

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

June 3, 2021

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: MICHAEL A. SHULL, 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>
1) John Baginski on behalf of Venice Neighborhood Council Public Health and Safety Committee comments on Venice Beach	#8874l	Referred to General Manager
2) Thomas Williams comments regarding Venice Beach	#8874m	Referred to General Manager
3) John Baginski on behalf of Venice Neighborhood Council comments on Venice Beach	#8874n	Referred to General Manager
4) John Baginski comments regarding Venice Beach	#8874o	Referred to General Manager
5) John Baginski comments regarding Venice Beach	#8874p	Referred to General Manager
6) John Baginski comments regarding Venice Beach	#8874q	Referred to General Manager
7) Laura Ceballos comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902f	Referred to General Manager
8) Beth Greenwald comments regarding Oakwood park	#8902g	Referred to General Manager
9) Laura Ceballos comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902h	Referred to General Manager

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10) Rukshana Alexander comments regarding Westminster Elementary School in Venice	#8913d	Referred to General Manager
11) Byron Stalcup as President of Mar Vista Seniors Club comments regarding Mar Vista Park	#8925	Referred to General Manager
12) Brigitte Wustman as Vice President of Mar Vista Seniors Club comments regarding Mar Vista Park	#8925a	Referred to General Manager
13) City Council Motion regarding Department of Cultural Affairs, Barnsdall Park Residence A	#8927	Note and File
14) City Council Motion regarding LARiverWay	#8928	Note and File
15) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park	#8929	Referred to General Manager
16) Michael Smith comments regarding North Hollywood Homelessness	#8930	Note and File
17) Linda M Blank comments regarding Westwood Park and Holmby Park	#8931	Referred to General Manager
18) Linda M Blank comments regarding Westwood Park and Holmby Park	#8931a	Referred to General Manager
19) Christina comments regarding Westwood Park	#8931b	Referred to General Manager
20) Erin Hauer comments regarding Avenue 64 and Marmion Way Island	#8932	Referred to General Manager
21) Jane Demian comments regarding Avenue 64 and Marmion Way Island	#8932a	Referred to General Manager
22) Savannah Gilmore comments regarding Avenue 64 and Marmion Way Island	#8932b	Referred to General Manager
23) Cyndi Otteson comments regarding Avenue 64 and Marmion Way Island	#8932c	Referred to General Manager

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24) Cyndi Otteson comments regarding Avenue 64 and Marmion Way Island	#8932d	Referred to General Manager
25) Tommy Rasera comments regarding Avenue 64 and Marmion Way Island	#8932e	Referred to General Manager
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37) Kuniko Vroman comments regarding Avenue 64 and Marmion Way Island	#8932q	Referred to General Manager
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41) Kristen Schroer comments regarding Avenue 64 and Marmion Way Island	#8932u	Referred to General Manager
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Prepared by Carolyn Shannon, RAP Commission Office



Harold Arrivillaga <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>

Please Recognize the Disaster that Current City Policies Have Created - Clean Up Venice Beach Immediately

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Tue, May 11, 2021 at 1:41 PM

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

Cc: Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, "Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org" <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>, "Harold.Arrivillaga@lacity.org" <Harold.Arrivillaga@lacity.org>, "mike.bonin@lacity.org" <mike.bonin@lacity.org>, "councilmember.bonin@lacity.org" <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, "mj.bonin@lacity.org" <mj.bonin@lacity.org>

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London

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9557069/Residents-Los-Angeles-Venice-say-world-famous-beach-boardwalk-crippled-crime.html>

LA Times

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-13/venice-beachfront-property-destroyed-in-early-morning-fire>

Ireland

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/us/la-divided-on-how-to-deal-with-homeless-encampments-on-venice-beach-1.4544729> Fox News

The Atlantic

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/07/unbundling-police-venice/613822/>

Fox News

<https://www.foxla.com/news/business-owner-on-venice-boardwalk-shutting-down-shop-after-rise-in-crime-and-drugs-in-area>

NBC

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/venice-beach-homeless-crime-fires-tents-homelessness/2569359/#:~:text=Now%2C%20Venice's%20housed%20residents%20are,for%20the%20homeless%20in%20Venice.&text=LAPD%20crime%20stats%20from%202020,suspect%20was%20described%20as%20homeless.>

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Los Angeles,
California
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●○○○○○ Reviewed June 19, 2020 📱 via mobile

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[Ask 462lorraines about Venice Beach](#)

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Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 10:14 AM
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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Venice Neighborhood Council

Name: Ira Koslow

Phone Number: (310) 392-0868

Email: president@venicenc.org

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Date of NC Board Action: 02/16/2021

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

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Update to a Previous Input: No

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Agenda Date:

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[Los Angeles, CA 90012](#)

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5/17/2021

City of Los Angeles Mail - Please Recognize the Disaster that Current City Policies Have Created - Clean Up Venice Beach Immediately

Fax: (213) 202-2610

Mail Stop: 625/15

Website: www.laparks.org



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please, please watch!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 18, 2021 at 8:40 AM

To: Thomas Williams <

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Cc: Sally Martinez <sally.martinez@lacity.org>, councilmember Cedillo <councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org>, Mike Bonin <mike.bonin@lacity.org>, Mike Feuer <mike.n.feuer@lacity.org>, Westminster Senior Center <westminster.seniorcenter@lacity.org>, Debbie Harris <debbie.dynerrharris@lacity.org>, Paul Backstrom <paul.backstrom@lacity.org>, Sherman Torres <sherman.torres@lacity.org>, Nisa Kove <nisa.kove@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Ralph Terrazas <ralph.terrazas@lacity.org>, Dexter O'Connell <dexter.oconnell@lacity.org>, Ron Galperin <controller.galperin@lacity.org>, Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, Albert Torres <albert.torres@lacity.org>, Public Safety <publicsafety@venicenc.org>, Jamie <

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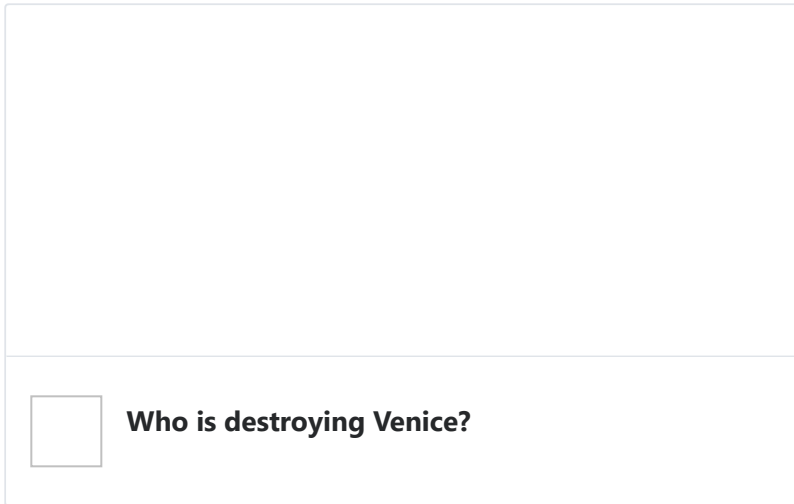
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On Mon, May 17, 2021 at 10:41 AM Thomas Williams <

> wrote:

The link to the documentary below graphically illustrates the crisis happening in Venice. This was published yesterday. Please watch.

[Who is destroying Venice?](#)



I

As a long time resident, home owner and father of two, I 'm begging for anyone's attention and help. This is out of control.

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Re: Please Recognize the Disaster that Current City Policies Have Created - Clean Up Venice Beach Immediately

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Wed, May 19, 2021 at 2:34 PM

To: John Baginski <

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On Wed, May 19, 2021 at 2:09 PM John Baginski <j

> wrote:

People and businesses are fleeing Venice due to the homeless crisis. Home values are dropping. Crime is skyrocketing. Fires are an almost daily event. Please clean up Venice Beach immediately.

Mike Bonin is destroying Venice by refusing any cleanups and allowing anyone to illegally camp on Venice Beach on live in RVs on our streets. We need your help.

Long time Venice Beach resident Crocodile Dundee is fleeing Venice because of the horrible situation on Venice Beach.

TMZ**NEWS****SPORTS****VIDEOS****PHOTOS****WATCH TMZ**

As you may know ... the Venice Beach area that was once a tourism hot spot in L.A. has become a hellscape of sorts during the COVID-19 pandemic, and Hogan's note seems to be directed to the many homeless camped out near his home.

Paul and his 22-year-old son, **Chance**, have reportedly been stuck inside his beachside mansion -- which locals describe as a fortress -- for months as the homeless crisis and crime has spiraled out of control in the area.

**HOMELESS CRISIS IN VENICE BEACH****LAUNCH GALLERY** 

Getty

Hogan's stated he can't wait for the pandemic to be over so he can flee ... which echoes what many others have expressed about L.A. in recent months, as city and county officials have been criticized for not doing enough to address what's going on.

John Baginski

30 Year Venice Resident

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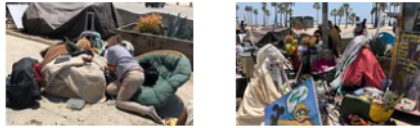
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On Thu, May 20, 2021 at 7:30 AM John Baginski <jbaginski@westlandeng.com> wrote:

Not Good for Tourism, Residents, PEH. We are the poster child for a city destroyed by disastrous policy. When are you going to clean up Venice Beach? How long can you hide behind Mike Bonin's disasterous leadership.

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Re: Ted Cruz Tweet - About the Disaster that is Happening in Venice

1 message

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Tue, May 25, 2021 at 8:36 AM

To: John Baginski <

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> wrote:

← **Tweet**



Ted Cruz @tedcruz · May 21

Wow. A good friend of mine in CA sent me the video below. What a powerful, moving indictment of the failed policies in Venice Beach producing poverty, drug addiction, homelessness, public defecation & rampant violence.

This is WRONG. We can do better.



Who is destroying Venice?
Here are some things you can do to help Venice Community and help save LA Beaches from ...
youtube.com

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I am extremely horrified and sad Venice Beach is on the national stage as an indictment to failed city policies. No longer as a tourist attraction. No longer as a fun place to go on vacation. No longer as a up and coming place to live. *As an indictment of failed policies that you are partially responsible for.*

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Venice is getting destroyed and we need your help.

John Baginski

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From: John Baginski

Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 11:26 AM

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Re: Removal of the fencing at Oakwood Park 5/21/21 Dogs Off Leash

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, May 24, 2021 at 8:49 AM

To: Laura Ceballos <

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Cc: Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org>, Pamela Anderson <

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> wrote:

Hello Laura,

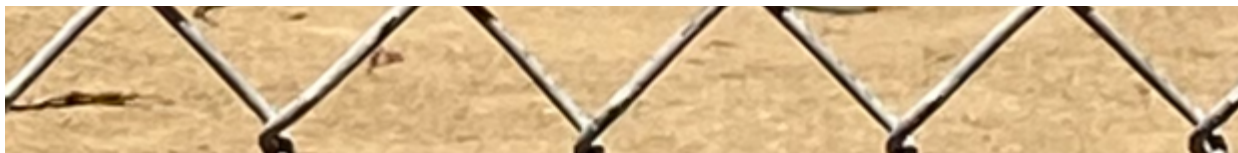
I was at Oakwood Park today from noon until 3:30 today and seen the constant traffic with dogs off leash at Oakwood Park. There was no police enforcement presence. I have added the picture of just some of the dogs off leash today, there were many more dogs that were off leash roaming the field. I ask one lady with a white bulldog to please leash her dog and she replied he's fine. I responded no he is not, there are children around and signs posted all over so please leash your dog. She ignored me.

The banners and signs we know are not effective. These dog owners feel entitled and feel they are above the law. The community asked for permanent removal of partial fencing that doesn't require staff, LAPD, or Animal Controls assistance. We know this is a solution that will deter dog owners from unleashing their dogs. Who's side are you guys on? This issue has been going on since 2009. Upper managements refusal to address the problem and the constant push back speaks volumes. For the record, this issue has not been resolved!!!

Laura Ceballos
Community Organizer







On May 13, 2021, at 8:27 AM, Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Morning, Laura

To summarize our progress:

- RAP has placed "No Off Leash Dog" Banners on two fences at Oakwood Park;
- RAP has been communicating daily with dog owners about keeping their dogs on leash while at the Park;
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- RAP will continue to work with the Council Office and other City Departments such as Animal Control, LAPD and our RAP Park Rangers for better enforcement of the municipal code

I will continue to keep you posted on any additional information I receive related to this matter.

Laura

Laura Island
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On Fri, May 7, 2021 at 1:44 PM Laura Ceballos <

> wrote:

Laura,

Thank you for keeping all us informed.

Laura Ceballos
Oakwood Park Advisory Board.

On May 7, 2021, at 12:37 PM, Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon, Laura.

Thank you for your email.

Here's an update...

Several Department of Recreation and Parks employees from the Recreation, Maintenance and Construction Divisions were at Oakwood Park this week to perform a site visit. We discussed the issues at length. As I am informed, I will make sure to share with you any news on the status of the fencing and response to safety concerns at the park.

Thank you,
Laura

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On Fri, May 7, 2021 at 11:12 AM Laura Ceballos < > wrote:
Hello Laura,

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Laura Ceballos
Oakwood Park Advisory Board

> On May 7, 2021, at 11:11 AM, Laura Ceballos > wrote:

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Re: 5/21/21 Oakwood Park Dogs off Leash

1 message

Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org> Fri, May 21, 2021 at 6:40 PM

To: Laura Ceballos <laura.island@lacity.org>
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Good evening, Laura.

Although I don't see any attached photos here, I did see your other email with the photo as well as your comments. I will investigate where we are with the fences as well as do my best to address our enforcement problems.

I hope to get back to you early next week with additional information.

I hope you have a nice weekend.

Laura

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On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 5:59 PM Laura Ceballos <lceballos70@gmail.com> wrote:













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Re: 5/21/21 Oakwood Park Dogs off Leash

1 message

Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org> Sat, May 22, 2021 at 7:27 AM
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Good morning, All!

I received an update from Construction last evening. The materials for the retractable fencing have been ordered. As soon as work crews have the material they will remove the present fencing and install the new rolling gate. The work should be completed prior to 6/11.

I will keep everyone updated on any additional information I receive.

Thank you,
 Laura

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Keith,

I was at the park today at noon and stayed for a couple of hours and there were a large number of dog owners coming by the park with their dogs off leash. Permanent partial removal of the gating is the solution. We have had the issue for years. The enforcement as we know is only temporary and the retractable fencing requires staff assistance to unlock and lock the gates. We know this is not going to work. I don't understand why upper management is unable to resolve this issue since it is a public safety issue which should be a priority.

Laura C

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More information to share regarding the opening and closing of the two retractable gates.

During the summer program (June 14 - August 13), staff will open the retractable gates at 7:30 am and close the gates at 8:00 pm. For the safety of the program participants, the gates will be locked during our outdoor recreation programming times.

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Have a good evening.

Laura

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Re: Dangerous Encampment at Westminster Elementary School in Venice

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 18, 2021 at 2:29 PM

To: Rukshana Alexander < >

Cc: Mike Bonin <mike.bonin@lacity.org>, Morgan Bostic <morgan.bostic@lacity.org>, 40122@lapd.online, Steve Zimmer < >, Chantel Hunter-Mah < >, Mike Feuer <mike.n.feuer@lacity.org>, Robert Davis <Robert.Davis@lacity.org>, Allison Holdorff < >, Councilmember Martinez <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, Dexter O'Connell <dexter.oconnell@lacity.org>, Felicia < >, 43243@lapd.online, Nisa Kove <nisa.kove@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 9:58 AM Rukshana Alexander < >

> wrote:

City Officials, LAUSD board members & LAPD representatives,

I am a parent of a child that attends Westminster Elementary School in Venice and I am deeply concerned and outraged about the homeless encampment that is surrounding the school.

The violence and drug use is increasing at an exponential rate and I don't feel it's safe for any of our children to be attending this school! We are constantly witnessing fights, drug use, harassment and human excrement around the school.

We lived in Venice and moved out of the neighborhood last year because of the homeless issue in this town but made a choice to keep sending our son to Westminster because it's an amazing school. However, if this situation is not resolved we will pull our child out.

You have a fiduciary duty as officials to keep our children safe but you are failing!

Rukshana Alexander

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City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Dear Sir or Madam Councilperson,



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Re: Dear Sir or Madam Councilperson,

1 message

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Mon, May 17, 2021 at 9:35 AM

To: Paul Stalcup <>

Cc: Mayor Helpdesk <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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On Sun, May 16, 2021 at 4:03 PM Paul Stalcup <>

> wrote:

Dear Sir or Madam Councilperson,

I am writing on behalf of the Mar Vista Seniors Club, which met at Mar Vista Park in Los Angeles, 90066 for 31 years. I might as well be writing for all of the clubs in the Los Angeles Federation of Senior Citizens Clubs. as we are all in the same boat. There seems to be NO funding for our clubs.

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Thanking you in advance for your help resolving this matter.

Respectfully,

Byron Stalcup

President

Mar Vista Seniors Club

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Re: Dear Sir or Madam,

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Mon, May 17, 2021 at 9:37 AM

To: Brigitte Wustman < >

Cc: Mayor Helpdesk <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>

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The Proposition K (L.A. For Kids Program) 10th Competitive Grant Funding Cycle will provide \$2,070,100 in Unrestricted Funds to be available for all/any of the following eight (8) funding categories: 1. Regional Recreation/Education Facilities, 2. Neighborhood At-Risk Youth Recreation Facilities, 3. Youth Schools/Recreational Projects, 4. Aquatic Upgrades, 5. Athletic Fields, 6. Lighting, 7. Urban Greening, and 8. Acquisition of Parks/Natural Land. Proposals are due May 27, 2021.

The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) would like to submit a proposal for Category 1 – Regional Recreation/Education Facilities funds totaling \$680,000 to complete Phase II Restoration of Frank Lloyd Wright's Residence A. Located in East Hollywood's Barnsdall Park at 4800 Hollywood Boulevard, Residence A is one of two buildings designed by the famed American architect and owned by the City of Los Angeles. It is part of the National Historic Landmark 'Aline Barnsdall Complex' and within the Hollyhock House UNESCO World Heritage site. Begun in 2017, a major restoration of this structure was initiated as a collaboration between the DCA, Bureau of Engineering, General Services Department, and Project Restore. Completion of the project will preserve and make this landmark site accessible to youth and general audiences through educational programming and tours.

The scope of work for this funding request is as follows:

1. Restoration of interior historic features: plaster walls and ceilings, wood flooring, fireplaces, and stairways.
2. Restoration of the original millwork: wood windows and doors, wood trim and molding, and period appropriate wood finishes and treatments.
3. Restoration and upgrade of interior electrical and lighting systems, including period appropriate light fixtures, outlets, and switches throughout the house as well as secondary lighting to enhance architectural features and functionality in and around the structure.
4. Recreation of key furniture elements and built-in components based on original design drawings.
5. Implementation of site grading, exterior lighting, and landscaping, as well as ADA commensurate hardscaping and a path of travel, which together provide access, safety, security, and historical interpretation.
6. Engagement of designers and consultants specializing in historic preservation.

Pursuant to the Request for Proposal (RFP), the DCA proposal must include a Council approved motion committing to make the property available for the project.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council authorize the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) to submit a proposal for the Proposition K – Tenth Cycle RFP and commit to make the Residence A property located in Barnsdall Park available for purposes of the project and its related programs and services, if DCA is awarded funds for Phase II Restoration of Frank Lloyd Wright's Residence A.

PRESENTED BY: 

MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY: 

MAY 18 2021 

MOTION

Completing the active transportation paths along the Los Angeles River, known as the "LARiverWay," will create a 51-mile spine for the region's growing bicycle network. The LARiverWay's completion is a fundamental goal of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan and the Mobility element of the General Plan. Significant gaps in the LARiverWay system exist along the L.A. River through the San Fernando Valley. The City of Los Angeles has been proactive in investing in planning and design; and seeking grant funding to fill the system gaps in the Valley. The Bureau of Engineering completed a feasibility report that identifies the nine segment alignments and a sequencing plan for implementation (C.F. 17-0302).

Los Angeles County Voters approved Measure M in 2016 to invest in the region's transportation facilities. Among its programs, Measure M includes \$60 million to complete the San Fernando Valley LARiverWay. This funding, while not sufficient to complete the needed projects on its own, is available to be used as a match for applications seeking external grant funding.

The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) is a program under the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) the objective of which is to create and enhance access to federal recreation lands by constructing and improving transportation facilities. Because the L.A. River and the nascent LARiverWay run through the federal Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area, LARiverWay elements adjacent to the Sepulveda Basin are good candidates for FLAP funding as they will help bring more people to the federal recreation lands more safely.

The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program is a program also under the USDOT the objective of which is to invest in various types of transportation infrastructure throughout the nation. Segments of the LARiverWay are good candidates for RAISE program funding because of their safety, health, greenhouse gas reduction, and other benefits. Additionally, the RAISE program encourages the creative inclusion of other key infrastructure elements into project applications, especially to benefit disadvantaged communities.

To formulate grant applications for both the FLAP and RAISE programs for segments of and related infrastructure along the LARiverWay in the San Fernando Valley;

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering be authorized to apply for FLAP program funding, to execute grant agreements if successful, to receive funding, and to administer project implementation.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering be authorized to apply for RAISE program funding, to execute grant agreements if successful, to receive funding, and to administer implementation.


I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering be directed to work with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to identify match funding for both the FLAP and RAISE funding applications; and to develop, execute, and administer any necessary agreements to effectuate matching funds contribution from the LACMTA; and to receive matching funds from the LACMTA as needed and transfer funds to granting agencies as needed.

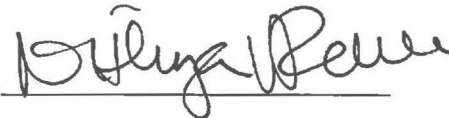
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I FURTHER MOVE for the Bureau of Engineering to make any correction, revisions, or clarifications, as needed, to the above instructions to effectuate the intent of this motion.

PRESENTED BY: 
NURY MARTINEZ
Councilwoman, 6th District

SECONDED BY: 



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Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

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On Mon, May 17, 2021 at 9:33 AM Garcia Incareal < > wrote:

MAY 17, 21

Council member Gill Cedillo

On May 8 it was reported to you the Graffiti on The Sycamore Grove Park.

You have said in the past that this should take 48 hrs to removed.

The Graffiti is still there and it has been longer than 48 hrs.

Attach pictures again.

Mauro Garcia

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Re: Homeless

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On Thu, May 20, 2021 at 8:57 AM Michael Smith < > wrote:

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While homeless is not a crime, more and more I see people who CHOOSE homelessness as a lifestyle to the detriment of public health and our community spaces. I don't believe more housing availability will change their housing choices.

We have to protected our sidewalks and public space, and if we have to put people in jail to get them, off the street, sober, and into programs then we should do that.

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Re: letter to commissioners

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, May 19, 2021 at 3:48 PM

To: linda blank <

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On Wed, May 19, 2021 at 2:45 PM linda blank

> wrote:

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May 17, 2021

Via e-mail (rap.commissioners@lacity.org)
Commissioner Sylvia Patsouras
Commissioner Lynn Alvarez
Commissioner Tafari Bayne
Commissioner Nicole Chase
Commissioner Joseph Halper
Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department
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Dear Commissioners

On behalf of the Westwood Homeowners Association, we are very concerned about the process now in place by which the Commissioners authorize RAP's request for funds for proposed projects. As it pertains to the Westwood community, RAP has already obtained authorization to use \$650,000 to replace play equipment at Westwood Recreation Park and \$.13 million to place the play equipment at Holmby Park even though there had not been any notice to the community that RAP was seeking these funds nor had there been any community input regarding either of those plans. In fact, the funds were allocated before any actual plans were submitted to the community for comment. It makes no sense that RAP should be authorized to be allowed to use these allocated funds as it deems fit without first having the community involved.. A rational process should be that RAP be required to present its proposal to the community, the community vets the plan and has the right to approve or disapprove the proposal. Only then, once a plan has been fully developed and it is bid, should RAP come before the Commission to seek approval,

A perfect example of how this current process makes no sense was exemplified last week when Darryl Ford again presented RAP's new playground proposal to the Holmby PAB. Several members of the PAB and the community had strong objections to the proposal, questioned whether it was necessary and inquired whether the allocated funds could be used elsewhere. For instance, for a bathroom closer to the childrens' play area. The response was that the Commission has already approved the use of the funds for the playground.

At the recent PAB meeting at Westwood Recreation Park, again the same issues were raised. Fortunately the community had learned about RAP's intention to seek an additional \$750,000 for the replacement of all of the equipment at Aiden's Place and was able to mobilize the community's objection. Fortunately the Commission did not rubber stamping a project because it had not been vetted by the community. And it is astounding that RAP requested these addition funds even though there were only a rough schematic had done. In fact, to date, only concept drawings are available.

Commissioners

May 17, 2021

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We are pleased that there are funds available to restore or enhance our parks, but the process must be altered.

- First the community must be engaged.
- Second, there must be a viable plan that has the buy in from the community.
- Third, the approved plan should be bid.
- Fourth, only then should RAP come before this Commission seeking approval of the costs.

The existing process is backward. The Commission needs to demand the RAP become more transparent and collaborative before it comes before you. As a community we are tired of being blindsided by RAP imposing its agenda upon us. We hope that in the future, that will change. But it will only occur if the Commission places demands on RAP and refuses to rubber stamp a project unless there has already been collaboration and buy in by the community

The Quimby funds are not a slush fund that can be doled out at the whim of RAP.

Very truly yours,



Linda Blank

cc. Mike Shull
Paul Koretz

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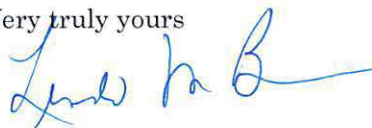
Dear Commissioners:

I thank Commissioner Patsouras' prompt reply to my May 17 letter. I have shared it with members of our community. Please know that our community recognizes and respects the substantial time and effort all the commissioners put in. We know that all of you take your responsibilities seriously and I apologize if the language in my letter seems to question your or the other commissioners integrity. We appreciate how seriously you take your responsibilities. In fact, the suggestion with regard to process was intended no only to make the process transparent, but to make the Commissioners job easier since with community support, your task in evaluating a proposed project should be easier.

It was interesting to learn for the first time that RAP staff coordinates with our Councilman since his representative never approached the community seeking their input with respect to redoing the playground equipment at either Westwood Rec or at Holmby Park. In fact we were led to believe that the Councilman was not aware of the playground remodeling or fund allocation which the Commission has approved.. It is this disconnect that we believe needs to be remedied. .

Let me reiterate that while we are pleased that there are funds available to restore or enhance our parks, we still believe it is critical that the community is engaged RAP brings the project to the Commission is essential and that as a Commission you should demand that there be community buy in. Even if our councilman were to approve a RAP proposal, based on our experience it is evident that that does not guarantee that the proposal is endorsed by the community.

Very truly yours



Linda M. Blank

cc.
Mike Shulll
Paul Koretz



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Re: PAB Westwood Park

1 message

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

Tue, May 25, 2021 at 1:45 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Tue, May 25, 2021 at 10:16 AM c hristina

> wrote:

From: c hristina**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 00:58**To:** paul.koretz@lacity.org; michael.a.shull@lacity.org; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org; brad.fingard@lacity.org**Subject:** PAB Westwood Park

Gentleman,

I am exhausted by how difficult you are making it to simply KEEP OUR PARK A PARK here in Westwood. This is one of the most densely populated areas of LA where residents have no private yards and no greenspace nearby other than private golf courses. All I want is **unprogrammed greenspace** that serves a basic and dire human need! But despite my longtime involvement and struggle, I am only forced to watch you make this park into a sport facility, filling every inch with hardscape, and satisfying dog needs before human needs.

Taking away the open field by the soccer lobby was a blow to this community. But we thought we would at least be left with the east side of the park remaining as a park. But in reality, that has become a homeless camp with no efforts being made to give it back to the people living in the area. Prior to the second even larger soccer field crammed into this park, it was a slap in the face that a HUGE dog park was put right smack in the middle of the pretty greenspace, instead of into some corner. Nobody in the neighborhood was asked about this plan. Now I hear you want to make a toilet area here too! There is no end to the disrespect towards the people living here who just want to have a bit of nature in a very busy and built up part of the city. Garcetti makes big sounds about adding parks in LA. Well, here in Westwood our park has been shrinking! It's an athletic field, not a park! Fences and off gassing fake grass instead of trees and lawns. Koretz likes to make folks believe how 'green' he is. Well let's see a beautiful green park of the small remaining east side of Westwood park at least. Stop taking it away yard by yard every single year!

- No more hardscape anywhere on or near the eastern portion of the yard.
- Clean up this area now for the use of the residents.
- Spend money on restoring the east side's natural look before any other expenditures.

Thank you,
a concerned and caring neighbor

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Rangers seizure of property

1 message

Erin Hauer < >
To: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Thu, May 20, 2021 at 12:27 PM

Dear Recreation and Parks Commissioners Board Members Sylvia Patsouras, Lynn Alvarez, Nichole Chase, Pilar Diaz, Joseph Halper;

Dear Executive Office Members Michael Shull Anthony-Paul Diaz, Vicki Israel, Sophia Piña-Cortez;

Dear Public Relations Director Rose Watson;

Dear Park Rangers Joe Losorelli, Patrick Joyce, Albert Torres, Joe Pineda,

I am a concerned resident of Glassell Park writing to you about violence that was enacted by Recs and Parks Rangers towards two residents this morning at Avenue 64 and the 110 freeway.

Early this morning, while my friend was away at work, Rec and Parks Rangers along with LAPD tore down and seized the structure that she was living in. My friend doesn't have housing; and has been living in a shelter she constructed. Not only did Rangers and LAPD destroy her shelter and the shelter of an 80-year old man who lives nearby, but your staff also took all of their personal belongings from them. **These actions violate the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California's ruling in Garcia vs. City of Los Angeles, which prohibits the city from seizing and permanently destroying bulky items in public spaces. The due process required in this ruling is protected by the Fourth amendment and Fourteenth amendments of the United States Constitution, and California Constitution.**

In addition, Recs and Parks Rangers and LAPD told one resident that he would have to move from the area and could go into Project Roomkey. This is false information, as LAHSA case workers in the area have told us that Project Roomkey is at full capacity and not accepting any new residents. **Please make sure your staff are aware of current practices before misinforming someone and saying they can get into temporary housing.**

The public servants employed within your department destroyed these residents' shelters; took away their personal belongings; and gave them false information. This behavior is completely unacceptable, and in fact deplorable that Recs and Parks staff would serve the public in this destructive fashion. **I request that you use your position to find out where all of their personal belongings are being held, so we might alleviate some of the violence committed against my neighbors. It is a requirement that any property seized by the City from unhoused community members must be stored for at least 90 days, and you must allow for retrieval by the owner.** I look forward to hearing more details about how their belongings can be returned to them.

Homelessness in our city is the result of a lack of both affordable housing and supportive community services. In the absence of these basic services, displacing and robbing our neighbors causes enormous harm, and I hope that Recs and Parks Rangers will not participate in such destructive behavior towards my community again.

Thank you for your assistance,
Erin Hauer
Los Angeles, CA



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS AT MARMION WAY AND AVENUE 64 DISPLACED BY PARK RANGERS

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 21, 2021 at 10:59 AM

To: Jane Demian >

Cc: RAP PublicInfo <RAP.publicinfo@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Matthew.tenchavez@lacity.org, Brian Buchner <Brian.buchner@lacity.org>, Jennifer.barraza@lacity.org, Sarah Flaherty <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>, Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>, Jane Demian <jane.demian1@gmail.com>

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 9:15 AM <

> wrote:

Good morning.

I am a concerned resident of Eagle Rock writing to you about violent displacement that was enacted by Recs and Parks Rangers towards unhoused residents at the Avenue 64, Marmion Way island near the 110 freeway. The individuals living there have no housing and have been living in a shelter constructed on that site.

At 6:30am Thursday morning, May 20, 2021, while one of the residents of that encampment was away at work, Rec and Parks Rangers, along with LAPD, tore down and seized the structure that the residents were living in. Park Rangers and LAPD destroyed shelter of the main resident and an **80-year-old man** who lives in a tent nearby. Recs and Park staff also took all of their personal belongings from them including a mattress and bedding of the elderly man. **These actions violate the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California's ruling in Garcia vs. City of Los Angeles, which prohibits the city from seizing and permanently destroying bulky items in public spaces. The due process required in this ruling is protected by the Fourth amendment and Fourteenth amendments of the United States Constitution, and California Constitution. The Recs and Parks Dept is part of the City of Los Angeles and is required to conform to this ruling.**

No advance notice was given of the displacement and LAHSA outreach workers were not available to ACTUALLY offer housing to the residents at that location.

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The location at Marmion Way and Avenue 64 is actually an island next to a freeway and no park amenities are present for public use. Previously the site was unkempt, overgrown with weeds, in a state of disrepair and an actual fire hazard before the unhoused residents created shelter there. Therefore, that location does not actually conform to the definition of a "park" in LAMC 63.44 B (26). The unhoused residents cleared the overgrown weeds, landscaped, planted and maintained sunflowers and trees, purchased operational fire extinguishers to prevent fires from fireworks set off during July 4th and New Years, and improved the location considerably. The unhoused resident of that location is well known to the community and has received help from many community members to maintain that space. Depriving her and the other residents of that property is not in keeping with other City ordinances that allow unhoused residents to maintain their tents and belongings according to LAMC 56.11 and COVID emergency protocols.

In addition, most of North East LA is within a High Fire Severity Zone, therefore using the High Fire Severity Zone as a reason to displace the residents of that location does not take into account that the unhoused residents' practice of clearing that location of weeds and other debris actually helps to mitigate any high fire risk, along with keeping on hand operational fire extinguishers. The unhoused residents did a much better job at clearing brush than most housed residents. In addition, they planted, watered and maintained healthy trees, shrubs and flowers to the delight of community members.

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Re: Protect Unhoused Community Members

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Tue, May 25, 2021 at 8:26 AM

To: Dain McClurg <>

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On Sat, May 22, 2021 at 6:53 PM Dain McClurg <> wrote:

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We need to stop treating unhoused people like a nuisance or problem or eyesore. I would happily live along side these encampments and see them provided with access to basic amenities and most importantly respect.

Marion Dunham

Sent from the Moon

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Nate Johnson

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Marmion Way Displacement

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 25, 2021 at 8:29 AM

To: Lauren Harman < >

Cc: Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>, Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, RAP PublicInfo <RAP.publicinfo@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Matthew Tenchavez <Matthew.tenchavez@lacity.org>, Brian Buchner <Brian.buchner@lacity.org>, Jennifer Barraza <Jennifer.barraza@lacity.org>, Sarah Flaherty <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>

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On Mon, May 24, 2021 at 10:36 AM Lauren Harman < >

> wrote:

Hello,

I am a concerned resident of Central LA (Echo Park) writing to you about the violent displacement that was enacted by Parks and Rec Rangers towards unhoused residents at the Avenue 64, Marmion Way island near the 110 freeway. The individuals living there have no housing and have been living in a shelter constructed on that site.

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5/25/2021

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Lauren Harman

Resident of Echo Park ()

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Re: unhoused residents living at Marmion Way and Avenue 64

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 25, 2021 at 8:31 AM

To: Stephanie Miranda <

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Cc: Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, RAP PublicInfo <RAP.publicinfo@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Matthew Tenchavez <Matthew.tenchavez@lacity.org>, Brian Buchner <Brian.buchner@lacity.org>, Jennifer Barraza <Jennifer.barraza@lacity.org>, Sarah Flaherty <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>, Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>

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On Mon, May 24, 2021 at 5:09 PM Stephanie Miranda <

> wrote:

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Re: Sweep at Marmion Way and Ave 64

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 21, 2021 at 11:06 AM

To: Savannah Gilmore <

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Cc: RAP PublicInfo <RAP.publicinfo@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Matthew.tenchavez@lacity.org, Brian Buchner <Brian.buchner@lacity.org>, Michael.schull@lacity.org, Jennifer.barraza@lacity.org

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On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 9:24 AM Savannah Gilmore < > wrote:

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Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please return belongings for our UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS AT MARMION WAY AND AVENUE 64

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 21, 2021 at 11:07 AM

To: Cyndi Otteson <

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Cc: Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Matthew.tenchavez@lacity.org, Brian Buchner <Brian.buchner@lacity.org>, Jennifer.barraza@lacity.org

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On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 9:32 AM Cyndi Otteson <

> wrote:

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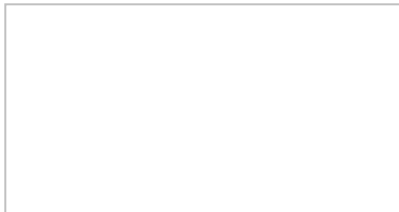
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Re: Unhoused neighbors at Marmion Way & Ave 64 displaced by Rec & Parks

1 message

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Fri, May 21, 2021 at 11:10 AM

To: Cyndi Otteson < >

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> wrote:

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Yesterday morning, unhoused residents living at Marmion Way and Avenue 64 were violently displaced by Recs and Parks and LAPD. No notice was given of the sweep. The unhoused residents spent a great deal of time clearing the island space next to the 110 frwy, building the shelter, tilling the soil, landscaping by planting trees, shrubs and flowers, but the City completely bulldozed the site. The main resident was away at work and only the 80-year-old and his friend were there to move all the belongings they could in the short time period before everything was discarded or taken to the City storage unit.

I am a concerned resident of Northeast Los Angeles, and writing to you as an advocate and person who does outreach to our unhoused neighbors about violent displacement that was enacted by Recs and Parks Rangers towards unhoused residents at the Avenue 64, Marmion Way island near the 110 freeway. The individuals living there have no housing and have been living in a shelter constructed on that site.

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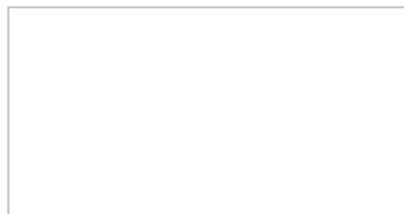
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Re: MARMION WAY AND AVENUE 64 DISPLACEMENT

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 21, 2021 at 11:13 AM

To: Tommy Rasera < >

Cc: Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Matthew.tenchavez@lacity.org, Brian Buchner <Brian.buchner@lacity.org>, Jennifer.barraza@lacity.org, Sarah Flaherty <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>, Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>

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Re: Illegal Displacement of Unhoused Neighbors

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 21, 2021 at 11:16 AM

To: Elliot Kilham < >

Cc: Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Matthew.tenchavez@lacity.org, Brian Buchner <Brian.buchner@lacity.org>, Jennifer.barraza@lacity.org, Sarah Flaherty <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>, Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>

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On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 9:50 AM Elliot Kilham < >

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Re: Violent Displacement at the Marmion Way Island 5/20/21

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 21, 2021 at 11:19 AM

To: Natalie Warner <

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Cc: Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, RAP PublicInfo <RAP.publicinfo@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Matthew Tenchavez <Matthew.tenchavez@lacity.org>, Brian Buchner <Brian.buchner@lacity.org>, Jennifer.barraza@lacity.org, Sarah Flaherty <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>, Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>, Jane Demian <

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On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 10:06 AM Natalie Warner <

> wrote:

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1 message

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Fri, May 21, 2021 at 11:21 AM

To: Cooper Kenward <

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Re: Parks & Rec Displacement of Unhoused Neighbors at Marmion Way & Avenue 64

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 21, 2021 at 11:23 AM

To: Jack Bentele <

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Sent via [Superhuman](#)

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Re: UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS AT MARMION WAY AND AVENUE 64 DISPLACED BY RECS AND PARKS

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 21, 2021 at 11:24 AM

To: Stephanie Weber <

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Re: Shameful Sweep at Ave 64 / Marmion Way

1 message

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Fri, May 21, 2021 at 11:27 AM

To: Matt Goldberg >

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Matthew Goldberg

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Unhoused neighbors at Ave 64 and Marmion entrance to the 110 displaced

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 21, 2021 at 2:48 PM

To: Ellen Glasston <

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Cc: Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, RAP PublicInfo <RAP.publicinfo@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Matthew Tenchavez <Matthew.tenchavez@lacity.org>, Brian Buchner <Brian.buchner@lacity.org>, Jennifer Barraza <Jennifer.barraza@lacity.org>, Sarah Flaherty <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>, Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>

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On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 12:42 PM Ellen Glasston <

> wrote:

To our distinguished representatives at LA City,

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LA County homeowner / tax payer

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Re: Forceful displacement of a neighbor

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 21, 2021 at 2:57 PM

To: Veronica Huerta <

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On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 1:01 PM Veronica Huerta <

> wrote:

I am a concerned resident of Glassell Park writing to you about violent displacement that was enacted by Recs and Parks Rangers towards unhoused residents at the Avenue 64, Marmion Way island near the 110 freeway. The individuals living there have no housing and have been living in a shelter constructed on that site.

I know them personally, and I can attest to their commitment to that space, they took care of that space better than many homeowners in the area. They should be an example, not trash to dispose of.

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We are prepared to take legal action against you.

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Re: MARMION WAY AND AVENUE 64 RESIDENTS DISPLACED BY RECS AND PARKS and LAPD

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 21, 2021 at 2:59 PM

To: Viet Nguyen <

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On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 2:16 PM Viet Nguyen <

> wrote:

Hello,

I am a concerned resident and homeowner in Eagle Rock, writing to you about violent displacement that was enacted by Recs and Parks Rangers towards unhoused residents at the Avenue 64, Marmion Way island near the 110 freeway. The individuals living there have no housing and have been living in a shelter constructed on that site.

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Viet Nguyen, MD, MPH

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Letter from a concerned NELA citizen re: outrageous destruction of encampment at Ave 64 and Marmion Way

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 21, 2021 at 3:08 PM

To: Audrey Mandelbaum <

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Cc: Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, RAP PublicInfo <RAP.publicinfo@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Matthew Tenchavez <Matthew.tenchavez@lacity.org>, Brian Buchner <Brian.buchner@lacity.org>, Jennifer Barraza <Jennifer.barraza@lacity.org>, Sarah Flaherty <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>, Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>, Audrey Mandelbaum <

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On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 12:14 PM Audrey Mandelbaum <

> wrote:

To whom it may concern:

I am a resident of Eagle Rock in LA, a parent and an active user of local parks.

I was outraged to hear that very early this morning, Recs and Parks rangers and LAPD destroyed the carefully erected and brush-cleared homeless encampment on Ave 64 and Marmion Way at 6:30 am. The unhoused residents who lived on this small 110-adjacent island left it in better shape than previously, and then with no rational explanation or advance notice were violently displaced. Their belongings were taken from them, in violation of the US District Court ruling in Garcia vs. City of LA. This ruling prohibits the city from seizing and permanently destroying bulky items in public spaces. The due process required in this ruling is protected by the Fourth amendment and Fourteenth amendments of the United States Constitution, and California Constitution. The Recs and Parks Dept is part of the City of Los Angeles and is required to conform to this ruling.

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Los Angeles is not, and can never be, accessible only to those who can afford the outrageous cost of living here. I feel strongly that the displacement of those who can't afford housing in NELA is the wrong solution. I ask as a taxpaying citizen who actively uses Parks and Park Services that Recs and Parks Rangers not participate in displacing my unhoused neighbors or giving them misleading info about the easy availability of housing.

While we work on solutions to the great challenges of homelessness, I ask that you kindly allow the residents to remain in that location until suitable permanent housing is available to them.

Thank you.

Audrey Mandelbaum



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Justice for the unhoused NELA community

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 21, 2021 at 4:34 PM

To: sarah stockton <

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On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 3:47 PM sarah stockton <

> wrote:

Hello,

My name is Sarah Stockton, and I'm a concerned resident of Cypress Park. I am writing to you today regarding violent displacement that was enacted by Recs and Parks Rangers towards unhoused residents at the Avenue 64, Marmion Way island near the 110 freeway. The individuals living there have no housing and have been living in a shelter constructed on that site.

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Sarah and Zachary Stockton

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Re: Avenue 64, Marmion Way Island Sweep

1 message

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Fri, May 21, 2021 at 4:35 PM

To: Kuniko Vroman >

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> wrote:

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Re: UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS AT MARMION WAY AND AVENUE 64

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, May 24, 2021 at 8:14 AM

To: Jessica Barajas <>

Cc: "michael.a.shull@lacity.org" <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, "RAP.publicinfo@lacity.org" <RAP.publicinfo@lacity.org>, "brenda.aguirre@lacity.org" <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, "Matthew.tenchavez@lacity.org" <Matthew.tenchavez@lacity.org>, "Brian.buchner@lacity.org" <Brian.buchner@lacity.org>, "Jennifer.barraza@lacity.org" <Jennifer.barraza@lacity.org>, "sarah.flaherty@lacity.org" <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>, "alice.roth@lacity.org" <alice.roth@lacity.org>

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On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 4:56 PM Jessica Barajas <>

> wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Displacement of Unhoused Peoples

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, May 24, 2021 at 8:17 AM

To: Olivia Talbott <

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On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 6:40 PM Olivia Talbott

> wrote:

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Re: Concerned, Angry and Distraught over yesterdays action of displacement.

1 message

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Mon, May 24, 2021 at 8:21 AM

To: philip berger <

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Cc: RAP PublicInfo <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>, Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Matthew Tenchavez <Matthew.tenchavez@lacity.org>, Brian Buchner <Brian.buchner@lacity.org>, Jennifer Barraza <Jennifer.barraza@lacity.org>, Sarah Flaherty <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>, Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Violent displacement

1 message

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Mon, May 24, 2021 at 8:22 AM

To: Kristen Schroer <

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Re: Concerned Resident

1 message

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

Mon, May 24, 2021 at 8:24 AM

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On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 11:13 PM David Barrington < > wrote:

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Re: Illegal Sweep on Marmion

1 message

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Mon, May 24, 2021 at 8:25 AM

To: Alex McCullough <

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Re: Displacement at Marmion way

1 message

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To: Audrey Torrest <

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Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Restore the Rights of Unhoused Residents at the Avenue 64, Marmion Way Island

1 message

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

Mon, May 24, 2021 at 8:27 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Sat, May 22, 2021 at 9:23 AM Mihal Rose Ansik <

wrote:

Hello,

I am a concerned resident of Westlake writing to you about the violent displacement that was enacted by Recs and Parks Rangers towards unhoused residents at the Avenue 64, Marmion Way island near the 110 freeway. The individuals living there have no housing and have been living in a shelter constructed on that site.

At 6:30am Thursday morning, May 20, 2021, while one of the residents of that encampment was away at work, Rec and Parks Rangers, along with LAPD, tore down and seized the structure that the residents were living in. Park Rangers and LAPD destroyed the shelter of the main resident and an 80-year-old man who lives in a tent nearby. Recs and Park staff also took all of their personal belongings from them including a mattress and bedding of the elderly man. These actions violate the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California's ruling in Garcia vs. City of Los Angeles, which prohibits the city from seizing and permanently destroying bulky items in public spaces. The due process required in this ruling is protected by the Fourth amendment and Fourteenth amendments of the United States Constitution, and California Constitution. The Recs and Parks Dept is part of the City of Los Angeles and is required to conform to this ruling.

No advance notice was given of the displacement and LAHSA outreach workers were not available to ACTUALLY offer housing to the residents at that location.

Once the displacement occurred Recs and Parks Rangers and LAPD told one resident that he would have to move from the area and could go into Project Roomkey. This is false information. First of all LAPD and Rec and Parks Rangers have no authority to offer anyone housing through Project Room Key as they have very little knowledge of the process. Second, as LAHSA case workers in the area have told us, Project Roomkey is at full capacity and not accepting any new residents. Third, no LAHSA outreach workers were present to offer actual available housing to these individuals.

It is a requirement that any property seized by the City from unhoused community members must be stored for at least 90 days, and you must provide a notice and an address where belongings can be retrieved and allow for retrieval by the owner. Please provide explicit details about how their belongings can be returned to them.

The location at Marmion Way and Avenue 64 is actually an island next to a freeway and no park amenities are present for public use. Previously the site was unkempt, overgrown with weeds, in a state of disrepair and an actual fire hazard before the unhoused residents created shelter there. Therefore, that location does not actually conform to the definition of a "park" in LAMC 63.44 B (26). The unhoused residents cleared the overgrown weeds, landscaped, planted and maintained sunflowers and trees, purchased operational fire extinguishers to prevent fires from fireworks set off during July 4th and New Years, and improved the location considerably. The unhoused resident of that location is well known to the community and has received help from many community members to maintain that space. Depriving her and the other residents of that property is not in keeping with other City ordinances that allow unhoused residents to maintain their tents and belongings according to LAMC 56.11 and COVID emergency protocols.

In addition, most of North East LA is within a High Fire Severity Zone, therefore using the High Fire Severity Zone as a reason to displace the residents of that location does not take into account that the unhoused residents' practice of clearing that location of weeds and other debris actually helps to mitigate any high fire risk, along with keeping on hand

operational fire extinguishers. The unhoused residents did a much better job at clearing brush than most housed residents. In addition, they planted, watered and maintained healthy trees, shrubs and flowers to the delight of community members.

Homelessness in our city is the result of a lack of both affordable housing and supportive community services. In the absence of these basic services, displacing and dispossessing our neighbors causes enormous harm, and I hope that Recs and Parks Rangers will not participate in such destructive behavior towards our community again. Please allow the residents to remain in that location until suitable permanent housing is available for them. Thank you.

Mihal Ansik

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To: Lenie Lim <

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On Sat, May 22, 2021 at 2:51 PM Lenie Lim < wrote:

I am a concerned resident of Los Angeles/Los Feliz writing to you about violent displacement that was enacted by Recs and Parks Rangers towards unhoused residents at the Avenue 64 site. The individuals living there have no housing and have been living in a shelter constructed on that site.

At 6:30am Thursday morning, May 20, 2021, while one of the residents of that encampment was away at work, Rec and Parks Rangers, along with LAPD, tore down and seized the shelter. Recs and Park staff also took all of their personal belongings from the elderly man. **These actions violate the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California's ruling in Garcia vs. City of Los Angeles, which prohibits the city from seizing and perverting public spaces. The due process required in this ruling is protected by the Fourth amendment and Fourteenth amendments of the United States Constitution, and California Constitution. Los Angeles and is required to conform to this ruling.**

No advance notice was given of the displacement and LAHSA outreach workers were not available to ACTUALLY offer housing to the residents at that location.

Once the displacement occurred Recs and Parks Rangers and LAPD told one resident that he would have to move from the area and could go into Project Roomkey. This is false information. Recs and Park Rangers have no authority to offer anyone housing through Project Room Key as they have very little knowledge of the process. Second, as LAHSA case workers in the area have told me, they are not accepting any new residents. Third, no LAHSA outreach workers were present to offer actual available housing to these individuals.

It is a requirement that any property seized by the City from unhoused community members must be stored for at least 90 days, and you must provide a notice and an address with the property for retrieval by the owner. Please provide explicit details about how their belongings can be returned to them.

The location at Marmion Way and Avenue 64 is actually an island next to a freeway and no park amenities are present for public use. Previously the site was unkempt, overgrown and hazardous before the unhoused residents created shelter there. Therefore, that location does not actually conform to the definition of a "park" in LAMC 63.44 B (26). The unhoused residents landscaped, planted and maintained sunflowers and trees, purchased operational fire extinguishers to prevent fires from fireworks set off during July 4th and New Years, and improve the quality of life for the resident of that location is well known to the community and has received help from many community members to maintain that space. Depriving her and the other residents of that location of these amenities and ordinances that allow unhoused residents to maintain their tents and belongings according to LAMC 56.11 and COVID emergency protocols.

In addition, most of North East LA is within a High Fire Severity Zone, therefore using the High Fire Severity Zone as a reason to displace the residents of that location does not take into account the benefits of clearing that location of weeds and other debris actually helps to mitigate any high fire risk, along with keeping on hand operational fire extinguishers. The unhoused residents did not displace other unhoused residents. In addition, they planted, watered and maintained healthy trees, shrubs and flowers to the delight of community members.

Homelessness in our city is the result of a lack of both affordable housing and supportive community services. In the absence of these basic services, displacing and dispossessing our community members that Recs and Parks Rangers will not participate in such destructive behavior towards our community again. Please allow the residents to remain in that location until suitable permanent housing is available.

Thank you,
Lenie Lim

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