifer Rockwell <jennifer.rockwell@lacity.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 8, 2024 at 09:54:06 AM PDT  
**Subject:** Fw: Majors Division Softball Concern

Hi Sharon,

My name is Emily. I am a softball coach at Yosemite recreation center for majors' division. I emailed Jennifer last week and was told she may be out of the office. This matter is time sensitive and there's a softball coaching dilemma that needs your action. Jessica is the other Majors Softball coach I've have never had direct issues with her coaching, since she's never coached my daughter. However, I have seen her coach and I do believe she is NOT qualified/fit to coach. She does not have the right skills/knowledge and her aggressive behavior towards parents and players is unacceptable. However, Jessica's coaching has now directly impacted my child and some girls on my team. Yosemite has two majors GPLA teams, one of which I coach, the parents on Jessica's team have pulled their daughter from Jessica's team since they do not want her coaching their daughter, Jessica had practice on Saturday and only 2 players showed up. Now this action impacts my team, since Jessica does not have a full team, it makes our division ineligible for all-stars. As you can see this is a concern. Can you please take a look at this matter, since it is a community issue and it is impacting several families?

I hoping to hear back from you or Jennifer with a resolution. I do want my daughter to continue with Yosemite, but I do need to make a decision that is best for my family.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me

Begin forwarded message:

On Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 10:09 PM, HERMILA FLORES < > wrote:

Hello Jennifer,

There have been some concerns brought to my attention as of late that I was hoping you could address. Several parents have reached out to me personally, expressing great concern in regard to the other softball coach for Majors, Jessica. I am not employed by the park, nor am I in charge of the program, so

can only refer them back to the park which I have done. I would hope the complaints, in addition to all the previous complaints against her, are not taken lightly.

Multiple parents informed me that they would be pulling their daughters from the team as a result of her coaching. Others on the team have told us they are losing players and may not have enough. I don't feed into the dilemma, but again, I can only encourage them to contact the park. I am not looking to take her players, what I am looking for is a successful season that will allow the girls to learn and develop their softball skills. The success of the season is dependent on having multiple teams for the majority of the season in order to even qualify for "All Stars."

We were informed last season, after my family having an incident with said coach, Jessica, that she would not be allowed to coach and to just ride out the season and she wouldn't be back. Yet, here we are. I've heard everything from no formal complaints have been filed, to she is claiming discrimination, etc., etc. I personally filed a formal complaint last season when she aggressively approached my husband while he was trying to coach our team. If safety is the "main priority" of the park, how can you allow such an aggressive, condescending, entitled woman to coach any program you guys offer? If safety is the main concern, why has my family's safety and last season's team's safety been dismissed or overlooked? I can easily claim discrimination as well because it would seem, as a minority, my family's safety or the safety of the teams I coach doesn't really matter. The concerns of one woman, Jessica, seems to take precedence over the greater good for the Yosemite community. Pleasing one person is currently outweighing the numerous people she has affected. What happened to the "formal complaints" that were filed by multiple individuals? Did the park fail to do their due diligence and process/forward the claims that were submitted? If they were processed, what more does a park need to not allow someone to be involved in their program? If aggressive behavior or multiple verbal altercations doesn't warrant the park to take action, what needs to happen- violence? I'm not sure what her next course of action would be but with what she's been able to get away with and be welcomed back- who knows? The kids and THEIR safety should be the priority and shouldn't be compromised for anyone.

I am hoping to hear back from you in a timely manner because there are a number of decisions that are reliant upon it. If safety isn't the main priority of the program/park, I will need to make decisions on my own to ensure my family's/team's safety. I have no problem dedicating time to the girls and/or program as a coach, which we have done for a couple seasons now- but with a lack of support from the park being hindered by a particular individual, I will decide as to what to do next. The majority of the other recreation centers are at capacity or have very limited space so I would hate to have to pull my daughter. I will await your response to determine where we will go from here.

Thank you.



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

**Re: Graffiti and Closed Restrooms at Echo Park**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Apr 9, 2024 at 12:21 PM

To: George The Great &lt; &gt;

Good afternoon,

Please see response from staff:

Thank you we will work with Maintenance and Construction Divisions and staff to address these concerns.

On Tue, Apr 9, 2024 at 11:59 AM George The Great &lt; &gt; wrote:

We appreciate it very much.

We hope to hear back from anyone soon or see results at Echo Park regarding the issues reported

On Tue, Apr 9, 2024, 7:46 AM Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt; wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Tue, Apr 9, 2024 at 7:16 AM Carolyn Shannon &lt;carolyn.shannon@lacity.org&gt; wrote:

This is not the correct email for Recreation and Parks Commissioners emails. Please send your future concerns and correspondence to: [rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)

On Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 6:42 PM George The Great &lt; &gt; wrote:

Godd morning park &amp; recreation officials.

We would like to report the following issues at Echo Park.

1. Graffiti- We appreciate the quick response in removing two weeks ago the graffiti on the restrooms close to the park office. Unfortunately, the walls were once again vandalized with graffiti again this weekend.

We hope that when the painting crew returns, they cover all the graffiti and dirty walls ( see video).

2. We have been observing the restrooms closely and have found out that during our visits in the last month, only 2-3 restrooms are open in each side. We have taken the time to ask park goers/community members/tax payers if it's usual for some of the restrooms to remain closed during the morning and before closing.

Unanimously, the answer was yes. Some shared with us that the park keepers told them that after the restrooms are opened, people come to sleep in the restrooms. We inquired answers, and the park keepers confirmed that people are sleeping in the restrooms and there isn't anything they can do. They also share with us that reports to headquarters have been made but with no positive results.

We will appreciate if all restrooms to be open and available for use at all times from opening to closing.

3: The washing area in specific, the countertop is due for a make over. It's been long since they are old and filthy ( please see video). If anything, removing the already peeled paint, sand it well, do not paint but protect it with 3-4 coats of epoxy for easy cleaning.

We also appreciate the power washing done to the deck area on the north side of the park. The lake in the same area was cleaned. Most of the debris was removed. Some bottles and cans still need removing but it is further into the lake. Not in reaching distance.

Over all, the park has improved since its closing about 2 years ago.

In the future we will request records, reports etc... regarding the issues reported about the keeping of the park ( restrooms, trash, graffiti, debris in lake areas etc...)

We appreciate your time in this and all park related matters.

See video in link below.

The community  
The park goers  
The tax payers appreciate all you do.

04/08/2024  
6:38pm

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Doo3yjBBYppouGMn6>





Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

# Re: Urgent Action Required: Addressing Safety and Compliance Concerns in West Adams

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To:

Tue, Apr 9, 2024 at 9:01 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 10:12 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello,

Please see the forwarded message below.

Thank you,

Caro

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Jordan Tyler** < >  
Date: Sat, Apr 6, 2024 at 10:15 AM  
Subject: Urgent Action Required: Addressing Safety and Compliance Concerns in West Adams  
To: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

## Urgent Action Required: Addressing Safety and Compliance Concerns in West Adams

Jordan Tyler

April 6, 2024

General Manager of Parks and Recreation

Dear Mr. Jimmy Kim,

I am writing to bring to your attention the adverse conditions at and around Gladys Jean Wesson Park, located between West Blvd and the local senior center. Our community is currently facing significant challenges caused by the presence of oversized RV campers. These vehicles not only violate the 72-hour parking law but have also led to increased litter, noise pollution, and unsafe conditions for park-goers and seniors visiting the attached center.

The RV encampments are involved in various illegal activities, including dumping raw sewage and theft of utilities, which pose health and safety risks. Despite the efforts and service requests submitted to the city, these issues remain unresolved, affecting the enjoyment and safety of our public spaces.

**Given the city council's recent enactment of no overnight parking laws for oversized RVs (Council's File No: 23-0008-S14, Nov 7, 2023), I request that your department collaborate with the appropriate authorities to ensure these laws are enforced in the areas surrounding our parks and recreation facilities.**

Our community values the parks and recreational opportunities provided by the city and wishes to see these spaces preserved and protected. Your attention to and action on this matter would be greatly appreciated by all who live and enjoy recreational activities in the area.

Thank you for your consideration and prompt attention to this pressing issue.

Kind regards,

Jordan Tyler

### References

Council's File No:

Council's meeting date: Nov 7, 2023

Agenda item no: 16

Service Requests:

SR Number	SR Type	SR Subtype	SR Status	SR Address	Council District	Created Date	Service Date	Last Updated Date
1-4715535421	Illegal Dumping Pickup		Open	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	04/04/2024 8:27 AM	04/08/2024	04/04/2024 8:27 AM
1-4682252221	Homeless Encampment		Pending	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	03/07/2024 10:47 AM	03/12/2024	03/12/2024 8:57 AM
1-4676853891	Illegal Discharge of Water	Sidewalk	Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	03/03/2024 12:24 PM	03/04/2024	03/04/2024 1:30 PM
1-4641707131	Homeless Encampment		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	02/02/2024 11:07 AM	02/06/2024	02/29/2024 3:57 PM
1-4640985631	Illegal Discharge of Water	Sidewalk	Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	02/01/2024 6:18 PM	02/02/2024	02/02/2024 11:08 AM
1-4517259791	Homeless Encampment		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	10/22/2023 3:34 PM	01/03/2024	02/10/2024 12:42 PM
1-4496661631	Homeless Encampment		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	10/05/2023 1:00 PM	01/03/2024	02/10/2024 1:46 PM



1- 4485377271	Graffiti Removal		Cancelled	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	09/27/2023 6:33 PM	10/15/2023	10/15/2023 8:31 AM
1- 4451320321	Park Trees/Animals/Bugs		Open	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	08/31/2023 1:21 PM		08/31/2023 1:21 PM
1- 4428787791	Park Fields/Buildings/Repairs		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	08/15/2023 10:29 AM		09/25/2023 3:28 PM
1- 4388093471	Park Graffiti/Trash		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	07/16/2023 12:27 PM	09/12/2023	09/12/2023 3:00 PM
1- 4388092481	Park Graffiti/Trash		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	07/16/2023 12:25 PM	07/27/2023	07/27/2023 10:00 AM
1- 4382399311	Park Fields/Buildings/Repairs		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	07/11/2023 3:14 PM	09/25/2023	09/25/2023 3:00 PM
1- 4368665421	Park Trees/Animals/Bugs		Open	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	06/30/2023 9:09 AM		06/30/2023 9:09 AM
1- 4348667501	Park Fields/Buildings/Repairs		Open	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	06/15/2023 12:15 PM		06/15/2023 12:15 PM
1- 4341584991	Multiple Streetlight Issue		Open	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	06/09/2023 9:19 PM		06/09/2023 9:19 PM
1- 4334452821	Illegal Construction	Sidewalk	Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	06/05/2023 3:20 PM	06/09/2023	06/09/2023 1:06 PM
1- 4334451911	General Street Inspection	Catch Basins	Referred Out	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	06/05/2023 3:18 PM	06/09/2023	06/09/2023 9:04 AM
1- 4334444691	Pothole - Small Asphalt Repair	Street	Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	06/05/2023 3:16 PM	06/09/2023	06/09/2023 10:13 AM
1- 4334428531	Homeless Encampment		Closed	2508 S WEST	CD10	06/05/2023 3:09 PM	06/12/2023	06/13/2023 1:32 AM

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1- 4274618441	Park Fields/Buildings/Repairs		Open	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	05/21/2023 8:59 AM		05/21/2023 8:59 AM
1- 4258242371	Tree Obstruction	Parkway Tree	Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	05/18/2023 10:37 AM	05/22/2023	05/22/2023 9:35 AM
1- 4258209141	Park Trees/Animals/Bugs		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	05/18/2023 10:35 AM	06/05/2023	06/05/2023 10:00 AM
1- 4209701401	Park Homelessness and Security		Cancelled	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	05/11/2023 6:34 PM	01/18/2024	01/18/2024 4:00 PM
1- 4207971181	Street Tree Inspection	Tree Diseased or Infested	Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	05/11/2023 3:13 PM	05/12/2023	05/12/2023 5:24 AM
1- 4207947091	Park Trees/Animals/Bugs		Open	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	05/11/2023 3:11 PM		05/11/2023 3:12 PM
1- 4073756311	Park Trees/Animals/Bugs		Open	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	04/25/2023 9:53 AM		04/25/2023 9:53 AM
1- 4029732741	Bulky Items Illegal Dumping Pickup		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	04/19/2023 9:54 AM	04/24/2023	04/24/2023 1:32 PM
1- 4011261661	Park Homelessness and Security		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	04/17/2023 12:56 PM	06/22/2023	06/22/2023 4:00 PM
1- 3735283921	Multiple Streetlight Issue		Open	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	03/12/2023 1:35 PM		03/12/2023 1:35 PM
1- 3649507641	Park Homelessness and Security		Cancelled	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	03/01/2023 7:01 AM	01/18/2024	01/18/2024 4:00 PM
1- 3013427411	Homeless Encampment		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	12/04/2022 3:51 PM	12/05/2022	12/05/2022 8:29 PM

1- 2870914611	Park Homelessness and Security		Cancelled	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	11/13/2022 2:25 PM	01/18/2024	01/18/2024 4:00 PM
1- 2430391851	Illegal Dumping Pickup		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	08/02/2022 8:28 AM	08/08/2022	08/09/2022 1:51 AM
1- 2269918571	Park Homelessness and Security		Cancelled	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	04/10/2022 11:25 AM	09/21/2022	09/21/2022 1:00 PM
1- 2145498581	Multiple Streetlight Issue		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	12/19/2021 5:57 PM	12/19/2021	03/02/2022 2:52 PM
1- 2069380951	Park Homelessness and Security		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	09/20/2021 6:29 PM	01/05/2022	08/19/2022 5:46 PM
1- 2059638081	Park Homelessness and Security		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	09/09/2021 5:43 PM	12/22/2022	01/11/2023 3:16 AM
1- 2048564701	Multiple Streetlight Issue		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	08/28/2021 9:39 AM		01/10/2022 8:12 AM
1- 2048552311	Other		Cancelled	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	08/28/2021 9:10 AM		08/28/2021 9:40 AM
1- 2042474441	Illegal Dumping Pickup - Criminal Activity		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	08/22/2021 10:10 AM	08/31/2021	09/02/2021 1:12 PM
1- 2032321841	Illegal Dumping Pickup - Criminal Activity		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	08/10/2021 9:45 PM	08/16/2021	08/16/2021 12:01 PM
1- 2028373731	Illegal Dumping Pickup - Criminal Activity		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	08/06/2021 8:33 AM	08/10/2021	08/26/2021 7:10 AM
1- 2028365571	Park Homelessness and Security		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	08/06/2021 8:29 AM	12/22/2022	01/11/2023 3:16 AM
1- 2028190501	Homeless Encampment		Closed	2508 S WEST	CD10	08/05/2021 9:37 PM	08/10/2021	08/26/2021 6:52 AM

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1- 2010612381	Illegal Dumping Pickup - Criminal Activity		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	07/19/2021 11:05 AM	07/27/2021	08/03/2021 5:22 AM
1- 1989595321	Illegal Dumping Pickup		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	06/26/2021 1:18 PM	06/29/2021	08/03/2021 5:22 AM
1- 1988507481	Homeless Encampment		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	06/25/2021 3:25 AM	06/29/2021	08/03/2021 5:19 AM
1- 1983542881	Homeless Encampment		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	06/20/2021 11:13 AM	06/22/2021	08/03/2021 5:20 AM
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1- 1948901201	Park Homelessness and Security		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	05/13/2021 12:34 AM	09/01/2022	09/01/2022 2:01 PM
1- 1945827081	Park Homelessness and Security		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	05/10/2021 8:28 AM	09/01/2022	09/01/2022 3:00 PM
1- 1939450801	Park Homelessness and Security		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	05/02/2021 1:39 PM	09/01/2022	09/01/2022 3:01 PM
1- 1919828821	Metal/Household Appliances		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	04/09/2021 10:40 PM	04/13/2021	04/28/2021 10:34 AM
1- 1901815151	Homeless Encampment		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	03/22/2021 8:53 AM	03/30/2021	04/28/2021 10:31 AM
1- 1901698081	Sidewalk Repair	Raised/uneven	Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	03/22/2021 6:03 AM	03/22/2021	03/22/2021 3:51 PM
1- 1901698021	Multiple Streetlight Issue		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	03/22/2021 6:00 AM	09/20/2021	09/20/2021 3:55 PM

1- 1901693601	Homeless Encampment		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	03/22/2021 5:59 AM	03/30/2021	04/28/2021 10:34 AM
1- 1901690841	Park Graffiti/Trash		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	03/22/2021 5:56 AM	02/28/2023	02/28/2023 11:06 AM
1- 1890005371	Park Homelessness and Security		Open	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	03/08/2021 8:40 AM		03/08/2021 8:40 AM
1- 1867098411	Homeless Encampment		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	02/09/2021 12:17 PM	02/16/2021	04/28/2021 10:44 AM
1- 1852984801	Sidewalk Repair	Raised/uneven	Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	01/25/2021 6:09 AM	01/27/2021	01/27/2021 7:58 AM
1- 1852984691	Street Sweeping	Posted No Parking Route	Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	01/25/2021 6:07 AM	01/28/2021	01/28/2021 12:21 PM
1- 1852840191	Park Homelessness and Security		Cancelled	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	01/24/2021 4:04 PM	08/21/2023	08/21/2023 6:00 PM
1- 1852763581	Park Homelessness and Security		Cancelled	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	01/24/2021 1:33 PM	08/21/2023	08/21/2023 6:00 PM
1- 1851866881	Obstructions	Other	Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	01/22/2021 2:11 PM	01/25/2021	01/25/2021 7:52 AM
1- 1849678171	Park Fields/Buildings/Repairs		Cancelled	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	01/20/2021 2:43 PM	08/29/2022	08/29/2022 3:03 PM
1- 1846572801	Obstructions	Illegal Dumping Enforcement	Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	01/18/2021 6:14 AM	01/19/2021	01/19/2021 8:52 AM
1- 1846574301	Homeless Encampment		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	01/18/2021 6:12 AM	01/26/2021	02/01/2021 7:27 AM
1- 1846572681	Park Graffiti/Trash		Closed	2508 S WEST	CD10	01/18/2021 6:07 AM	03/02/2023	03/02/2023 8:00 AM

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1- 1840294731	Park Homelessness and Security		Cancelled	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	01/11/2021 7:32 AM	08/29/2022	08/29/2022 3:02 PM
1- 1840284111	Park Graffiti/Trash		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	01/11/2021 7:09 AM	02/09/2024	02/09/2024 11:00 AM
1- 1831445481	Homeless Encampment		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	12/31/2020 1:34 PM	01/05/2021	02/01/2021 7:36 AM
1- 1827903141	Park Homelessness and Security		Open	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	12/26/2020 5:13 PM		12/26/2020 5:13 PM
1- 1823492331	Obstructions	Other	Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	12/18/2020 10:16 PM	01/19/2021	01/19/2021 8:54 AM
1- 1823493141	Park Homelessness and Security		Open	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	12/18/2020 10:08 PM		12/18/2020 10:09 PM
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1- 1816902761	Park Homelessness and Security		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	12/11/2020 6:21 AM	11/23/2022	01/11/2023 1:11 AM
1- 1812230401	Homeless Encampment		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	12/06/2020 9:29 AM	12/08/2020	12/14/2020 8:15 AM
1- 1807714581	Other		Cancelled	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	12/01/2020 11:02 AM		12/04/2020 1:54 PM
1- 1806852781	Illegal Dumping Pickup		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	11/30/2020 3:19 PM	12/08/2020	12/14/2020 8:09 AM
1- 1792565701	Park Homelessness and Security		Cancelled	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	11/12/2020 3:47 PM	01/18/2024	01/18/2024 4:00 PM

1-1753939161	Park Homelessness and Security		Open	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	09/25/2020 6:18 PM		09/25/2020 6:18 PM
1-1740293911	Homeless Encampment		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	09/12/2020 11:03 AM	09/15/2020	12/07/2020 4:59 AM
1-1736061441	Park Homelessness and Security		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	09/08/2020 4:00 PM	11/23/2022	01/11/2023 1:13 AM
1-1722516011	Park Graffiti/Trash		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	08/26/2020 6:30 AM	02/23/2023	02/23/2023 2:02 PM
1-1722513311	Park Homelessness and Security		Closed	2508 S WEST BLVD. 90016	CD10	08/26/2020 6:26 AM	12/30/2022	01/11/2023 4:20 AM

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Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Dear Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners:

As a resident and participant in senior activities in Griffith Park, I am excited about the possibility of a new Community Center in the area based on the Master Plan presented February 29, 2024 at a community meeting in Los Feliz. Our esteemed local groups, the Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA) and the Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB), and Los Feliz Oaks HOA have supported a community-driven Master Plan, which was NOT what happened at the 2/29/24 meeting put on by the Council Office.

I understand from the community meeting the money immediately secured by CD4 is earmarked for the Griffith Park pool, some for planning for the Master Plan, and a consultant. That is some progress after 4 years yet simply NOT enough.

The recent community meeting of 115 attendees did not address the need for the community center that we want to be located on the site where the L.A. Shares building stood for 1 year until homeless from the adjacent Bridge Home shelter and their affiliated criminals burnt it down, requiring the longstanding L.A. Shares building to be raised. The community was promised in 2020 through a successful Council Motion under then CD4 Councilman David Ryu that the community center would be cited where LA Shares building was located. Ryu's Motion also called for the current location of the Bridge Home shelter to return to a parking lot. We are NOT okay with Bridge Home shelter staying in the area that provides no revenue to Griffith Park Rec & Parks Department. and is an established nexus of crime and draw for homeless who use drugs without shelter operator (PATH) intervention!

Though in attendance, and directly asked during the Master Plan meeting, CD4 Councilperson Raman refused to address a timeline for decommissioning the shelter in Griffith Park. Councilperson Raman has refused to report

back to the RAP Commission from the June 2023 for shelter closure timeline as requested by the RAP Commission Board. Our community has been more than patiently waiting for our elected to report back.

The Bridge Home shelter for the past 3.5 years has increased crime 300% to the immediate neighborhoods of Los Feliz and created a 468% increase in homeless to the area due to drugs being readily available. The element of prostitution has increased in our neighborhood as well with drug-addicted women trading sex for drugs from shelter residents and gang members, as well as payment for sex by men who buy drugs outside the shelter. There has been no discussion about the threats received by seniors from the mentally ill and gang members that reside in the shelter and cross into the park.

The safety of our Los Feliz community is PRIORITY ONE. I implore the Rec & Parks Commission Board to work with our local community groups to close the shelter, while listening to our voices about details important to create a functional Community Center that facilitates safety both within south Griffith Park and at the community center specifically. Our Councilperson's agenda does NOT represent the peoples' voices in Council District 4 who recreate near the Bridge Home shelter. We have endured enough!

The Ambassador Program as proposed by Council District 4 Rep Raman to have 2 staff outside the facility to "deescalate" at the Bridge Home shelter and pass out already available Narcan, call police and fire with limited hours will be insufficient and will create a huge liability for Recreation & Parks. As I understand, these personnel will be recruited from a yet-to-be identified third party vendor [friends of Raman that will only support her misguided solutions that support homelessness and crime] and will not have law enforcement training nor training or experience in clinical psychology, which is what is needed to ensure safety of Ambassador Program staff and shelter residents. Such a measure will merely add untrained staff, not aiding in increasing the safety around Bridge Home shelter that we the surrounding community have already called for on multiple occasions to be removed. We need safety NOW in south Griffith Park and to have our voices heard by the RAP Commission Board as we are being constantly misdirected and lied to by Council District 4 reps.

Thank you

Cordially

Jon Warner


DEAR BOARD OF REC AND PARKS COMMISSIONERS,

I AM A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE AREA ADJACENT TO THE BRIDGE SHELTER. I CAN VOUCH THAT THE SHELTER HAS BEEN A MAGNET OF SHOPPING CARTS, DILAPIDATED RV'S, MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS WANDERING LOS FELIZ BLVD. MUTTERING, DRUG DEALERS, HOOKERS / PROSTITUTES, AND CRIME IN GENERAL TO OUR ONCE-STABLE NEIGHBORHOOD. A WINDOW IN MY APARTMENT WHICH FACES THE MUD PATH WALKWAY WHICH LEADS TO THE SHELTER WAS COMPLETELY SHATTERED A YEAR AGO FROM A ROCK THROWN. THOUGH WE DON'T KNOW WHO DID THIS, THE FACT IS THAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE THE SHELTER EXISTED.

AN "OPEN CAMPUS" SHELTER SUCH AS THIS WITH ITS CHALLENGED INHABITANTS SHOULD NOT BE PLACED SO CLOSE TO REGULAR RESIDENCES AND COMMUNITY REC SERVICES SUCH AS THE PRESCHOOL, YOUTH SOCCER FIELD AND SENIORS CENTER. PLEASE MOVE IT TO A MORE APPROPRIATE AREA AND ON THE LAND IT CURRENTLY OCCUPIES, REPLACE IT WITH SOMETHING CONSISTENT WITH

WHAT THE PARKLAND EXISTS FOR: EITHER OPEN NATURE, OR PUBLIC REC FACILITIES (SUCH AS THE COMMUNITY CENTER WE WERE PROMISED BY COUNCILPERSON RAMAN AT HER FRIENDSHIP AUDITORIUM MEETING 02/29/2024, AS WELL AS IN 2019 BY HER PREDECESSOR DAVID RYU WHO SAID THE LAND WOULD BE THE SITE OF AN EXPANDED SENIOR CENTER.) THE SHELTER, AS DESCRIBED IN ITS ORIGINAL MISSION OF TRANSITIONING ITS INHABITANTS TO PERMANENT HOUSING WITHIN 90 DAYS, ISN'T WORKING ANYWAY.

THANK YOU.



RICK HERNANDEZ

MARCH 25, 2024

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**March 28, 2024**

As a nearby resident in the south Griffith Park area with a family that dates back 74 years in Los Feliz, I am excited about the Master Plan presented February 29, 2024 at a community meeting in Los Feliz. A big thank you to local organizations like the Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA) and the Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB), who have supported and given input into this process.

I am NOT okay with Bridge Home shelter staying in the area that provides no revenue to Griffith Park Rec & Parks Dept. and is an established seed of crime and draw for homeless who use drugs without shelter operator (PATH) intervention. Despite being a temporary shelter, I have seen several of the same people there the entire time it's been there.

The Bridge Home shelter for the past 3.5 years has increased crime and attracted more homeless living outside the facility. Drugs, prostitution, gangs and unsanitary conditions have been a constant presence.

The safety of our Los Feliz community is our main priority. I implore the Rec & Parks Commission Board to work with our local community groups to close the shelter and fulfill the promises to the community that said YES to David Ryu. When every other neighborhood in his district said NO. This is setting a terrible example to other neighborhoods to embrace the compassion and willingness to assist this situation. This has turned into a "no good deed goes unpunished" scenario. Nithya Raman has ignored her constituents' concerns and not is representing accordingly. The Ambassador Program as proposed by Raman will not fix this situation. We already have 6 contracted outreach teams in CD4 and the Ambassador Program is just another cost that will yield little help or results. We need



**safety NOW in south Griffith Park and to have our voices heard by the RAP Commission Board. We have sadly given up on Raman properly handling this situation.**

**Thank you and I look forward to seeing our Board of Rec & Parks Commissioners at upcoming meetings and your deliberations about the decommissioning of the shelter in Griffith Park for enhanced area safety.**

**Best,  
Matt Eskander**

March 29, 2024

Dear Honorable Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for the construction of the Riverside Drive Community Center, promised almost 4 years ago and presented again at the February 29, 2024 meeting of CD4.

I have been a Los Feliz neighbor for over 50 years, and live uphill from the proposed site at . The esteemed Los Feliz Improvement Association and also the Griffith Park Advisory Board both support this community-driven plan.

I am also a long -time member of the Griffith Park Adult Senior Center across the street from this proposed Community Center. I am excited about the possibility of multi-generational use and experiences.

However, I am dismayed by the increase in crime and fires in my immediate neighborhood, due to the TEMPORARY Bridge Shelter which was placed almost 4 years ago yet the promise was to decommission it in 3 years.

Our Senior Center across the street boasted >700 members prior to Bridge Home shelter placement in 2020. Now, with multiple reports of seniors scared to frequent to area, the numbers are vastly reduced. Isolation of senior citizens is a major health problem for us and we need a community center as promised.

This shelter needs to close before the community center can be built. You Commissioners have the power to refuse to renew the illegal lease and restore the area to a safe reeceation space.

The charter for the Griffith Park, as deeded by Colonel Griffith J. Griffith, specifically states no housing is allowed in the park. The land was granted for recreation purposes in perpetuity.

Last June, Councilperson Raman was told to present to you an exit strategy for the shelter. She refuses to do this—there needs to be a formal motion by the Board of Commissioners requiring a defined timeline for shelter closure for clarity by everyone (Councilperson Raman, the community, and shelter residents).

Additionally, Councilwoman Raman refuses to use her designated funds for additional exterior security and cleanup in the park where many psychotic residents are housed in the shelter across from a nursery school. We have ENDURED ENOUGH!

As commissioners, you are stewards tasked with fulfilling the mandates of the charter and making decisions to maintain the safety and security, as well as accessibility for all in Griffith Park.

Unfortunately, the current status is illegal housing with an inappropriate lease – no money for RAP - which has become home for a large criminal population which has terrorized the neighborhood (300% increase in crime per the LAPD) and is promoting drug use and increased homeless population (468% since inception of the Bridge Housing, per LAHSA).

SAFETY of our Los Feliz community is UPMOST PRIORTY.

Decommissioning the shelter would reduce the multiple safety problems the shelter has produced, and your considerable expense in repairing the vandalism caused by shelter criminals, as well as added Park Ranger time in dealing with the many issues at the shelter. With the community input, we all could establish a center to benefit the many responsible citizens of this neighborhood.

Thank you in advance for your valuable consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Suzanne Wenzlaff