

## A Perspective

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Griffith Park is a great park for the City of Los Angeles and its people. It is a unique natural resource with many historical and civic attributes. Its future will depend upon a perspective that places it within the region as the headlands of the Santa Monica Mountains, and as a place for city recreation pursuits. Not all of the city recreation needs can or should be provided here. There still remains a challenge to the people of Los Angeles to better serve the inner city with neighborhood parks, just as Griffith Park will better serve the larger region when this Master Plan is implemented. Both kinds of recreation resources are needed.

It is also important to recognize the value of park management as key to maintaining and enhancing the recreation experiences available in Griffith Park. This Master Plan emphasizes improvements in facilities and programs and in the utilization of existing park resources. By so doing, it also expands management options, from the programming of special events to the management of peak day traffic. The manner in which the options are exercised are no less important to this Master Plan than any of its major recommendations.