

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

November 4, 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) Debra Huston comments regarding Westchester Park	#8904j	General Manager
2) Byron Stalcup comments regarding Mar Vista Senior Club at Mar Vista Park	#9021	General Manager
3) Bridgette Wustman comments regarding Mar Vista Senior Club at Mar Vista Park	#9021a	General Manager
4) Adam Loew comments regarding Watts Monitor Skatepark	#9022	General Manager
5) Pae White comments regarding Debs Park	#9023	General Manager
6) Sergeant II Alejandra Fiallos comments regarding Debs Park	#9023a	General Manager
7) Gerry Hans comments regarding Zoo Project	#9024	General Manager
8) Robert Harter comments regarding Veterans Gardens (BR 21-181)	#9025	General Manager
9) TC Maysonet comments regarding Quimby fees	#9026	General Manager

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10) Jennifer Marquez comments regarding LA parks Public Bathrooms	#9027	General Manager
11) City Council Resolution regarding Obstructing the public right-of-way	#9028	Note and File
12) City Council Resolution regarding Obstructing the public right-of-way	#9029	Note and File
13) City Council Motion regarding renaming Sister Cities Plaza to Tom LaBonge Sister Cities Plaza	#9030	Note and File
14) City Council Motion regarding Zero Emissions Transportation Infrastructure Working Group	#9031	Note and File
15) Rod Snyder comments regarding homeless encampments	#9032	Referred to General Manager
16) City employee comments regarding City logo	#9033	Referred to General Manager
17) City Council Resolution regarding Obstructing the public right-of-way	#9034	Note and File
18) City Council Resolution regarding Obstructing the public right-of-way	#9035	Note and File
19) City Council Resolution regarding Obstructing the public right-of-way	#9036	Note and File
20) City Council Resolution regarding Obstructing the public right-of-way	#9037	Note and File
21) City Council Motion regarding the transfer of funds	#9038	Note and File
22) City Council Motion regarding the transfer of jurisdiction	#9039	Note and File
23) Laura Ceballos comments regarding Oakwood Park	#9040	Note and File



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Important update on Westchester Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 8:58 AM

To: Debra Huston <

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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. Thank you.

On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 7:48 AM Debra Huston <

> wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners and Mr. Shull:

As you know from my previous email of this week, Abby Austin, Bonin's new field deputy in his Westchester Park office, told THREE members of our community, including me, that Bonin was going to have agencies place the homeless people occupying our Westchester Park into shelter, evict those who won't accept shelter, and begin enforcement.

Abby told two of us it would be discussed at a committee meeting of the Neighborhood Council last evening.

Abby got very vague during our conversation with her about **when** the eviction process would begin. We pressed her hard on that and she eventually said not before Christmas. We told her during that conversation that our youth leagues need those fields beginning December 1 for winter sports. We engaged with Abby during that conversation and by follow-up email telling her we need the eviction process to begin by November 1 so our kids can start playing winter sports at the park on December 1.

Hannah's presentation at last evening's Neighborhood Council committee included nothing of any plan to clear the park. Her presentation was about the highly complex programs, sources of funding, etc., involved in the homeless industrial complex. **Lots of talk by Hannah about what housing Bonin plans to have built, but NOTHING about clearing the park, or the kids missing out on sports experiences. She said nothing about the crime at the park, or the fact that it has fanned out into our neighborhoods. She said nothing about the homeless-on-homeless crime in the park, or the sexual violence or shootings at the park. I don't think she even mentioned the park during her presentation.**

I spoke during public comment, saying that it felt as though I were at the wrong meeting, because Abby Austin told us just this week of Bonin's plan to find housing for the homeless, evict those who wouldn't accept, and enforce anti-camping laws. That got an eye roll out of Hannah, which I interpreted as body language for "we are not going to clear the park."

After Hannah spoke, two people from LAHSA presented. **They said nothing about any plan to clear the park.** In response to a committee member's question, one of the two LAHSA presenters said homeless people are not required to accept offers of housing. LAHSA continues to "make touches" offering housing. There was no discussion of when or if the touches will end.

The LAHSA people said nothing about the danger the homeless people occupying the park present to children, seniors, or the community, or how the presence of the homeless people makes it impossible for children to play sports. Not a word. They said nothing of any eviction process. From the presentation, it was clear that it will be business as usual, with LAHSA going to the park and making "touches" with the homeless people and offering them various types of housing with no end date in sight. LAHSA has been at the park since July or August, and they have placed **only eight homeless people**, and that information came from them.

We now believe that while Abby told our members of the community about Bonin's "plan" this week, there was no plan. We believe this information about a "plan" was shared with us to make us believe there was a "plan." However, we asked questions and made demands, and it became clear there is no plan.

Meanwhile, the tent count is near the all-time high--75 tents this week. LAHSA has placed eight, and share has placed maybe 12, in the last several months, but more have moved in. There is trash everywhere, and the grass is dead.

Also, the park is more dangerous than ever. In August, a homeless person brandished a metal pipe at a LAHSA worker and called the LAHSA worker the "N" word several times. I was there at the time. The LAHSA worker called 911. LAPD arrived and did nothing except admonish the guy and leave. The homeless guy continued with his meth-infused meltdown right next to the tennis courts at 2 p.m. in the afternoon while children were playing in the courts. Last month, a homeless worker went at a PATH worker with a knife. Tom Brewster, a member of our group, witnessed this. The PATH workers would not call LAPD because they were "trying to build trust" with the homeless, but they left the park because they were afraid. They haven't been back as much since. This month, a homeless guy went at a SHARE! worker with scissors. The SHARE! worker told me about it this week. **One reason I was willing to consider the possibility that Bonin might have a plan is because it is clear the homeless people in the park are a danger to housing providers who seek to help them. I'm sure there are more incidents involving teams of housing providers in the park. We know only of the two we witnessed, and the one we were told about.**

So while these dangerous drug addicts and criminals languish in the park, with food and tents delivered to them by homeless advocates, our children cannot play sports in the park because of the danger these aggressive homeless people, most of whom are on drugs that make them more aggressive, present to our children.

We have crimes or fires, or both, in that park every single day. The homeless people are going out into the neighborhood and committing crimes. **A couple weeks ago, a homeless guy tried to follow a resident's nine-year-old daughter into their home. Jasna Shellock and I were at Ralph's (across the street from the park) a couple weeks ago collecting signatures on our letter to the Sheriff asking for help, and a homeless guy pulled down his pants and masturbated within feet of us. A member of our community was in Ralph's recently when a homeless guy rode into the store on a bike, naked, and proceeded to rant and yell and knock down merchandise as he rode through the store, terrifying all present.** The homeless crime in the park and surrounding the park gets worse every day. For the most part, people have stopped calling LAPD because the caller is on hold for a long time, like half an hour or more, the LAPD response time is slow, and LAPD does nothing except mark it as a service call.

We heard this week that Penmar Park is being closed for renovation in January. Some of our leagues use Penmar Park fields when the fields are available to them. Now those leagues will have no local fields that are lighted and multiplex. None.

We ask you to close Westchester Park at the earliest possible time so it can be renovated and ready to be a park for our community by December 1 when our leagues and teams need it for winter sports.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Debra Huston

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Estimated date for completion of Westchester Park ball field renovation?

1 message

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

Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 9:21 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sat, Oct 16, 2021 at 7:41 AM Debra Huston < > wrote:
Mr. Shull,

Last evening we received the agenda for the 10/21 RAP Board of Commissioners meeting. Item 21-179 describes work to be done on the ballfields at Westchester Park.

Thank you so much for your continued efforts and work to have the ballfields ready for our leagues and teams to return to the park. We appreciate that so much.

We are wondering about the estimated completion date on the renovation of the fields, as are the leagues who used those fields for decades, pre-covid shutdown. The winter sports leagues need the fields by December 1. For planning purposes, they need to know when the fields will be available to them. Right now, they are scrambling across LA for field time for the lighted, multiplex fields they need for practice, and the formal season hasn't yet begun.

They need to know the estimated completion date of the Westchester Park ballfields so they can decide how many kids they can take, and whether they can have leagues at all if no fields are available to them. The need is especially acute now because they have been told that the Penmar Park ballfields are being closed for renovation in January. There is great anxiety and even panic among league leaders right now. And yet Penmar does not have enough field time to accommodate all the Westchester Park leagues. It's a stop-gap for only one of them.

Can they count on beginning their season at Westchester Park on December 1? Or anytime in December?

We noticed in 21-179 the work includes new fencing. Does that mean the ballfields will be fenced? The league leaders are hoping this is the case for safety reasons for the kids, and even for the parents and coaches. During dark winter evenings, when people on the fields can't see beyond the perimeter of the field, it is frightening to children, parents, and coaches because they cannot see anyone approaching the field. Fencing around the ballfields would provide a degree of safety.

Thank you so much for responding to our leagues' needs beginning the renovation work in August. We realize it will likely take longer for the rest of the park to be renovated because we still have many encampments in the rest of the park, and that is of concern to our leagues because of the violent nature and the high number of homeless people in the park. We have no idea when or if the rest of the park will be renovated, but we would like to know if there is a plan, and what the plan entails.

Echo Park remains fenced after the renovation, and we would request that of Westchester Park. We were at that park yesterday and were told that a sweep is done at park closing time at 10:30 every evening since the renovation, and then the gates are locked for the evening. No new encampments have formed.

From our leagues and youth and members of our community, thank you so very much for your work, and the work of your staff.

Debra Huston



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Re: "Bonin's" announcement?

1 message

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

Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 9:24 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Oct 20, 2021 at 7:26 PM Debra Huston < > wrote:
Mr. Shull,

Today Stephanie Popescu, a local mom, posted on a local Moms Facebook page a five-minute video explaining how Mike Bonin is filing a motion with City Council asking for funding to place 52 people from Westchester Park into motels and to close the park to campers. Per Stephanie, the funding would be for Mike's "Encampments to Home" program. This is the first part of the video. The video was too large to send the entire thing, but if you wish to see the rest please let me know.

Stephanie was a bit critical of RAP for "terrorizing" homeless people, or something to that effect. I can't imagine anything being further from the truth, based on my observations. Stephanie also said the opening of the ballfields would be based on RAP, and Bonin's office has nothing to do with that.

Stephanie is a Bonin supporter who a few months ago had her child run through the park barefoot, on news camera, to demonstrate the park is safe for children despite all the homeless encampments. Nevermind the danger of her child being stuck in the feet by syringes. I don't know more about her than that, except that she said in the video that she is with the "Grassroots Neighbors" group. I have never heard of that group.

In her video, she she did not say if the park would be fenced to ensure it is closed to campers. She left out a lot of details.

We believe the park must be fenced to ensure it is safe for children and closed to campers at night, as is the case with Echo Park. We also believe there is a need for security in the dark winter evenings until the threat of the homeless occupants have moved on for good.

I don't know why Bonin didn't have his staff make this announcement. I don't know if Bonin will distance himself from this announcement because his staff didn't make it. I don't know if Stephanie has authority to speak on behalf of Bonin. I really don't know what to make of this.

So I am doing what I should do, which is to pass this on to you and the RAP Commissioners.

We will be watching for the filing of this motion for funding, and we will be following this turn of events. Meanwhile, we will keep pressing for the Sheriff to come to the park with his HOST Team, which he has said on camera he plans to do. And we will keep working to ensure the park is safe and clear for youth athletes to return to the park December 1.

Again, a big thank you to you and your staff for all you do.

Debra

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City of Los Angeles



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: "Bonin's" announcement?

1 message

Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>

Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 12:45 PM

To: Debra Huston <>

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

Thank you Debra. We collectively inside the City continue to coordinate solutions. westchester park is collectively be coordinating which is when we are able to achieve impactful results for both the community and the unhoused residents. The Motion is very helpful. Thank you again for your continued support.

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Homeless women being raped, and frequently, in Westchester Park, Sheriff just learned this yesterday

1 message

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

Mon, Oct 25, 2021 at 10:04 AM

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 12:12 PM Debra Huston < > wrote:
Dear RAP Commissioners and Mr. Shull,

I drove by the park yesterday and saw the Sheriff there with his HOST team. I pulled in the parking lot and stood near them while they were there.

I personally saw the Sheriff and Lt. Deedrick interview a homeless woman at the park who described a friend she has at the park who is severely mentally ill and who has been raped many times. This woman said other victims have been raped as well. She said her friend who has been raped repeatedly has been traumatized to the point of not even being themselves anymore.

This woman also described a homeless man who has beaten up a number of homeless women in the park, and seems to like banging their heads on concrete or asphalt surfaces.

That park is not safe for homeless people, and it is certainly not safe for children.

I find it interesting that Stephanie, the woman who was in the video I sent to you all this week, claimed that RAP is "terrorizing" the homeless and yet did not complain about the homeless women being terrorized and traumatized in the park on a daily basis by homeless men. Stephanie was purportedly speaking on behalf of Bonin.

After the Sheriff and his team left, I was talking with the homeless woman who spoke with the Sheriff, and this Stephanie arrived and walked up and eavesdropped on my conversation with this woman. A friend of mine was there as well, talking with me and the homeless woman and was a witness to this. Stephanie basically pulled the homeless woman away from us toward the tent of the woman who is severely mentally ill and has been raped repeatedly. Stephanie apparently heard the Sheriff was there and showed up. I asked Stephanie if she was aware that women were being raped and beaten and traumatized in the park. She said she was. She pulled this woman far away from us.

It is very clear to me Bonin does not care about the homeless people in the park, and he doesn't care about members of the community who want to use the park.

Jamie Paige of the Westside Current did a news piece that was published this morning:

https://www.westsidecurrent.com/news/villanueva-visits-westchester-park-bonin-pushes-back-on-twitter/article_39d9cdf6-32c6-11ec-bbe5-534ffd7e2cfc.html?utm_source=westsidecurrent.com&utm_campaign=%2Fnewsletter%2FOptimize%2Fdaily-headlines%2F%3F-dc%3D1634907603&utm_medium=email&utm_content=read%20more

Please read it. It shows that Bonin has no plan to find housing for people who live in the park. I believe he wants them up front and center so he can use them as "proof" that he needs billions to build permanent supportive housing, which benefits the homeless industrial complex, his buddies and campaign contributors. That's my opinion.

Bonin is actually standing in the way of people in that park getting the help and safety they need, and I believe his supporters are helping him do that.

10/25/21, 10:05 AM

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Homeless women being raped, and frequently, in Westchester Park, Sheriff just learned this yest...

Please do anything you can do to facilitate getting this park cleared of homeless people so both the homeless people and the members of the community are safe.

Thank you very much for everything you do.

Debra Huston

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Re: Mar Vista Seniors Club

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 9:08 AM

To: Paul Stalcup <

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Cc: Senator.Kamlager@senate.ca.gov

Good morning,

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

On Sat, Oct 16, 2021 at 3:56 AM Paul Stalcup <

> wrote:

Dear Senator Kamlager,

I know that you are a very busy person, but we have a small problem that your office might help us with? You may remember speaking to our club, and we certainly remember your kind remarks to us. Our problem is, that the city of Los Angeles and the Dept. of Park and Recreation, have restricted our use of the building that we have used for 32 years. We have about 150 members, but are allowed only 30 fully vaccinated people, half with booster shots to use the building! So, we have chosen to meet out in the picnic area, with has worked out for the last month, we love being out in the fresh air.

But winter is just around the corner, and most of our members are in their 80's and several in their 90's, and a couple of our members are over 100. Now I ask you, would want your mother or grandmother forced to meet at the Mar Vista Park out in the picnic area in the cold weather that is just around the corner? We have been told by the park director, Andrus Delahoya, that we can no longer use the facility, because we violated their rules.

We are tired of being treated like children. We are more than capable of taking care of ourselves, like requesting that all members have their vaccine shots. Every one of us has signed a waiver that none of us can sue the city for any reason regarding the use of the Mar Vista Park facility that we have enjoyed for 32 years. We have been given the runaround for months, while other local senior centers have been operational since June. It's past time for Parks & Rec to take proper action!

I implore you to please look into this situation, as we look forward to another 32 years or more of our beloved social club with speakers from all sorts of public facilities, entertainment from all kinds of local persons, and our favorite trips and tours, and parties that celebrate all the holidays, none of which we can do unless we can use the facilities where we have electricity and most of all, heat!

Your kind support of our delima will be so much appreciated, and perhaps, you could so kind as to visit us once again. We really enjoyed hearing and seeing you when you last visited.

Best Regards,

Byron Stalcup
President
Mar Vista Seniors Club

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Letter to Supervisor Francisco Castillo

1 message

Paul Stalcup < >
To: Francisca Castillo <francisca.castillo@lacity.org>

Sat, Oct 23, 2021 at 10:18 AM

Dear Francisca,

Thank you so much for taking the time to talk to us! It's been a long time since anyone but the park director has any contact regarding these issues. I appreciate your time and concerns regarding the seniors program at Mar Vista Park. We look forward to working with you and Andrus regarding an amicable solution to the Seniors Club issues.

It is not our desire to not follow the protocols set down for Senior Citizen Centers by the city, but we are a once a week meeting from 8:30 to noon, not a full time operation. We have instituted a program of checking every person who enters the building by taking their temperature. This in itself, should keep all our seniors safe, be it in the small gym (which we prefer) or the large gym. We wear our masks, and not only have all of our members been vaccinated, but more than half of our members have had their booster shots, and many more will have their booster shots soon, as we have mandated that ALL of our members do so at their earliest convenience.

We are following the rules that have been set down, with one exception when we exceeded the number of people allowed, because so many of our seniors have missed the camaraderie of our club, and need it so bad.. The meeting was an unprecedented success for the seniors, for they had been denied the use of the facility that they have enjoyed for 32 years! They loved it, and are so sad, that it caused a problem for the staff at Mar Vista park. Nothing happened, we enjoyed being with our friends and participating in our meeting, and enjoying a sandwich and soda together.

It is not about whether we will meet once again in our regular Friday morning home room, but when. Some of our members have already passed during the pandemic, but we have living members over 100 years old who look forward to the companionship of our meetings. Some have no family locally, and the club is their family! But we will persevere, and look forward to another 32 years in Mar Vista Park or more, enjoying our meetings with our friends, having speakers (speakers of interest to seniors and the local community, etc.) local entertainers, and once again going on trips & tours as we have always done.

The Mar Vista Seniors Club is one of the most active clubs in the Los Angeles Federation of Senior Clubs, and though we only meet once a week, we do more than most of the senior clubs in Los Angeles. We are seniors on the go!

To sum up our position, we will be back in the small gym, sooner rather than later, and we will have our speakers and entertainment, and enjoy the facility the way it was originally meant to be!

The following was written by one of our members, but it sums up who we are and what we are:

MAR VISTA SENIORS CLUB 32nd ANNIVERSARY

We are the Mar Vista Club Seniors. Today we remember and celebrate our 32nd anniversary, Hawaiian Style, and how, with Luau. We are many things and many people.

We are 100 plus living souls and many others now departed but still remembered.

We are the voices raised to our flag, our standard, Old Glory, and symbol of freedom; we are the song sung, God Bless America, expressing our patriotic feelings; and we are the deeds done to others and to one another adding new life to our years.

We are the Trips and Tours, the Farmers' Market, and Bingo; we are the karaoke singers and dancers, the sellers and bidders at auctions, and the tellers of tales, one-liners and jokes.

We remember and celebrate the special days of our nation, of each individual member, and of the Club's anniversary.

And we are fun and friendship. We work on tasks with others and feel competent and in control, we share common values, beliefs, adventures and anecdotes, both interesting and humorous, and enjoy the entertainment (music memories), information specials, and the cornucopia of coming events.

And all this does not just happen; it requires the efforts of many hands. We thank the Lord for the volunteers who have shouldered these burdens so well.

Yes, we are the Mar Vista Club Seniors and these are the things that we are. We are made of joy and woe, we are all angels for each other, and so, knowing this, through the world we safely go.

To the Club and all its members: Many happy returns!

Best Regards,

Byron Stalcup
President
Mar Vista Seniors Club

On Oct 18, 2021, at 3:46 PM, Francisca Castillo <francisca.castillo@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Bryon,

It was a pleasure speaking with you. I'd like to recap a few bullet points so that we (including Andres) are on the same page:

- Moving forward, the senior club will meet in the large gym instead of the small gym.
- Andres and I will work on covering the gym floor.
- To give us more time to prepare the gym floor, the senior club will meet outdoors this Friday October 29th.
- The restrooms in the big gym are not ADA compliant. If needed, the senior club members will have to use the ADA compliant restrooms in the small gym.
- Food must be eaten outdoors. I described the grab and go service to you, which is an option for the senior club members.
- The CDC guidelines must be followed at all times; physical distancing, masks wearing, etc.

I understand as it gets colder, the members will prefer to eat indoors. I will look into indoor dining. If at this time we are not able to accommodate food indoors, the senior club members will have to eat outdoors. Or, the grab and go service should be implemented.

Within the next couple of weeks, Andres and I will set up a meeting with you to discuss the holiday event. It sounds like a great event! I want to ensure the event complies with the mandatory guidelines and that you're able to put on a good show. Please remember, we are here to work with you. The senior club program provides a vital service to the Mar Vista community. I appreciate your patience and understanding as we get through this pandemic together.

Best,

Francisca Castillo
Acting Recreation Supervisor
LA City Recreation and Parks

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Response to your email

1 message

Paul Stalcup <

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Sun, Oct 17, 2021 at 8:55 PM

To: Andres DeLaHoya <andres.delahoya@lacity.org>

Andrus DeLa Hoya, Francisca, Mayor Garcetti, Supervisor Bonin, Councilman Paul Krekorian, Dept of Aging, RAP.commissioners, Stephanie Vendig, Sylvia McBride, Kimberly Simonet, Deanne Dedmon, Mike Schull, Jimmy Kim, Mar Vista Voice, Channel 7 News, Chanel 5 News, Los Angeles Times, Culver City News, Santa Monica Outlook, Long Beach Outlook.

Dear Andy,

Thank you so much for your email.

I am a little concerned about several things. First, the Mar Vista Seniors Club has been in existence for 32 years, and in that time we have been through almost as many park directors. Most of them have been able to work with us on our ongoing programs. We have had a VERY successful program, and not only do we plan to continue it, we shall do so with or without the blessings of PAR. For you to say that WE won't be able to use the small gym in the future is ludicrous at best. We have been there for 32 years, and we will certainly be there for another 32 years, long after you have moved on to another position. So, rather than argue about what we do, and when, let's expand the parameters. Since the small gym is too small for our membership, especially since we will have perhaps as many as 100 members for our annual Christmas party on December 17th, 2021, let us move into the larger gym, they are not in use at this time on Friday's.

It's your job to work with us! What is this email from June? Several senior citizens centers within Los Angeles have opened in the last few months, and more are opening every month.

We are not asking for much, just to be treated as adults, not children, and to have the God given right to assembly in the place we have enjoyed for 32 years.

Would you want your mother or grandmother forced to meet out in the picnic area in very cold winter conditions because we can't meet indoors, because of arcane conditions created by Parks & Recreation? It time for a solution, now! Not tomorrow, not next week, and God forbid next month? If the powers that be cannot solve the problem for the "Seniors of America", then get someone who can. Seniors are vaccinated, more than half have had their booster shots, and we are on the move, and we will not be denied our right to assemble, salute the flag, and sing "God Bless America" within our own assembly facility!

The lack of a regular place of assembly has prevented us from having speakers from all of the emergency agencies, entertainers can't be booked, parties have been delayed for months, birthday parties have not happened, and God Forbid that we book a bus trip to one of our favorite venues.

No, it's time to get off the ground, and let us fly, once again, like we did before, before ALL OF US are dead!!!!

Thank You Very Much

Byron Stalcup

President

Mar Vista Seniors Club

PS: I would think that you have had some kind of update since 6/25/21, or do you not read your emails? Have a great week, until we are forced once again, to meet in the picnic area. By the way, we love being out in the fresh air, where we can be ourselves, and congregate anyway we please, seniors don't have the option of looking forward to many more years, and those that we do have, deserve to be on our terms. We have already lost too many, and we deserve our place to meet inside, without the ridiculous restrictions imposed on us by people who have NO idea how we protect our own, make sure everyone is safe, and with the time we have left in this world, enjoy each other and our blessed program.

On Oct 15, 2021, at 12:49 PM, Andres DeLaHoya <andres.delahoya@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Byron.

As discussed in our conversation today referencing last Friday, October 8th meeting that took place inside our small gymnasium. We won't be able to accommodate you in the small gym in the future because of the following guidelines that were not followed and/or broken:

- 1) Attendance for the 10/8/21 meeting inside the small gym was 45 participants and we discussed the MAX of 30 participants.
- 2) Grabbing and moving around unsanitized chairs at your own discretion without prior approval. We met on Thursday, 10/7, afternoon and agreed on the set-up for the meeting. We disinfected and set up all tables and chairs that would be needed.
- 3) People were congregating while eating inside the small gym.
- 4) Many people had their masks down below their nose when not eating or drinking beverages. We discussed masks to be worn at all times.

You mentioned Culver City and how they let people inside so I've copied and pasted our most updated Covid-19 information about citywide park closures and also attached the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks' link below. Thank you Byron. I hope this helps clarify some doubts. Per your request Byron please see my direct supervisor's contact email. francisca.castillo@lacity.org Her name is Francisca Castillo. Have a great weekend Byron.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

		<p>CITYWIDE PARK CLOSURES</p>
		<p>Updated: 6/25/21</p> <p>In accordance with the most recent LA County Department of Public Health orders:</p> <p>ALL PARKS REMAIN OPEN UNDER NORMAL</p>

OPERATING HOURS & SOME INTERIOR PARK FACILITIES REMAIN CLOSED. For operating hours please visit laparks.org.

All recreation centers remain closed except for City sponsored programs. Masks are required for City sponsored youth programs.

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- All senior citizen centers remain closed. Home delivered meals will continue to be delivered to seniors enrolled in the LA City Department of Aging program. For more information about this program and view a list of additional food and grocery resources, please visit aging.lacity.org/seniormeals.
- Aquatic centers are open to the public. Masks are required indoors only. Capacities for recreational swim and programs for indoor pools are 50% and outdoor pools are 75%. Lap swimming is one per lane and up to three in the same household or group. While at the aquatic center non-household members, other groups, and employees must observe 6 feet distance from others.

<https://www.laparks.org/covid-19>

On Wed, Oct 6, 2021 at 11:45 AM Andres DeLaHoya <andres.delahoya@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning Byron.

Nice speaking to you earlier. As we discussed, we will meet tomorrow, Thursday, October 7th in the afternoon. We'll go over the set up for the meeting and go over Covid-19 guidelines. Thank you for understanding the MAX of 30 attendees for the meeting on Friday, October 8th and the setting up of the food outside. I'll see you tomorrow afternoon Byron. Thank you.

On Wed, Oct 6, 2021 at 10:52 AM Paul Stalcup < > wrote:

Hi Andy,

Lets set up the canopies as you suggested on Friday morning, we will be there to set up for about 30 people at about 9am. Thank you for your time.
Byron

On Oct 5, 2021, at 1:01 PM, Andres DeLaHoya <andres.delahoya@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Byron.

At this time we are not approved to host indoor meetings. Food and beverages inside are also not allowed at this time Byron. We'll explore how to hopefully have the meetings inside starting in the month of November. Apologies for the weather this coming Friday but we won't be able to host our seniors inside this Friday. We do have 5-6 working canopies if you'd like to set up right outside double doors of the small gymnasium facing Woodbine St. Give me a call when you get a chance. Thank you Byron.

On Tue, Oct 5, 2021 at 9:26 AM Paul Stalcup < > wrote:

Andy De La Hoya
Director Mar Vista Park

Good Morning Andy,

Our Friday meeting out in the picnic area have gone well these last three weeks, but we are facing a problem this Friday, Oct 8, 2021, with the weather predicted to be cold with the possibility of rain. The sandwiches and sodas are on order.

The Culver City Senior Center has been open since June, and most of the classes are in full swing.

Members are vaccinated, many with booster shots. Why are we still not allowed to use the indoor facility, especially with incliment weather?

Respectfully,
Byron Stalcup
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1 message

Paul Stalcup <

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Sun, Oct 17, 2021 at 9:42 PM

To: "francisca.castillo@lacity.org" <francisca.castillo@lacity.org>

Hello Francisca,

It is my pleasure to finally get the name of someone who might help me, or give me the name of your supervisor if you can't.

We have been meeting in Mar Vista Park for 32 years, except for the last 18 months.

We moved off campus way back in June, because several local senior citizen centers opened up. We have met EVERY week since then!

In September we moved the meetings back to Mar Vista Park in the picnic area, with outstanding support from our members. Our

first meeting had 61 attendees. What a successful meeting for the first time in 18 months.

We had more meeting out in the picnic area of Mar Vista Park, 28 the second week, and 34 the third week.

As fate would have it, the forth week weather was for in the 50's in the am when we start, so, we asked for permission to meet inside.

Seniors are notorious for not showing up for club meetings when their is bad weather. I sent the email on Tuesday inviting everybody

to come to our first meeting of the year inside.

I had a meeting with Andy on Thursday at the park, we agreed on 30 chairs would be set up to accommodate the people, and I have to

tell you that we only had 28 people who responded to the email, but people call people, and tell them, I am going, are you?

Well, as good/bad as it may seem, 44 people showed up, what can I tell you. Was it because we were allowed back into our facility, or was it

because we had sandwiches and soda.

It doesn't matter why, it happened, and I accept FULL responsibility for the overflow. It was mentioned that the few chairs that we used

from the outside racks had not been sanitized, even though they had not been used for months.

The bottom line is that their was NO PROBLEM with the seniors, we are all vaccinated, and more than half of us have already

had the booster shot! The use of the indoor facility produced NO ill effects for the staff, since we are vaccinated, not one of THEM

came down with any virus, because we don't have it, because we screened EVERY person who entered the room, twice! I can't stress this enough, you and your department are causing permeant damage to our club, several of our members

have passed

recently, and no doubt before their is any action from your department, more will die.

I ask you in good conscious, how can you force the seniors of not only Mar Vista Park, but all the senior programs in Los Angeles

to not meet and socialize, when it is a proven fact, that being alone with no friends is detrimental to your health, and we don't intend

to be alone. We are seniors on the move, and we intend to make everyday count!!!

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Re: Picnic in the Park

1 message

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

Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 9:27 AM

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On Sat, Oct 16, 2021 at 10:03 PM Brigitte Wustman < > wrote:



We are forced to meet outdoors, which has been OK for the past month, but cold weather is coming, and we are denied the use of the facility that we have used for 32 years, what a tragedy for the seniors many of whom are well past their

80's. We need your help!

We need support from the local Community, from the press, and from our elected officials. We need to flood their offices with our demands to be treated as adults, rather than children. WE have proven that WE are capable of running our own program without interference from ANYBODY! Yes we had 44 people inside the building two weeks ago, and guess what, not one complaint from any of our members, not one person came down with the virus, why? We are ALL vaccinated, most of us have already had the booster shot, and those who have not, are just waiting for it to be available.

It's way past time for the city of Los Angeles parks & Recreation to get off their duff, and do the right thing. OPEN UP MAR VISTA PARK for the Seniors. DO YOU want to have the press photographing the seniors out in the picnic area in 60 degree weather, would want your mother or grandmother out there in that kind of cold weather? We meet every Friday from 9:30 to noon, and we welcome all seniors 50 years or older to join us, and lets make a difference to our community! We are seniors on the go, and we will NOT let anything stand in our way!

If you have questions, or suggestions, or can help in any way, Please contact me.

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1 message

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To: Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Deanne Dedmon <deanne.dedmon@lacity.org>, Patricia Wenskunas < >, Regina.scott@lapd.online, Christopher McPheeters <36176@lapd.online>, Jessyca Avalos <40618@lapd.online>
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Subject: Re: Watts Monitor Skatepark Event - Gang Graffiti Removal and Assistance to those experiencing homelessness sleeping under children's equipment.

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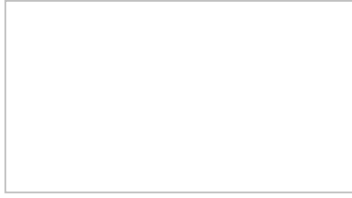
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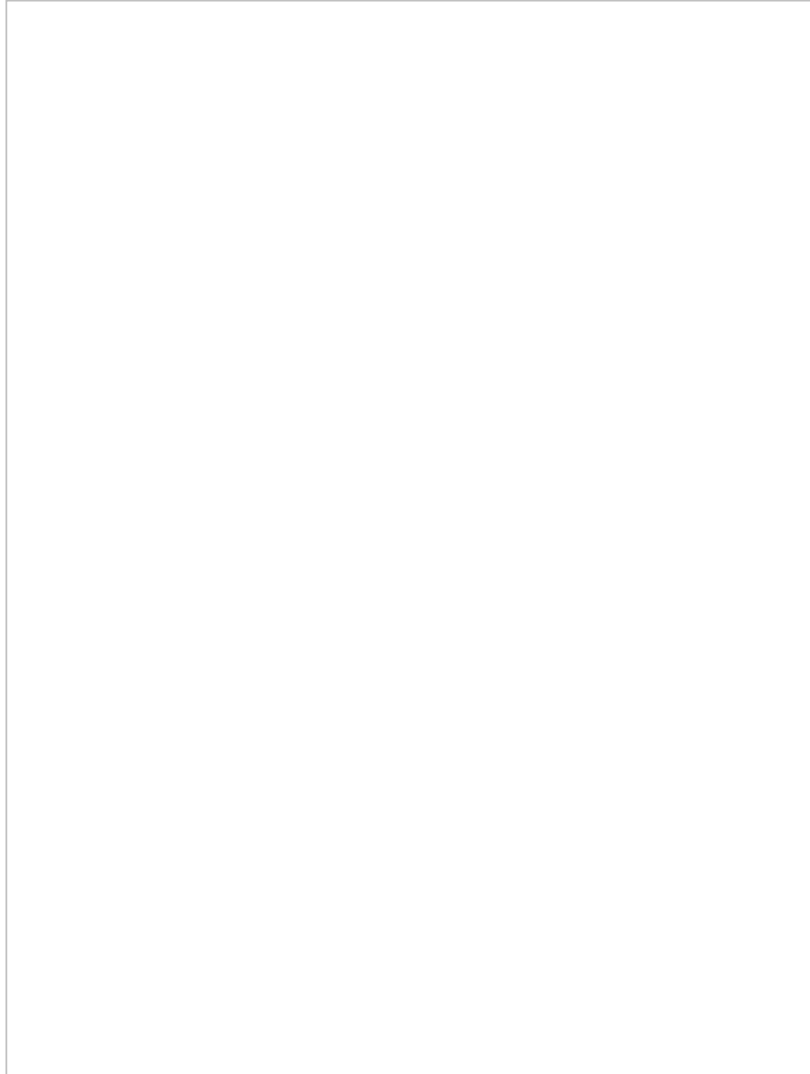
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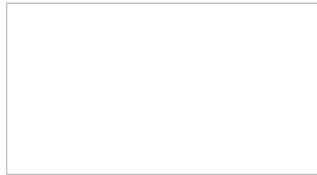
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Subject: Re: Watts Monitor Skatepark Event - Gang Graffiti Removal and Assistance to those experiencing homelessness sleeping under children's equipment.

Thanks for adding me Deanne, we will send a team to assess this location tomorrow.

Brenda D Aguirre MPA

Superintendent of Emergency Operations and Citywide Aquatics

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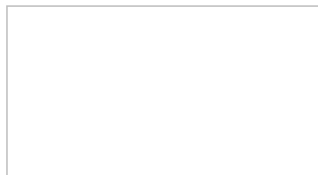
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On Mon, 18 Oct 2021 at 09:33, Deanne Dedmon <deanne.dedmon@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Morning Adam

Thank you for the photos.

I have sent them to

1. our maintenance division - to assess the park ground needs
2. our united homeless response team & LAPD - to see what services can be brought to the site
3. our construction division - to check on the security lights and graffiti

I will have to get a copy of your fees from our permit group and get back to you on how we may be able to assist.

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On Sun, Oct 17, 2021 at 7:46 PM

> wrote:

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I went on a site walk at the Watts Monitor Skatepark and below are the photos of what I found. This is embarrassing, the City of Los Angeles LA Parks and Rec should be mortified that LA's most venerable citizens, in our most underserved communities, must play in parks covered in Gang Graffiti and have people experiencing homelessness sleeping under the play equipment.

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Adam







The Below like is a rough cut of Isabella's Gifted Program, in which she will become one of the very few students in California to have her Leadership Designation.

Thank you

Adam Loew

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Translation - If there is something wrong, those who have the ability to take action have the responsibility to take action.





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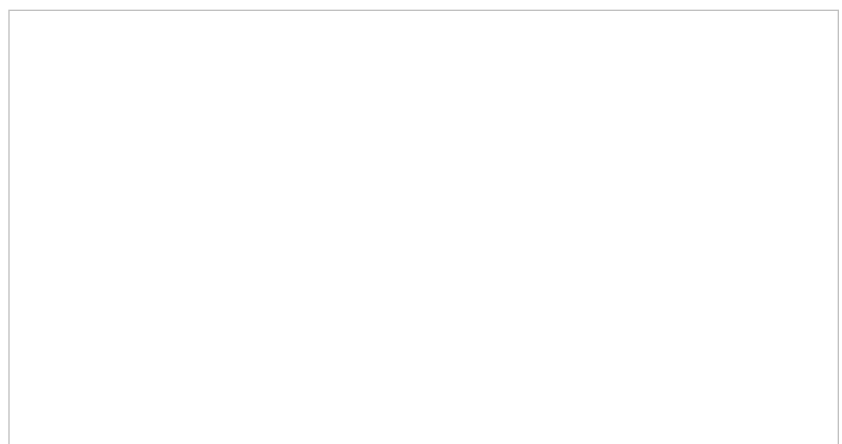
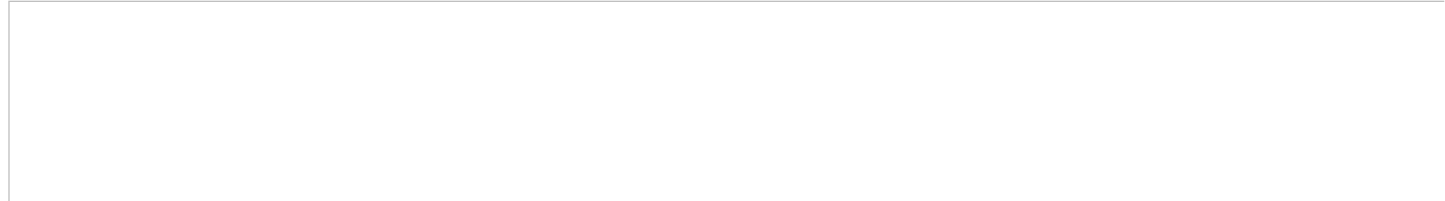
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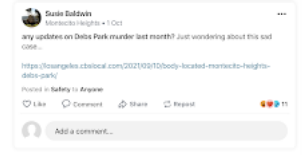
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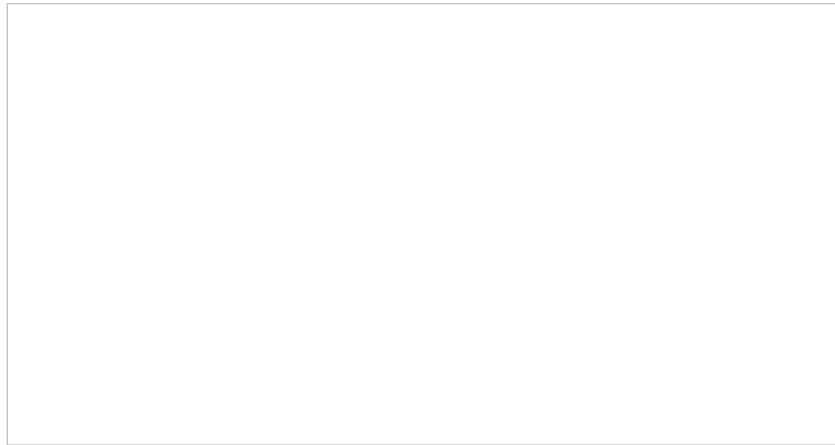
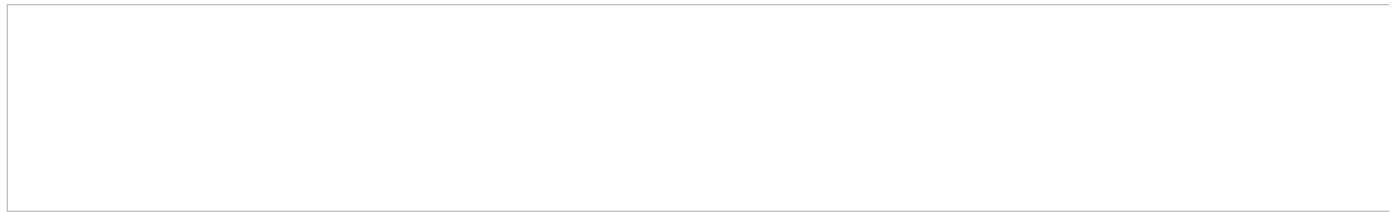
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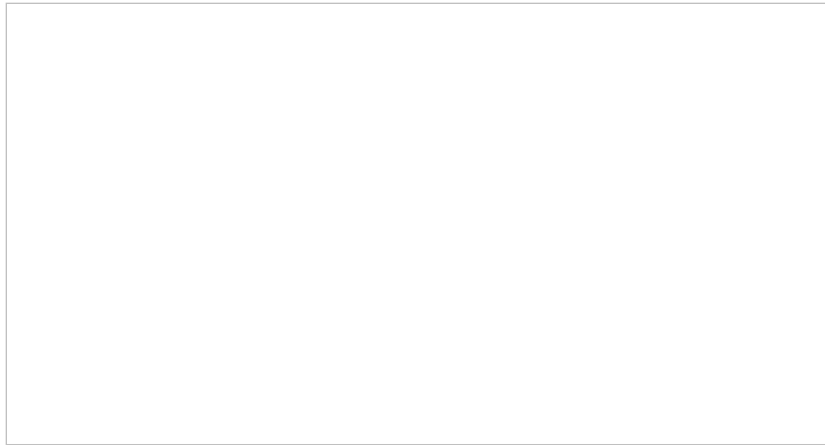
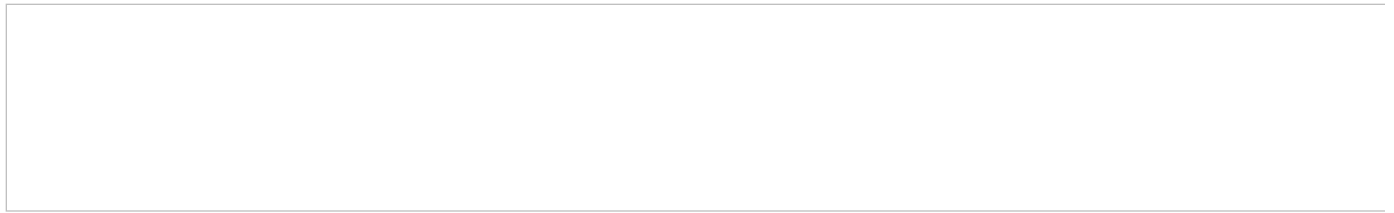
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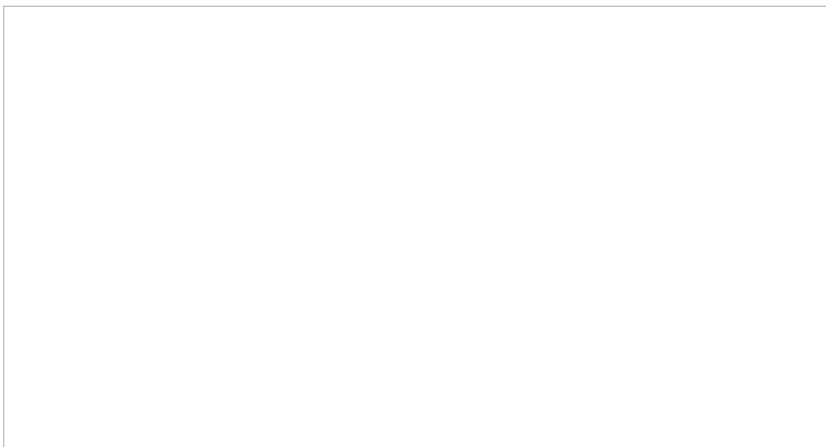
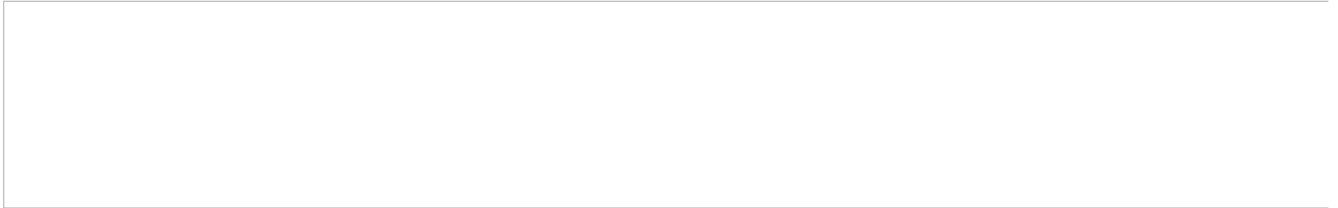
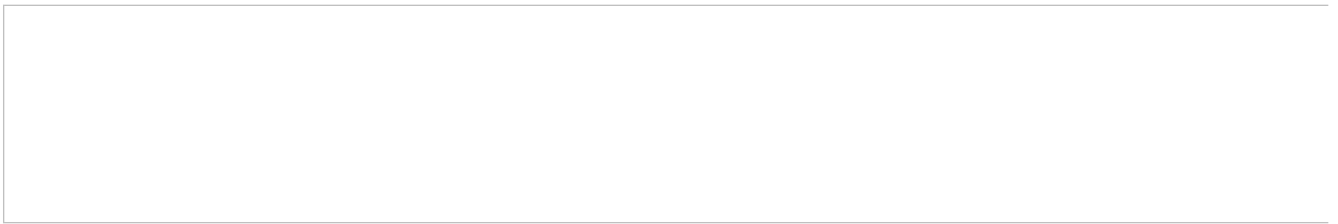
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Re: another murder in Debs Park

1 message

Alejandra Fiallos <31770@lapd.online>

Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 2:48 PM

To: Pae White <>

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Monthly would be for community updates, homicides will be different. I will let the officers assigned to the unit give the update on that.

Understand that we are not 9am -5pm units or our days off are not standard. We also all work a variety of assignments. Right now the excitement is Dodgers, I'm not excited and had to borrow a shirt from my kid to work my assignment.

Planning is happening, updates will be soon. Hopefully someone can attend the meeting on the 26th.

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From: Pae White <>

Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 2:33 PM

To: Alejandra Fiallos

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Subject: Re: another murder in Debs Park

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Hi Alejandra

Thanks for keeping us in the loop. Monthly updates don't feel like enough when murders are occurring with this frequency.

Let's do every two weeks until progress is made in finding the suspect.

In what form will these update/meetings be?

Thank you

Pae

On Oct 21, 2021, at 1:00 PM, Alejandra Fiallos <31770@lapd.online> wrote:

Hello All,

I have CC'd and I would like to introduce Captain German Hurtado, Serial No. 34865 who is handling Hollenbeck Division for now.

I have also CC'd Sgt Dana Grant, Serial No. 34715, who is the supervisor for the Senior Lead Office. Your Senior Lead Officer is Officer Huerta.

Captain Hurtado has reviewed your concerns and emails, some protocols are being put in place to make sure we can provide to you some information on incidents, as well as stay in touch monthly. The car assigned to the area will also be updated to make Griffin Ave a priority.

My Vice unit will be in the area beginning on Sunday. Today I have been assigned to Dodgers.

Sergeant II Alejandra Fiallos, Serial No. 31770
Hollenbeck Area Vice
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From: Pae White < >
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 10:08 AM
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Here we are again with another murder in our neighborhood and no communication with our community from LAPD. We are still waiting on news about the random murder last month.

What is the mechanism within LAPD or the City that will extend the courtesy to our community about killings that are happening in our backyard?

What is the story with the drug dealing camps on Griffin? What is the story with Camp A and Camp B that still remain robust and present despite "service requests"?

QUESTION: Are multiple murders and numerous fires enough of a case for a new fence that is more robust that a failing chainlink full of holes?

Someone PLEASE update us. We are still waiting.....

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Zoo Vision EIR CF 21-0828 comment letter

1 message

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

Wed, Oct 20, 2021 at 10:09 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Oct 20, 2021 at 9:50 AM Gerry Hans < > wrote:
President Patsaouras & Commissioners,

I apologize. I intended to share this letter with the RAP Commissioners when it was originally delivered, as the Zoo Project - as proposed - has serious consequences on Griffith Park.

Thank you,



Gerry Hans
President
<https://www.friendsofgriffithpark.org/>

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Subject:Zoo Vision EIR CF 21-0828 comment letter**Date:**Tue, 12 Oct 2021 14:12:37 -0700**From:**Gerry Hans < >

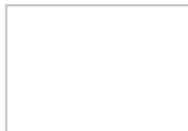
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Chair Lee; Committee Members Bonin and Ridley-Thomas
Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee

Please see our attached letter in support of Alternative 1.

Thank you,



Gerry Hans
President
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October 12, 2021

Councilmembers John Lee (Chair), Mike Bonin, Mark Ridley-Thomas
Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee
Los Angeles City Council

Re: Los Angeles Zoo CF 21-0828; Support for Alternative 1

Honorable Chair John Lee:

Friends of Griffith Park (FoGP) is a non-profit chartered for advocacy for all of Griffith Park, including the Los Angeles Zoo. Our clearly stated opposition to the proposed Zoo Vision Plan (Project) is founded on the Zoo's proposed destruction of many acres of native habitat, including woodlands containing 120 coast live oaks, 60 toyons, and 22 California black walnut trees, all of which are City of Los Angeles Protected Trees/shrubs. An alliance of tree species may also be considered within the rare category, as well as some flora and fauna species. For these and other substantiated reasons, Alternative 1 should be carefully considered and selected by this Council Committee.

CEQA guidelines require the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) analysis to identify the Environmentally Superior Alternative — an alternative containing the fewest adverse impacts and greatest benefits. Alternative 1 was declared to be the Environmentally Superior Alternative, over the proposed Project and over Alternative 2. In this regard, FoGP merely joins the best choice already stated in the EIR. ([Executive Summary](#))

POSITION SUMMARY TO SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE 1:

The following summary argues that little is lost by the Zoo in achieving its goals under Alternative 1. Yet, so much would be lost under the Project by destroying nearly all the remaining native habitat within the Zoo's borders, which mostly comprises the native habitat within the Africa Project Area and the California Project Area.

The Zoo Vision Plan EIR refers to this native habitat as “*underutilized and underdeveloped areas of the Zoo*” ([Executive Summary](#) and [3.3 Biological](#)). Friends of Griffith Park vehemently disagrees with this assertion and characterization from the perspective of conservation and biodiversity. This is precisely the case when one considers the protections afforded to components of this natural habitat and rarity rankings, just as the Los Angeles community begins to experience explosive climate change, drought, and water usage concerns.

The Africa Planning Area

WHAT WILL BE LOST: The Africa Planning Area includes approximately six acres of dense vegetation corresponding to coast live oak woodland. The tree/shrub species mix also includes Southern California black walnut, toyon, and Mexican elderberry, all protected under the Los Angeles Protected Tree/Shrub Ordinance. The terrain of this area is hillside with over 20 percent grade ([Appendix E](#)).

The tree/shrub community proposed to be “*eliminated or substantially altered*” in the Africa Planning Area includes City of Los Angeles Protected Tree/Shrub Species ([Appendix I](#)):

California live oak (Quercus agrifolia) 113
Southern California black walnut (Juglans californica var. californica) 22
Toyon (Heteromeles arbutifolia) 45
Mexican elderberry (Sambucus Mexicana) 21

TOTAL CITY PROTECTED TREES/SHRUBS LOST = 201

The 22 Southern California black walnut trees included above are re-sprouting from tree stumps cut for “fire management.”

Comments submitted by FoGP inquired why they were cut, under whose authority, and whether permits had been issued. The City’s ambiguous response states, “*brush clearance activities are carried out by Zoo groundskeeper staff in coordination with the LAFD.*” **This deserves more clarification.** Since the response did not say they obtained a permit to cut the protected trees, the logical assumption is no permit was authorized and therefore the trees were cut down in violation of the Protected Tree Ordinance (2006).

In answering FoGP’s question regarding whether the pre-EIR cutting reduced the threshold of significance, the City replied, “*Project’s impacts to the 22 California black walnut tree stumps would be mitigated to the same level..*” And, “*Therefore, the loss of these trees does not reduce the threshold of significance for the analyses within the EIR.*”

Now, consider another comment submitted by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), “*To determine the rarity ranking of vegetation communities on the Project site, the MCV (Manual of California Vegetation) alliance/association community names should be provided as CDFW only tracks rare natural communities using this classification system. This would allow CDFW to appropriately comment on potential impacts to sensitive plants and vegetation communities.*” The City’s response to this comment is in sharp contrast to the reply to FoGP’s comment. The City pivots in its reply saying that both habitat areas “*have all been subject to some degree of past disturbance such as vegetation clearing for fire management. Similarly, the majority of black walnuts are in various stage of resprouting from past fire management activities.*”

The City has taken two conflicting positions regarding treating mitigation for the 22 Southern California black walnut trees which were cut down within the Zoo's borders, saying they should be fully mitigated as trees, yet attempting to dismiss them as part of a plant community. Indeed, an alliance comprised of Southern California black walnut with coast live oak is listed under "[Sensitive Natural Communities](#)." For this alliance, both Global rarity and State rarity show checked boxes. The mitigation for the loss of "Sensitive Natural Community" would be much more difficult to reduce to a level below significant, and so it seems the tree alliance is being misleadingly understated. Mitigation for lost Sensitive Natural Communities is done on an area ratio basis, rather than a tree ratio replacement basis, making it more expensive and more difficult.

The [Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations](#) declares that the Project would result in no reasonably foreseeable impacts to biological resources relating to natural communities, and defers further biological surveys to a later date, at 30% plan design. We disagree with the finding and the deferral, as they relate to the walnut/oak alliance. This should have been addressed in the EIR.

The California Planning Area

WHAT WILL BE LOST: The California Planning Area includes approximately 16.1 acres of undeveloped habitat, much of which is laurel sumac shrubland, but also coast live oak woodland.

The affected tree/shrub community in the California Planning Area includes these City of Los Angeles Protected Tree/Shrub Species ([Appendix I](#)):

California live oak (Quercus agrifolia) 7
Toyon (Heteromeles arbutifolia) 15
Mexican elderberry (Sambucus Mexicana) 4

TOTAL CITY PROTECTED TREES/SHRUBS LOST = 26

OTHER FLORA AND FAUNA WILL BE LOST IN BOTH PLANNING AREAS: Notable sensitive flora in the California Planning Area includes Nevin's barberry (*Berberis nevinii*). Nevin's barberry is a federally and state-listed endangered shrub, endemic to only a few Southern California counties. No exact count was determined by EIR project surveys, but at least 11 stands were noted in the California Planning Area. Other species here include scrub oak, lemonadeberry, California sagebrush, and big-pod ceanothus. According to the EIR, the Africa Planning Area "*hosts the highest observed species diversity of the native habitats of the Zoo, with 54 plant species being observed.*" ([3.3 Biological](#))

The EIR states that 17 sensitive or special-status plant and wildlife species are either known to be present or have a moderate to high potential to be present based upon

historical records. The reconnaissance survey and an initial rare plant survey were certainly not adequate to document all rare and special status species. Calochortus species, Hubby's phacelia, and others are likely to be found within the California Planning Area and the Africa Planning Area.

Fauna species would likely include San Diego woodrat, legless lizard, and multiple bat species. ([Appendix E](#)) Despite FoGP comments entered, there is complete denial that Blainville's horned lizard and the San Diegan tiger whiptail lizard, both species of special concern, could be present on Zoo property or anywhere within Griffith Park, despite obvious public documentation, lay knowledge, and information provided by FoGP. Also, there is no acknowledgement of Western gray squirrel populations being threatened within the region and within Griffith Park, despite the information FoGP provided in its comment and readily available results of genetic work proving otherwise.

WHAT WILL BE LOST IN GRIFFITH PARK ITSELF: Shockingly, with the proposed Project, *“a fuel buffer could result in up to 6 acres of disturbance or loss of native chaparral and oak woodland habitat within Griffith Park.”* ([3.17 Wildfire](#)) This is a well-hidden nugget in the EIR never discussed during any of the Zoo's interviews or outreach presentations. This alone should be a reason for Alternative 1, since drastic habitat impacts should not be allowed upon Recreations and Parks (RAP) land. FoGP considers the habitat in the RAP Griffith Park to be as important as that within the Zoo's borders. Some may recall the major push-back in the late-90s when the Zoo wanted all of Mineral Wells Picnic Grounds, not just an acre or two, for the veterinary facility.

Under the proposed Zoo Vision Plan, **native habitat is lost on both sides**. Ironically, leaving the oak woodland alone in the Africa Planning Area may be a best management practice solution to protect the Zoo from wildfires. According to US Forest Service, coast live oak is exceptionally fire resistant. Some informed fire authorities even suggest that coast live oak be placed in strategic areas in order to achieve the greatest amount of fire protection.

LITTLE IS LOST WITH ALTERNATIVE 1 vs. FULL PROJECT

Fortunately, with the reduced project Alternative 1, little is lost toward the Zoo Vision's 14 Project Goals. Alternative 1, per the EIR, *“would reduce environmental impacts identified in the EIR associated with the development and loss of natural resources within these areas (e.g., visual resources, native habitat, sensitive plant species, protected trees).”* ([4.0 Alternatives](#)) And as stated previously, is the “Environmentally Superior Alternative,” according to the EIR.

Most goals of the proposed Project would be fulfilled under Alternative 1. Here is a short summary of the Project Goals showing whether each would be accomplished under Alternative 1 per the EIR. The bolded short answer, “Yes, No, or Partially” are

the answers given in the EIR. FoGP comments are [inserted] after each. We would argue that many labelled “Partially” should actually be “Yes”:

Animal Welfare and Care: **Yes**, improvements and upgrades would be executed, but inside the current confines of the current developed Zoo areas. [We agree]

World Class Destination: **Yes**, but within the current footprint. [We agree, and the LA Zoo is already one of the top ten largest zoos in the United States.]

Conservation: **Partially**, since there may be less revenue with lower visitation. [Destroying native habitat areas is inconsistent with any principle of conservation. Donations and memberships may be more critical than paid admission for conservation funding. Fewer visitations versus the full project would mean less traffic impacts in Griffith Park and less need for the heavily-opposed parking structure.]

Learning and Education: **Partially**, since there is less “animal space and educational facilities” to support engagement. [We are confident there is plenty outdoor classroom space within its current footprint.]

Visitor-serving Amenities: **Partially**, with fewer “shops and plaza.” These “amenities” are decreased due to reduced footprint. [Reduced level of commercial zones within Griffith Park is a positive aspect of Alternative 1. Much of the expansion into habitat areas is targeted to amenities and attractions, rather than animal care.]

Efficient Circulation System: **No**. Without Condor Canyon, “an internal loop circulation system” would not be developed. The current loop would remain, but with some improvements. The funicular would be eliminated. [Blasting and excavating through Condor Canyon into 60 feet deep bedrock is a huge undertaking. Not having the California Visitor Center, proposed of “up to 73,800 sf with 22,400 sf food service facilities,” will allow the Zoo to focus on its stated mission rather than enter the convention and facility rental business with nighttime events.]

Multi-modal Access: **Yes**. Improvements to multi-modal would be made, although less than those under of Alternative 2. However, the City considers Alternative 2 extremely difficult in terms of economic feasibility. [This area of Los Angeles is highly challenged in its transportation options. This is absolutely another reason for less ambitious growth versus the proposed project’s 66.6 percent growth in admissions.]

Increase and Modernize Zoo Exhibit Space: **Partially**, but only because, Alternative 1 “would not include the expanded exhibits within the California and Africa planning areas.” [This is a minor sacrifice in order to save these valuable habitat areas. We would argue “Yes” since much of the existing space will be modernized even under Alternative 1.]

Accessibility (within Zoo): Partially, since the funicular would not be built. Improvements to pathways would be made and the aerial tram would still be implemented. [The elimination of the funicular is a positive. It is more an amusement park attraction and a means to accommodate evening events at the California Visitor Center which would not occur under Alternative 1. Unfortunately, the aerial tram is also an amusement attraction, but will also serve to improve access, particularly ADA visitors. This should be “**Yes**” considering the aerial tram.]

Operational Excellence: Partially, since, otherwise, *“the internal loop circulation system would improve emergency access, and the underdeveloped areas would not enhance overall design and operations.”* [While this notation in the EIR is extremely vague, there are significant off-setting advantages of saving undeveloped natural areas which are cherished by visitors. Spending huge sums excavating through Condor Canyon is not necessary since a complete circulation loop with ground tram already exists. This answer should be “**Yes.**”]

Immersive Visitor Experience: Partially, *“but would not utilize all the Zoo property to maximize immersive experiences for visitors.”* [This is a good thing. Retaining those “underutilized” natural habitat areas will be greatly appreciated by visitors who consider natural habitat conservation important. This should be answered “**Yes.**”]

Visual Appearance: Partially, *“...this alternative would not include full development of the California planning area, including the hilltop Yosemite lodge-style California Visitor Center and active hillside vineyards, with sweeping views of the Zoo.”* [It is hard to understand the irony of turning natural California habitat into water-thirty vineyards and call it California. This should be answered “**Yes.**”]

Capital Improvements: Yes, similar improvements would be made in including stormwater, solar, etc. [We agree]

Environmental Sustainability: Yes, the same sustainable design features would be implemented. [We agree]

LACK OF JUSTIFICATION FOR TAKING NATIVE HABITAT

Even if a “zoo animals first” rationale is taken, there’s little justification for sacrificing the valuable native habitat acreage of the Africa Planning Area and the California Planning Area. The EIR says, native habitat communities would likely be “eliminated or substantially altered” [EIR 3.3-49] in the Africa and California areas.

If you dig deep into the numbers in the EIR to answer questions which aren’t exactly transparent, **only 35% of the undeveloped natural habitat would be devoted to animal care purposes** within the two expanded areas.

Here is the detail of an assessment in finding the percentage of the undeveloped habitat in the Africa and California areas to be used for zoo animal care purposes under the proposed plan:

CALIFORNIA PLANNING AREA:

- There are 16.1 acres of undeveloped habitat, plus 4.5 acres of developed aviary.[EIR 3.6-12 & 2.0-43]
- 164,700 sq ft of animal space improvement [EIR 2.0-44] equals 3.8 acres, so 24% of undeveloped habitat will go to animal space and care, if the full plan is executed.
- The current 4.5 acres of developed aviary can still be redeveloped under the full proposed plan or Alternative 1.

AFRICA PLANNING AREA:

- Within this area, there are 6 acres of dense oak woodland, within the 7 acres of undeveloped land. Another 16 acres is already developed as animal space. [EIR 2.0-54]
- New animal space is 190,600 sq ft [EIR 2.0-55] equals 4.4 acres, so that is 63% of the 7 acres now undeveloped. (Conversion to expansive rangeland with 360° view from the large planned Visitor Center and Restaurant.)
- The currently developed 16 acres of animal space can be redeveloped under the full proposed plan or Alternative 1.

Combining these for a TOTAL of undeveloped habitat area turned into animal space and care = 35%

SUMMARY

The proposed Zoo Vision Plan is profoundly inconsistent with City environmental priorities. The Project radically turns its back on Los Angeles's *Sustainable City Plan*, and snubs the *30 x 30 Initiative*, along with the *Biodiversity work by the Department of Sanitation and Environment*. FoGP supports EIR Alternative 1, which will avoid developing approximately 23 acres of native wildlands. As illustrated above in detail, few of the stated goals of the Plan are sacrificed in doing so.

The Zoo Vision Plan's obsession for explosive growth (66.6% increase) also falls short in coping with the resultant increased volumes of vehicles coming into the park. While Alternative 2 is listed in the EIR as a way to reduce the resultant vehicle count increase, the Zoo admits at the same time that is not feasible due to costs and nearly impossible logistics. The resultant traffic impacts will not just negatively impact the Zoo; these impacts

will affect every person who visits Griffith Park for its many recreational opportunities. It will also increase the regular and dangerous gridlocks on the northbound I-5 Zoo exit we already witness regularly. While Alternative 1 does not solve this problem, it does offer a slight compromise to reduce vehicle count with a lower visitor volume, and possibly reduce the need for a parking structure in the future.

Alternative 1 also reduces construction expenses, and thus financial risks to the City. Note that the current 2021-22 Zoo budget, at around \$25 million, relies on the City's General Fund as its largest source of revenue, at \$11.6 million! This is not the first time the City has propped up the Zoo during challenging times. If the current pandemic tells us anything, it's that uncertainty will persist into the future, just like our changing climate is exerting volatility into our lives!

Other risks to the City are embedded in fundamental zoo visitation trends, with a global re-thinking of maintaining wild animals for display. Zoos are falling in popularity with a younger generation of parents. Other trends are noted in The New York Times' recent opinion, [Modern Zoos Are Not Worth the Moral Cost](#), such as polling that shows only a very low percentage visit zoos to "learn about animals."

Friends of Griffith Park is pleased that the LA Zoo gives high priority to "Animal Welfare and Care," and with Alternative 1, the Zoo will achieve this excellence and continues to meet AZA standards. The EIR also clearly states that the Zoo can become a "World-class Destination" while meeting many other project goals with Alternative 1. The "Environmentally Superior Alternative," Alternative 1, is the best choice for Los Angeles.

Sincerely,



Gerry Hans
President

cc: Mayor Garcetti, Councilmember Nithya Raman, Mike Shull (RAP), Denise Verret (Zoo), Stefanie Smith (RAP), RAP Commissioners, and other staff members.

About Friends of Griffith Park:

Friends of Griffith Park (FoGP) is a California non-profit 501(c)(3) dedicated to preserving and protecting Griffith Park's natural habitat, biodiversity, and historic features, for current and future generations. FoGP is committed to ensuring that Griffith Park, a public park and Los Angeles' largest Historic-Cultural Monument, remain open, natural, and free to all citizens of Los Angeles.



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Re: Agenda Item 21-181 of the Board's October 21st Meeting - Veterans Gardens

1 message

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Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 8:58 AM

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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. Thank you.

On Wed, Oct 20, 2021 at 2:13 PM Robert Harter <

> wrote:

Date: October 20, 2021

To: The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Recreation and Parks
The Maintenance Task Force of the Board of Commissioners

Sylvia Patsaouras, President and Commissioner

Lynn Alvarez, Vice President and Commissioner

Nicole Chase, Commissioner

Tafarai Bayne, Commissioner

Joseph Halper, Commissioner

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are thrilled that Veterans Gardens is now fully creating an extraordinary sense of belonging and community for 325 Palisadians in weekly bocce leagues – including 160 of our local senior citizens. Veterans Gardens is filled with activity every day -- and the community's support has been unprecedented.

We believe that RAP's staff recommendation to reduce the minimum time donors are to be recognized on the military panels from 30 to 10 years will jeopardize our opportunities to fundraise for the maintenance of the gardens well into the future. Nevertheless, if the Board approves that recommendation, we reluctantly accept it. We do ask that the language related to the 10 years stays consistent with that of the 30 years and as in previous drafts of the agreement, ie, that the language on the military panels state "shall remain in place for a minimum of 10 years."

Many thanks for your continued support.

Your Palisades Park Improvement Corporation

By: Jimmy Dunne, Bill McGregor, Bob Harter

cc: Matthew Rudnick
Joel Alvarez

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Re: Quimby fee ordinance

1 message

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

Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 9:32 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 9:18 AM TC Maysonet < > wrote:

Good morning,

I just attended your meeting this morning and noted on the agenda you would be discussing Quimby fees. Can you please tell me how I can retrieve information on Quimby fees and their allocation? We have 2 parks and many recent TOC developments and I'm trying to understand how the funds actually get to our community.

Thank you,
Theresa Maysonet
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Re: People Living and Dying in LA Park Bathrooms

1 message

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

Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 10:10 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 7:29 PM Jennifer Marquez

> wrote:

Hello,

A very concerning trend is happening in the City of Los Angeles. The bathrooms in many of the parks/beaches run by Recreation and Parks are on auto-lock. There is apparently not enough staff to clear the bathrooms so people are staying the night in the bathrooms and using them as a shelter. They can get out but nobody else can get in.

Today (see photo below) a Hispanic man 30s known as a regular homeless person in the area was found dead at 6 am at Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro. It seems it may be OD. People are using this auto door lock as a way to make the bathrooms a shelter often for illegal activity as well when across town the local shelter has many open beds.

I hope you will consider making sure the bathrooms are clear before they are locked.

Thank you,
Jen



Bay Cities Crime Watch report a homeless man (regular at Cabrillo - 30s Hispanic with long hair and wore baseball hat and shorts) was found dead at 6 am today in inner beach men's bathroom. No idea how he got inside as it was closed at that hour. We send our condolences to his family and friends.



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TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the below listed locations are experiencing a need for enforcement against the above listed prohibitions; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds that the public health, safety, or welfare is served by the prohibition, and further finds that sleeping or lodging within the stated proximity to the designated area(s) is unhealthy, unsafe, or incompatible with safe passage; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Council District 7 has submitted / posted to the File relevant documentation, as further detailed in the Code, that the circumstances at these locations pose a particular and ongoing threat to public health or safety:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to §41.18 (c) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code that the Council hereby designates the following locations for enforcement against sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way, up to the maximum distance and effective for the maximum period of time prescribed, and as further detailed in the Code:

1. Herrick Avenue and 118 Freeway – Underpass/School
2. Paxton Avenue and 118 Freeway – Underpass/School
3. Ritchie Valens Park, 10736 Laurel Canyon Blvd – Public Park
4. Paxton Park, 10960 Haddon Ave – Public Park
5. Pacoima Public Health Center at 13300 Van Nuys Boulevard – Health Center
6. Osborne Street and 5 Freeway – Underpass
7. 9800 Laurel Canyon Boulevard – Alleyway
8. Arroyo Street and 210 Freeway – Underpass
9. Sylmar High School, 13050 Borden Avenue – School
10. Sylmar Recreation Center, 13109 Borden Avenue – School
11. Stetson Ranch Park, 15455 Glenoaks Blvd – Public Park
12. Los Angeles City Fire Station 24, 9411 Wentworth Street – Public Facility
13. Sunland Recreation Park, 8651 Foothill Blvd – Public Park
14. Brand Park Memory Garden, 15177 S Brand Blvd – Public Park
15. Sepulveda Boulevard and 118 Freeway – Underpass
16. Chatsworth Street and 405 Freeway – Underpass
17. Plummer Street and 405 Freeway – Underpass
18. 15240 Tupper Street – Public Park

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Department(s) with jurisdiction over the identified locations are hereby directed and authorized to post appropriate notices of the above prohibitions at these locations, and to begin enforcement upon the expiration of any required posting period.

PRESENTED BY: Monica Rodriguez
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilmember, 7th District

SECONDED BY: B. J. [Signature]

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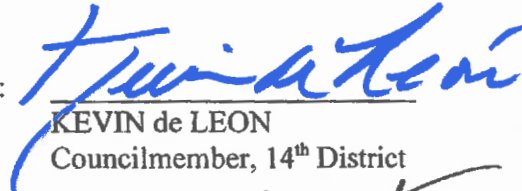
WHEREAS, the Office of Council District 14 has submitted / posted to the File relevant documentation, as further detailed in the Code, that the circumstances at these locations pose a particular and ongoing threat to public health or safety:

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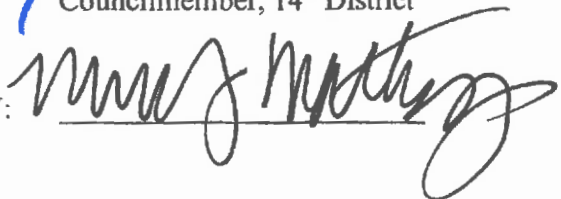
1. 5350 Huntington Drive – Designated Facility - Shelter
2. 5533 Huntington Drive – Designated Facility - Shelter
3. 7570 N. Figueroa Street – Designated Facility - Shelter
4. 401 S. Arroyo Seco Parkway - Designated Facility - Shelter
5. 415 S. St Louis Street - Public Park

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PRESENTED BY:


KEVIN de LEON
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:



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MOTION **ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, EDUCATION, & NEIGHBORHOOD**

Tom LaBonge had a career with the City of Los Angeles spanning 39 years. His first taste of public service began in 1974 with Mayor Tom Bradley's youth council. Two years later, he secured a job with Councilmember Peggy Stevenson. In 1978, he began a 15-year stint with 4th District Councilmember John Ferraro. He served as Councilmember of the 4th District from 2001 to 2015. He was well known for his love of the City's history, its landmarks, its public spaces and its people.

Tom LaBonge was especially proud of his involvement with the Sister Cities program, which connected Los Angeles with cities around the world. The Sister Cities program promotes cooperation with international cities, and facilitates cultural, tourism, business, and educational partnerships between cities. Tom LaBonge was a key proponent of the program's development, especially during his time as a City Councilmember. He served as the President of the Los Angeles Sister City Association, and later served as its Chairman Emeritus. The Los Angeles Sister Cities Plaza in San Pedro features the flag of each of the 25 Sister Cities of Los Angeles. It would be fitting to rename the Sister Cities Plaza to honor former Councilmember Tom LaBonge's name and recognize his enthusiastic support for the program.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to rename Sister Cities Plaza, located at 406 North Gaffey Street, to Tom LaBonge Sister Cities Plaza, in memory of Councilmember Tom LaBonge and in recognition of his involvement with the Sister Cities program.

PRESENTED BY: Joe Buscaino
JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: Bl Blum

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TRANSPORTATION

MOTION

Zero Emissions Transportation Infrastructure Working Group
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & RIVER

The City of Los Angeles has a goal of reaching carbon neutrality by 2050. In pursuing that goal, we can improve our air quality, health, and environment by seizing on opportunities to decarbonize the transportation sector. Public leadership is essential to support this market transformation with great opportunities to decarbonize fleets at many City departments and regional agencies. Decarbonizing various public fleets and non-revenue vehicles face common challenges related to upfront cost, procurement, and supporting infrastructure.

Many Southern California agencies have adopted, or are considering, similar or related goals around clean and decarbonized fleets. Some highlights include:

The City of Los Angeles has committed to:

- Increase the percentage of zero-emission vehicles in the city to 25% by 2025, 80% by 2035, and 100% by 2050;
- Electrify 100% of LADOT buses by 2028;
- Increase the percentage of all trips made by walking, biking, micro-mobility matched rides or transit to at least 35% by 2025 and 50% by 2035;
- Achieve zero days of unhealthy air quality by 2025;
- Achieve a 100% carbon-free electricity grid by 2035.

The County of Los Angeles has developed its first sustainability plan, which includes these priorities:

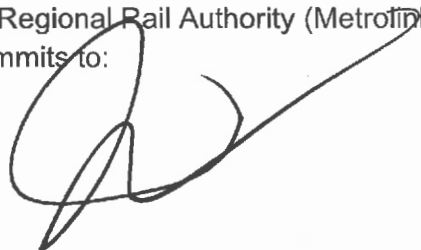
- Install electric vehicle (EV) chargers at County facilities and properties for public, employee, and fleet use, prioritizing locations in disadvantaged communities;
- Revise and regularly update the County's fleet policy to require zero emission vehicles or better whenever available and operationally feasible;
- Convert Sheriff's Department fleet to zero emission by partnering with vehicle manufacturers to develop a zero emission pursuit LASD vehicle and transport bus;
- Partner with Los Angeles Fire Department and equipment manufacturers to pilot a zero emission fire engine.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has adopted a 2030 Sustainability Strategic Plan through which it commits to:

- Encourage innovation in strategic planning and sustainable practices through adaptation and resilience;
- Transition Metro's revenue fleet to zero emissions technology;
- Develop, adopt and implement an EV Implementation Plan to expand the use of EVs and access to EV charging infrastructure and more.

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) has established a Climate Action Plan through which it commits to:

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- Transition 100% of the non-revenue fleet of light-duty vehicles to zero-emission models;
- Install zero-emission vehicle charging and/or fueling infrastructure at facilities and more.

The City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, LA Metro, and Metrolink can realize great efficiency and increased opportunities for funding by working together to advance their shared goals of decarbonizing the transportation sector.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO), in collaboration with the City's EV Task Force, (i) to convene a working group made up of representatives of the General Services Department (GSD), Department of Water and Power, the Department of Transportation, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles World Airports, the Board of Public Works, the Economic Workforce Development Department, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and (ii) to invite representatives of the County, LA Metro, and Metrolink to participate in the working group, with at least the following objectives:

- 1) Identify opportunities for collaboration on deploying shared charging infrastructure for all fleet needs (all vehicle classes, both revenue and non-revenue vehicles), while ensuring that renewable and resilience measures are included. This effort should optimize the amount of shared or multi-agency accessible zero-emission fueling infrastructure in the region.
- 2) Analyze any potential efficiencies in joint procurement and long-term planning.
- 3) Evaluate opportunities for co-locating and co-developing zero-emissions vehicle charging infrastructure with both public and private agencies.
- 4) Maximize capacity for EVs through deploying electric vehicle charging/fueling equipment in underutilized parking lot facilities for public and/or agency use. Each agency (where applicable) should provide a report back to its respective governing board listing such opportunities in parking lots, including the number of available parking spaces in each lot.
- 5) Maximize and coordinate funding and grant applications for shared charging, storing, and other infrastructure opportunities.
- 6) Explore collective procurement opportunities and other procurement innovations, such as common bid language that allows all agencies to take advantage of a contract awarded by any of the other agencies, with special emphasis on encouraging and incentivizing local businesses to benefit from such procurement.
- 7) To the greatest extent possible, set cross-agency standards for charging, materials, measurement (hourly need), and telematics needs to ensure a regional standard.

- 8) Explore ways to maximize coordination with private industry investments in zero-emission fuel infrastructure in order to facilitate meeting current or anticipated agency EV needs (for example, relating to construction, power, and storage). Such steps might include a notification protocol to ensure that all agencies will be able to take advantage of any potential electrification infrastructure synergies during large private sector electrification projects.
- 9) Explore the use of battery storage and energy management for shared charging infrastructure projects between working group members. Work with LADWP and Southern California Edison to identify strategies to leverage battery storage to achieve system resiliency alongside fleet electrification projects.
- 10) Share lists and maps of assets that can be used in a unified plan for zero-emission infrastructure, including parking lots, layover locations, park and rides, and existing EV facilities.
- 11) Identify other public agencies that can participate in the work of the working group to expand long-term zero-emission infrastructure planning further.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO and City's EV Task Force report back on any additional appropriate parties that should be added to this working group.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO in conjunction with the City's EV Task Force report back on the progress toward meeting each of the goals of the working group described above in 90 days, and every 90 days thereafter with updates.

I FURTHER MOVE that EWDD report back in 90 days on workforce training and career opportunities for zero-emission infrastructure installations and maintenance within the City of Los Angeles.

Presented by: Paul Kerkorian Mitch O'Farrell
 PAUL KREKORIAN MITCH O'FARRELL
 Councilmember, 2nd District Councilmember, 13th District

Nithya Raman
 NITHYA RAMAN
 Councilmember, 4th District

Seconded by: Bob Blumenfeld
Paul Kerkorian

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: A good Homeless solution

1 message

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

Tue, Oct 26, 2021 at 7:22 AM

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Oct 25, 2021 at 11:59 PM <

> wrote:

Homeless Solutions

An open letter to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Los Angeles.

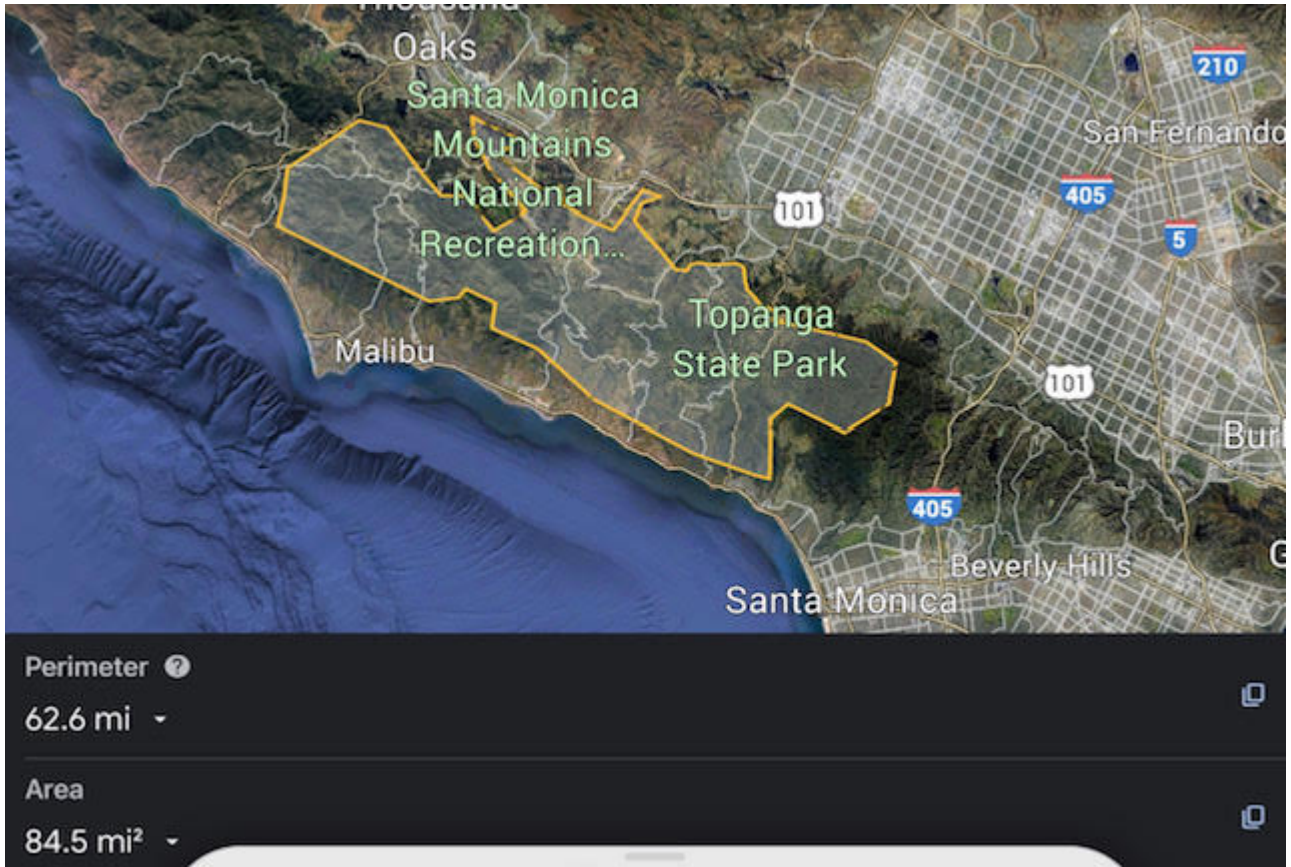
New Hope Campground.

A Transitional Facility.

There are approximately 4,300 acres in Griffith Park. When the Griffith family granted Griffith Park to the city of Los Angeles they had the stipulations that the park was to be freely used by all the people of Los Angeles, and if not it was to be returned to the Griffith family. In 1946 when the soldiers came home from World War II and they had no place to live, Roger Young Village was successfully set up as temporary housing in what is now the grounds of The Los Angeles City Zoo. There are currently large areas of Griffith Park that are not currently used that could serve as a homeless public campground.

However there is a better choice and much larger area of undeveloped public land in the Santa Monica Mountains. Between the 405 Freeway and Highway 23 to the west, there is approximately 84.5mi.² or 54,000 acres of 80% Undeveloped, Unused, Vacant Public land in the Santa Monica Mountains.

See map below.



For one possible location, I propose we use a small percentage of the funds that have been assessed to provide housing for the homeless to build a 40 acre tent city parkland campground in the Santa Monica Mountains called.....Camp New Hope.

New Hope Campground will have 2,500 to 5,000 individual campsites as an initial test program. Expansion of the facility to accommodate more campsites can be done as the program proves it's viability.

A large clear-cut fire break will incircle the campgrounds. Brush clearance will be taken care of when campsites are staked out and graded. Firefighting equipment will be strategically placed throughout the camp. No individual campsites will be allowed open camp fires.

Campgrounds will have Public Bathrooms, Showers and Regular Trash Collection. Campsites should have electrical outlets. Campsites will also be available for people living in their cars or RVs. They'll be RV trash and sanitary dump stations on the campgrounds. A store and commissary and free laundromat will be built. A large recreation area tent, gym, and outdoor community theater should be built for entertainment gathering and weekly or bi-weekly film projections.

Instead of food being distributed in several areas of the city it will be now centralized for the homeless in a large tent cafeteria with free food and three meals served every day. Healthy Snacks will be available between meals.

They'll be a medical facility tent with free medical and Covid vaccines and flu shots provided on site. Counseling and treatment will be available for substance abuse and mental health issues. Aptitude testing will be available. Guidance counselors will consult with resident on educational possibilities and career guidance.

Cell towers and free Wi-Fi will be provided along with US mail service. Inexpensive smart phones and tablets will be available with purchase and financing options through various carrier programs.

The New Hope Campground mobile application will enrolled residents, provide a community bulletin board, track job postings and community announcements. The application will include a calendar for booking appointments for Doctors, Counselors, Therapist visits and job interviews. The application will allow residents the ability to enroll in classes and track their class schedules, including the ability to transfer their transcripts.

Free Wifi Classes will also include Grammar School, Junior High, High School, Trade School Job Training and College level courses including courses in English for other languages, Gardening, Cooking, Farming, Ecology, Healthcare, Science, Physics,

Architecture, Construction, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Solar panel installation along with infrastructure rebuilding skills, for paid infrastructure jobs. Grades and Transcripts will be tracked for each student and the transcripts will be transferable to other schools.

School-age children will be enrolled in online classes. Preschool and Grammar School children will be cared for in separate tents when their parents are working or going for job interviews.

For the first three months of residency the facilities at New Hope Campground will be free to all residents. As a transitional facility it is expected that residents will sign up for classes and make progress to getting employment, and finding a rental near their work. Residents will be encouraged to find interim employment, so that they can move to their own housing. Starting with the fourth month there will be a \$200 charge for a standard campsite.

New Hope Campground is meant to be a transitional facility, to help people move ahead and transition from the streets to employment and to more permanent housing. Helping people to get on their feet with educational planning and career guidance and interim employment as they continue their online education to further develop their career skills.

The Los Angeles City Council will need to pass a new Ordinance making it illegal to spend the night on city streets, when other homeless facilities are available.

When there are vacancies at a New Hope Campground and other housing facilities, homeless individuals will be given a written notice citation and a choice to leave city street camps in 48 hours or have them self and their belongings transported for free to a New Hope Campground.

New Hope Campground is not a prison or a concentration camp. Residents will be free to come and go as they please. Free bus service will be provided a few times a day.

With over 60,000 homeless individuals in Los Angeles County, and 30,000 in Los Angeles City, New Hope Campground will provide A test facility to measure the relief that the New Hope Campground program provides for Los Angeles cities homeless.

Los Angeles has spent the last year dealing with a crisis of COVID-19. Hundreds and thousands of our citizens have lost their lives as well as their livelihoods and jobs. This is been a big factor in contributing to the homeless situation that we are now experiencing as another emergency crisis in our city.

Now it's up to the Mayor and The Los Angeles City Council to make the decision to move ahead to develop the plan, by appointing a New Hope Campground Committee, to be overseen by The Los Angeles City Council and for making funds available that have

already been assessed on property owners to help house the homeless and for organizing the various city departments and coordinating their efforts.

Los Angeles City Planning and The Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety to work out the best logistical location and layout and planning. Bureau of Engineering, Department of Public Works. SMMC, Los Angeles Housing Authority. L.A. Health and Human Services Department, Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles Unified School District, On Line Learning Center, Los Angeles City and L.A. Valley College, California State Colleges, Food Bank, and other agencies will want to be involved as well.

The Forest Service and Forest Rangers will help administrators administer the campgrounds, with back up provided by Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department and Los Angeles Police Department by mounted officers on horseback.

New Hope Campground will not only help get the homeless off the streets of Los Angeles and into shelters, but it provides the homeless with the chance to get back on their feet and get the education they need to be able to get jobs and provide for their families so they can pay their own rent and buy their own homes.

Homeless individuals spending the night city wide on public sidewalks, effect access to business and without sanitary toilets, bath facilities and trash pickup they are a serious health hazard to them selfs and the general public as well. Centralized food distribution, medical help, guidance and job training counseling, and education, will go a along way in giving homeless individuals a new direction and a helping hand in moving ahead with their lives in a positive way. Housing is not the only problem facing the homeless. They need job skills so they can enter the labor market and eventually be able to rent, or afford to buy their own homes and also gain their own dignity, a sense of personal accomplishment, and self-esteem.

Where ever a New Hope Campground is established it is a rehabilitation model that should be considered by the Federal Government, the State Governments, County Governments, and City Governments alike.

Sincerely,
Rod Snyder

Please feel free to distribute this to anyone you feel may benefit from it.
Rod Snyder

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City of Los Angeles
Office of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners
Figuroa Plaza
221 North Figuroa Street, Suite 300
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Anthony Paul Diaz

Sylvia Patsaouras

Tararai Bayne

Nicole Chase

Joseph Halper

I am a Recreation Director for the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks. I have worked for this department for over 20 years, and I wholeheartedly believe that Parks make life better. In addition, I believe passionately in the transformative power that parks have in making people's lives better. These concepts motivate me to do my best and be my best for the communities I serve. I believe that Parks build community through recreation that includes fun, innovative, creative, and excellent programs and services. My fellow directors' goal is to enhance our parks' recreational and social experiences continually.

We are stewards to over 16,000 acres of parkland, offering social, cultural, and recreational programs at over 444 sites. We oversee and operate 321 tennis courts, 26 skate parks, 30 senior centers, 62 swimming pools, 12 museums, 72 fitness centers, 184 recreation centers, 187 youth camps, 13 golf courses, 13 lakes, and 92 miles of hiking trails. We provide recreational opportunities, cultural venues, and exciting special events for Communities in every Los Angeles neighborhood from the valley to the sea. We value the diversity of our communities and neighborhoods, and our parks are a natural habitat that fosters inclusivity and a healthy lifestyle. We are a dynamic Department!

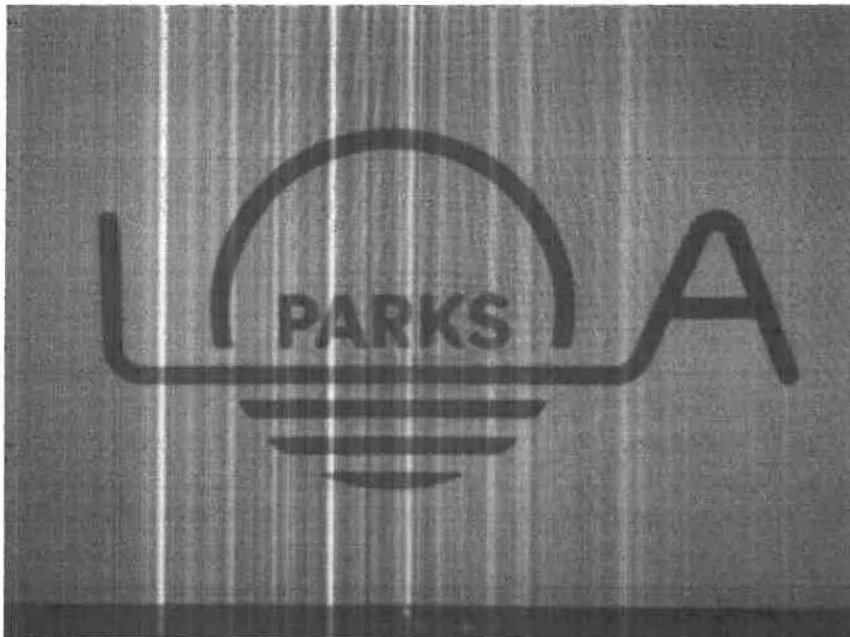
So why is the new department logo that you have approved less than dynamic? There is no slight nuance to what we do or who we are represented in this Logo. But, equally important, it **does not** entrench the culture of our department. The Logo speaks nothing of the outdoors and nothing of recreation. The Logo tells nothing of social interaction among friends and families. The department boasts Sixteen thousand acres of parkland and not one tree in the Logo. All the recreational services we offer, and yet you took the word "**Recreation**" out! We are the department of Recreation and Parks. We do **recreation**, and it's disheartening to know that what we do as park directors is of little significance to the Commissioners and Anthony-Paul Diaz. We feel unsupported and disfranchised by this Logo and rebranding us without the word **Recreation**! Some of the words I have heard in the field regarding the New Logo: Horrible, colossal failure, repulsive, plain, self-serving, not representative of the beauty of our parks, does not conjure the spirit of our department. The company chosen was ill-suited for the task. Again, this logo and name change do not embody what we do or who we are! Shame on you for not thinking of us.

Last but not least, our General Manager, Mike Shull has said, "we are public **recreation** in Los Angeles, one of the world's greatest cities". Proud and honored to support our work in the department. A significant statement considering the last two years and how together we tackled challenging situations and tried to make sense of how to get through the barriers of a pandemic. So it's particularly unsettling to me that we are to be shackled to this Logo that will

weigh us down in morale every time we look at it. So you, Anthony Paul Diaz, Sylvia Patsaouras, Lynn Alvarez, Tafari Bayne, Nicole Chase, and Joseph Halper have renamed us, branded us to the name of **your** choosing, making us servitude to your decision. And we wanted you to know it doesn't feel right! Moreover, it doesn't feel you are committed to assuring that Recreation & Parks continue to thrive.

So now I'm a bottom-line person, and I have to ask myself, knowing the problem, what's the solution? We want change that embodies and models the high-performance and well-functioning organization and culture we have and that translates to keeping us Recreation & Parks and that includes adding the word "Recreation" to a new Logo.

This is NOT representative of who we are or what we do!



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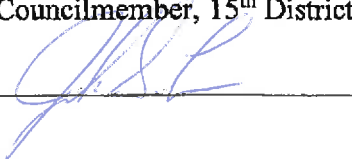
1. 1516 W Anaheim Street – day care center
2. 25405 Normandie Avenue – day care center
3. 23326 Lockness Avenue – day care center
4. 1303 W 253rd Street – day care center
5. 1652 256th Street – day care center
6. 580 W 6th Street – day care center
7. 957 W 12th Street – day care center
8. 926 W Elberon Avenue – day care center
9. 446 W 8th Street – day care center
10. 741 W 8th Street – day care center
11. 1061 W 17th Street – day care center
12. 1226 W Santa Cruz Street – day care center
13. 787 W Elberon Avenue – day care center
14. 1900 S Western Avenue – day care center
15. 1350 W 25th Street – day care center
16. 100 W 5th Street – day care center
17. 1921 N Gaffey Street – day care center
18. 1128 W 7th Street – day care center
19. 631 W 6th Street – day care center
20. 1491 W Ofarrell Street – day care center
21. 9880 S. Grape Street – day care center
22. 1812 E 110th Street – day care center
23. 11230 S Central Avenue – day care center
24. 2001 E 112th Street – day care center
25. 9211 Compton Avenue – day care center

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26. 9506 Anzac Avenue – day care center
27. 9613 Beach Street – day care center
28. 807 Paseo Del Mar – park
29. 1300 Dodson Avenue – park
30. 1920 Cumbre Drive – park
31. Gaffey Street and Westmont – park
32. 836 S Herbert Avenue – park
33. 510 Leland Avenue – park
34. 845 West 12th Street – park
35. W 21st Street and Meyler St.– park
36. 3515 S Gaffey Street – park
37. 1509 Miner Street – park
38. 25200 S Western Avenue – school
39. 25200 South Western Avenue – school
40. 25302 Vermont Avenue – school
41. 1001 West 15th Street – school
42. 461 W 9th Street – school
43. 1501 S Cabrillo Avenue – school
44. 2120 S Leland Street – school
45. 1824 N Taper Avenue – school
46. 1410 Silvius Avenue – school
47. 1524 East 103rd Street – school
48. 1515 E 104th Street – school
49. 540 Hawaiian Avenue – school
50. 24815 Broad Avenue – school
51. 828 W L Street – school
52. 1235 Broad Avenue – school
53. 1530 Wilmington Boulevard – school
54. 1122 E Robidoux Street – school
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PRESENTED BY: 
 JOE BUSCAINO
 Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: 

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1. 25500 S Waterman Way – drainage channel
2. 700 Henry Ford Boulevard – freeway ramp / underpass
3. 24000 S Western – library
4. 931 S Gaffey Street – library
5. 10205 Compton Avenue – library
6. 1300 N Avalon Boulevard – library
7. 25820 Vermont Avenue – park
8. 840 W 149th Street – park
9. 22400 S Halldale Avenue – park
10. 14960 W Torrance Blvd. – park
11. 1500 S Harbor Blvd – park
12. 825 Capitol Street – park
13. 415 N Gaffey Street – park
14. W Sepulveda Street near Bandini Street and Marshall Court – park
15. 7000 S Beacon Street – park
16. 828 S Mesa Street – park
17. 1335 E 103rd Street – park
18. 1464 E 109th Street – park
19. 11251 Compton Avenue – park
20. 1727 E 107th Street – park
21. 1052 N Banning Boulevard – park
22. 1331 Eubank Avenue – park
23. 1300 E "O" Street – park
24. 1125 N Watson Avenue / 1211 N Coil Avenue – park
25. 1700 N Figueroa Street – park
26. 1221 N Figueroa Place – park
27. 1139 N Banning Blvd. – park
28. 105 West "I" Street – park
29. 560 North Western Avenue – park
30. 401 E "M" Street – park
31. 1052 Banning Boulevard – park


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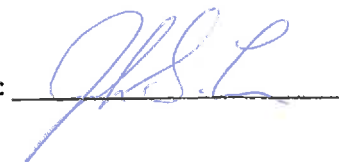
32. 918 North Sanford Avenue – park
33. 1221 N Figueroa Street – park
34. 325 Neptune Avenue – park
35. 1235 N Figueroa Place – park
36. 113000 Monitor Avenue – park
37. 1001 W 253rd Street – school
38. 1465 W 243rd Street – school
39. 1301 W 182nd Street – school
40. 17951 Budlong Avenue – school
41. 732 S Cabrillo Avenue – school
42. 1570 W 7th Street – school
43. 425 N Bandini Street – school
44. 1527 S Mesa Street – school
45. 423 N Pacific Avenue – school
46. 10925 Central Avenue – school
47. 2265 E 103rd Street – school
48. 325 E 111th Street – school
49. 1265 E 112th Street – school
50. 10401 Weigand Avenue – school
51. 1630 E 111th Street – school
52. 1963 E 103rd Street – school
53. 9211 Grape Street – school
54. 1940 E 111th Street – school
55. 11100 S Central Avenue – school
56. 1471 E 96th Street – school
57. 10915 McKinley Avenue – school
58. 11610 Stanford Avenue – school
59. 147 E 107th Street – school
60. 144 E 118th Street – school
61. 603 E 115th Street – school
62. 1111 Figueroa Place – school
63. 1527 Lakme Avenue – school
64. 1425 N Avalon Boulevard – school
65. 500 N Island Avenue – school
66. 1301 N Fries Avenue – school
67. 1140 Mahar Avenue – school
68. 706 Bay View Avenue – school

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Department(s) with jurisdiction over the identified locations are hereby directed and authorized to post appropriate notices of the above prohibitions at these locations, and to begin enforcement upon the expiration of any required posting period.

PRESENTED BY:


JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:



TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT

#55

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, §41.18 of the Municipal Code provides that the Council by Resolution may designate specified areas for enforcement against sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way, in order for a person to be found in violation of any of these prohibited behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the below listed locations are experiencing a need for enforcement against the above listed prohibitions; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds that the public health, safety, or welfare is served by the prohibition, and further finds that sleeping or lodging within the stated proximity to the designated area(s) is unhealthy, unsafe, or incompatible with safe passage; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Council District 15 has submitted/posted to the File relevant documentation, as further detailed in the Code, that the circumstances at these locations pose a particular and ongoing threat to public health or safety:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to §41.18 [c] of the Los Angeles Municipal Code that the Council hereby designates the following locations for enforcement against sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way, up to the maximum distance and effective for the maximum period of time prescribed, and as further detailed in the Code:

1. 1749 N Avalon Boulevard – day care center
2. 1419 E Young Street – day care center
3. 230 W R Street – day care center
4. 445 N Avalon Boulevard – day care center
5. 938 McFarland Avenue – day care center
6. 1171 1/2 N Fries Avenue – day care center
7. 909 W D Street – day care center
8. 1567 Van Tress Avenue – day care center
9. 25500 Vermont Avenue – day care center
10. Berth 84, Foot of 6th Street – park
11. 3351 S Gaffey Street – park
12. 3720 Stephen M White Drive – park
13. 3601 Gaffey Street – park
14. 834 Paseo Del Mar – park
15. 1801 W Paseo Del Mar – park
16. 24300 S Western Avenue – school
17. 24514 S Western Avenue – school
18. 24300 Western Avenue – school
19. 24300 S Western Avenue – school
20. 24514 S Western Avenue – school
21. 25200 South Western Ave – school
22. 25302 Vermont Avenue – school
23. 1508 254th Street – school
24. 2210 Taper Avenue – school
25. 3607 S Gaffey Street – school

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26. 308 Weymouth Avenue – school
27. 250 W 5th Street – school
28. 3333 S Kerckhoff Avenue – school
29. 2060 W 35th Street – school
30. 1214 Park Western Place – school
31. 1226 West Santa Cruz Street – school
32. 717 S Cabrillo Avenue – school
33. 2500 North Taper Avenue – school
34. 914 W 7th Street – school
35. 3605 S Gaffey Street – school
36. 10601 S Grandee Avenue – school
37. 24910 S Avalon Boulevard – school
38. 1700 Gulf Avenue Wilmington CA 90744 – school

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Department(s) with jurisdiction over the identified locations are hereby directed and authorized to post appropriate notices of the above prohibitions at these locations, and to begin enforcement upon the expiration of any required posting period.

PRESENTED BY: 
JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: 

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TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

#56

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, §41.18 of the Municipal Code provides that the Council by Resolution may designate specified areas for enforcement against sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way, in order for a person to be found in violation of any of these prohibited behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the below listed locations are experiencing a need for enforcement against the above listed prohibitions; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds that the public health, safety, or welfare is served by the prohibition, and further finds that sleeping or lodging within the stated proximity to the designated area(s) is unhealthy, unsafe, or incompatible with safe passage; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Council District 12 has submitted / posted to the File relevant documentation, as further detailed in the Code, that the circumstances at these locations pose a particular and ongoing threat to public health or safety:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to §41.18 [c] of the Los Angeles Municipal Code that the Council hereby designates the following locations for enforcement against sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way, up to the maximum distance and effective for the maximum period of time prescribed, and as further detailed in the Code:

1. 16730 Chatsworth Street – park
2. 18501 Rinaldi Street - park
3. 22633 Vanowen Street - park
4. 21052 Devonshire Street - library
5. 10058 Reseda Boulevard - park
6. 9240 Wish Avenue - school
7. 17141 Nordhoff Street - park

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Department(s) with jurisdiction over the identified locations are hereby directed and authorized to post appropriate notices of the above prohibitions at these locations, and to begin enforcement upon the expiration of any required posting period.

PRESENTED BY: JOHN LEE
Councilmember, 12th DistrictSECONDED BY: **ORIGINAL**

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TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

4/23

MOTION

The Rancho Cienega Park (Park) is a 24-acre regional park that serves South Los Angeles. The need for a new sports complex (Project) was prompted by several operational needs. The park programs had outgrown the aging gym and pool facilities. The aging infrastructure became a maintenance liability in both facilities. The pool no longer fit the standards for competition pools. A need for a fitness annex and multipurpose room was made evident by the community's use of the childcare facility to accommodate these functions.

In August of 2019, the project was renamed by the Department of Recreation and Parks Board, the "Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex". A construction contract was awarded in 2018 for Phase 1 of the Project, in the amount of \$40.5 million dollars. Construction is currently anticipated to be completed in the Spring of 2022. Roughly 80 percent of the construction has been completed to date.

Funds previously set aside for individual components of the Park were combined for the design and construction of the new sports complex. Funding sources include Proposition K, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA), Sites and Facilities (CIEP), Quimby, and General City Purpose (GCP). An appropriation of \$325,000 from the Project's approved MICLA and Sites & Facilities funds to the Information Technology Agency is required to cover data, telephone, and audio/ video infrastructure and equipment and facilitate the commissioning of building systems, connections to the fire life safety systems, and subsequently the Project construction.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, approve the transfer of Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) and Sites and Facilities (CIEP) funds to the Information Technology Agency budgetary accounts to complete payments to the contractor as noted below:

	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Fund/ Dept/ Appropriation No</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FROM:	MICLA	298/50TPRC	\$180,000
	Sites & Facilities	209/88/88NAAB	\$145,000
TO:	ITA (Comm. Services)	100/ 32/ 009350	\$325,000

PRESENTED BY: *Mary McKinley*

SECONDED BY: *Paul Kiekoin*

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INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICES

MOTION

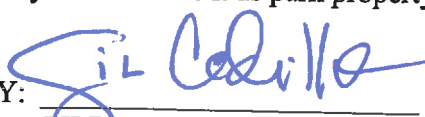
In December 2008, the Council authorized the Albion Dairy Park Project on a six-acre parcel of land at 1739 North Albion Street, along the eastern bank of the Los Angeles River between Main Street and Spring Street and allocated \$5 million in Proposition O funding for a clean water project at this site (C.F. No. 06-1235). In March 2012, the Department of Recreation and Parks was awarded a grant through Proposition 84 for the Albion Riverside Park Project at this location, which was used to fund the design and development of a new 6.3-acre river park.

On June 1, 2016, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved the final plans and specifications for the Albion Riverside Park. This project is now complete, and the jurisdiction of the property should be transferred from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Recreation and Parks.

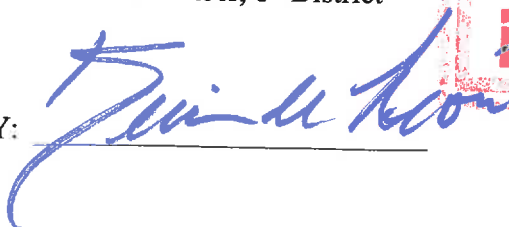
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services be directed to process a non-financial transfer of jurisdiction of the City-owned property located at 1739 North Albion Street, Los Angeles, 90031, Assessor Parcel Numbers 5477-027-906, -907, -908, -909, -910 and -911 from the Department of General Services to the Department of Recreation and Parks, and to prepare and execute the Notice of Transfer of Jurisdiction and Control document to complete this transaction.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners be requested to consider and accept the transfer of jurisdiction of this property and dedicate it as park property in perpetuity.

PRESENTED BY:


 GILBERT A. CEDILLO
 Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:



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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Outdoor Restrooms at Oakwood Park

1 message

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

Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 10:58 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Oct 28, 2021 at 4:59 PM Laura Ceballos < > wrote:
Hello Michael,

I hope you are doing well. The Venice Community has been asking for Outdoor Restrooms for the community member to use for a long time now. It has been brought up to the Director several times and is always ignored or brushed off. Every park in Los Angeles has outdoor restrooms, except Oakwood park.

Oakwood Park is the central communal area for all community members to gather for picnics and congregate to celebrate culturally/community events. It is a recreational area for our children and youth to play sports and exercise. Public Restrooms are an important public health issue and a basic human need. For sanitary reasons, there should be access to outdoor restrooms and sinks to wash your hands.

There are Quimby Funds available to provide restrooms outside. It is imperative that there be outdoor restrooms at Oakwood Park. Please request for Outdoor Public Restrooms at Oakwood Park. It is a basic necessity. Thank you.

Laura Ceballos
Community Organizer

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