

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

June 17, 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) Donna Lasman-CEO of Venice Chamber of Commerce comments regarding Venice Beach	#8874r	Referred to General Manager
2) City Council Motion regarding adding Position Authority for RAP	#8933	Note and File
3) Council Motion regarding removal and replacement of signage at Echo Park	#8934	Referred to General Manager
4) Robert Chernow comments regarding Pan Pacific Park	#8935	Referred to General Manager
5) Ron Bitzer comments regarding Quimby Park Fee	#8936	Note and File
6) Tatianna Campise comments regarding Debs Park	#8937	Referred to General Manager
7) Tom Marble comments regarding Debs Park	#8937a	Referred to General Manager
8) Beatrice Mondange comments regarding Lake Balboa	#8938	Referred to General Manager
9) Council Motion regarding Barnsdall Park Operations	#8939	Referred to General Manager
10) Wong Haus comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940	Referred to General Manager

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11) Jacob Lang comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940a	Referred to General Manager
12) Michael Siegel comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940b	Referred to General Manager
13) Katie Gibbs comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940c	Referred to General Manager
14) Veronica Huerta comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940d	Referred to General Manager
15) Jane Demian comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940e	Referred to General Manager
16) Sasha Rappaport comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940f	Referred to General Manager
17) Anne Shapiro comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940g	Referred to General Manager
18) Ryan Gallagher comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940h	Referred to General Manager
19) Claire Savage comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940i	Referred to General Manager
20) Kendall Hamilton comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940j	Referred to General Manager
21) John Goldfarb comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940k	Referred to General Manager
22) Carl Matthes comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940l	Referred to General Manager
23) George Vangilluwe comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940m	Referred to General Manager
24) Cardie Molina comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940n	Referred to General Manager

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25) Julie Zaller comments regarding Westchester Recreation Center Pool	#8941	Referred to General Manager
26) Juanita Davis comments regarding Park 101	#8942	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Jessica Marinez, RAP Commission Office

6/2/2021

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: 2021-0514 Fwd: Links - reports from around the world



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**Re: 2021-0514 Fwd: Links - reports from around the world**

1 message

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

To: Donna Lasman

Cc: Ira Koslow

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, we are in receipt of 6 of your emails dated May 28, 2021 which will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Fri, May 28, 2021 at 4:58 PM Donna Lasman < > wrote:  
Forwarding links of international news reports about the deplorable conditions in Venice Beach.

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 Donna Lasman  
 CEO - Venice Chamber of Commerce  
 O: 310.822.5425

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**From:** Brennan Lindner >  
**Sent:** Friday, May 14, 2021 12:24 PM  
**To:** Burke, Adam < >; MacJennett, Patti  
**Subject:** Fwd: Emergency in Venice--we need the State's help

A friend just sent me this, most of which I was aware of. I thought you should know:

Sent to the L.A. City Council 2 days ago:

**Please clean up our parks and beaches. The press of the world has recognized the failure to clean up Venice Beach and the resulting crime, violence, fires, drugs, a policies have destroyed Venice Beach and he is not stopping. Please step in and help Venice Beach.**

New York

<https://nypost.com/2021/05/10/californias-venice-boardwalk-is-now-dangerous-homeless-encampment/>

London

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

LA Times

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

Ireland

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

The Atlantic

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

Fox News

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

NBC

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

Trip Advisor even is offering tours for the Venice Beach homeless encampments. Reviews are not that great...



462lorraines  
Los Angeles,  
California  
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# Tour of LA homeless encampments

Review of Venice Beach

●○○○○○ Reviewed June 19, 2020 via mobile

Filthy!! People, garbage and disease line the entire boardwalk. The tide line at the beach was piles plastic, broken sunglasses, food wrappers, needles and used condoms. We could not get in a hot shower fast enough and left our shoes outside our house for two weeks. The desire to burn the clott we were wearing was overwhelming. Gross

Date of experience: May 2020



Ask 462lorraines about Venice Beach

8 Thank 462lorraines

There's no end of bad reviews on tourism sites....

Commissioners,

Rather than make a public comment this morning I'm emailing you some information re. the Venice Beach crisis. There's no way I can effectively communicate the status of th **probably seen some of this news but I want to be sure you are fully aware of the situation at Venice Beach. I hope you will read all of the attached, as we need you**

**First, in case you missed it, from today's front page L.A. Times article:**

"The California Coastal Commission also may have to weigh in. Some are already arguing that a reduction in beach parking spaces [by starting up homeless encampments th which can cost \$7 on weekdays during the off season, would reduce beach access for working-class families who live further inland."

This is a crisis on many levels, including environmental justice.

My ask is that you please make sure that the Governor and the state legislators with whom you have contact are aware of the details of this crisis in Venice and that **we need** not just the state's money. To give more money to the very City officials who over the past few years have terribly mismanaged the homeless crisis and continue to worsen it b simply, throwing good money after bad. They brought us into this crisis and, based on their ongoing response and lack of leadership or management, clearly are **not** the ones Mayor seems to be MIA. The Councilmembers aren't working together to solve this and there seems to be no sense of urgency. And, worst of all, NO ONE is coordinating all c to address the crisis. Judge Carter's preliminary injunction is the closest thing to it. **We need help via both the state's money and crisis response management.**

**A group of Venice citizens have recently taken it into their own hands to organize the City and County's various departments to attempt to address the crisis as n so, or even knows how to do so!**

Here's an article just today with one citizen's attempt for a plan to address the crisis. I haven't even read it yet and can't say if it's good or bad, but what is relevant is that we've <https://westsidetoday.com/2021/05/13/opinion-a-22-point-plan-to-deal-with-las-homelessness-situation/>

**This is an emergency.** The fires on the Boardwalk alone are so bad (literally a daily occurrence) that the City has assigned a fire vehicle to be on the Venice Boardwalk full ti

This City does not know how to lead or manage a crisis response. I've **finally concluded that we need state or federal help in order to make an overall plan and start to** emergency and not a call to build more housing or permanent supportive homeless housing, which is a long term solution anyway and not a crisis response. People are dying

Rome is burning and our City officials are moving slowly (definitely not as an emergency response) and with ideas that are not coordinated, not realistic, and that are non start

Please don't let the City make things worse with their slow moving piecemeal non-solutions like moving more encampments to other Public spaces, including our

As I mention in the email below, and as both our outstanding City Controller Ron Galperin and Judge Carter have said, the City must use its underutilized City property enough according to our City Controller, and not our public spaces, for addressing the homelessness encampment issues.

Also from in this morning's LAT front page article:

"...they fear their communities could become the next Venice, a neighborhood in Bonin's district with multiple encampments that has experienced rising crime and a rash of fire

and

"If we don't want to become like Venice, then we need to be engaging this problem head on."

Thank goodness for the voice of reason of **Councilmember Buscaino** (who represents CD-15, which includes the coastal neighborhoods of San Pedro):

**"We should be looking at taking vacant lots, vacant buildings, not some of the most popular, most crowded parks and famous beaches in the world."**

See attached email for links to today's L.A. Times front page article and a few other news stories and Boardwalk updates from just the last couple of days. Please do watch the news featured on national TV news (FOX), Newsweek (and many others, I've lost track) and every Southern California radio and TV station this past couple of weeks.

<Screen Shot 2021-05-14 at 9.33.56 AM.png>

## TODAY'S HEADLINES

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Hello,

Here's what's happening today...

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## More than 400 Angelenos, Businesses Unify In Message: Venice Needs Urgent Attention

VENICE - Almost 400 Angelenos, businesses and organizations joined together Thursday to ask city leaders take a more decisive action to add...

FULL STORY

NEWS

## \$33-Million Grant To Enhance Parks Announced At Same Time Westside Parks Earmarked for Homeless Housing

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NEWS

## **L.A. City Council Votes To Begin Process For Traqueros Monument On Windward Circle**

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## 2021-0506 ICYMI: ABC News report on Ocean Front Walk.

1 message

**Donna Lasman** < > Fri, May 28, 2021 at 3:19 PM  
 To: rap.commissioners@lacity.org, Brad Fingard <brad.fingard@lacity.org>, "Burke, Adam" < >, Harold Arrivillaga <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>, Ira Koslow < > Jessica Yas Barker <jessica.barker@lacity.org>, Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, "MacJennett, Patti" < >, Mike Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Nisa Kove <nisa.kove@lacity.org>, "Pond, Liliana" < >, Robert Davis <robert.davis@lacity.org>, "Stansell, Brandon" < >, Steve Embrich < >, "Turner, Janet" < > gov>, Zachary Gaidzik < >, Brennan Lindner < >, Carl Lambert  
 Cc: George Francisco < >

Hi All:

Venice Chamber here, checking in again with another batch of comments and links from concerned citizens and disgusted travelers. With the holiday weekend approaching, Venice Beach is not on the list of top 5 places to go in SoCal.

My first email contains a link we received from one of our members of an ABC news report:

<https://abc7.com/venice-boardwalk-now-a-huge-homeless-encampment/10590683/>

There is a decline in business and hotel bookings as a direct result of conditions on Ocean Front Walk. Quoting a letter I received on 5/21, "When I learned the beach is actually a homeless encampment with drugs and violent crime, I decided NOT to take my 8- and 10-year-old grandsons there for a beach vacation...and cancelled my reservation."

This writer continues to say that enclosed photos, "deliberately misrepresent the situation at Venice Beach."

And for those who missed it, I am also attaching the letter the Chamber wrote in April.

More to follow

**Donna**

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Donna Lasman  
 CEO - Venice Chamber of Commerce  
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**Letter - 2021-0409 Ocean Front Walk Signed.pdf**  
 119K



April 9, 2021

To Our Elected Representatives:

The Venice Chamber of Commerce has been the voice for business in our community since 1905 when Abbot Kinney and a group of like-minded individuals founded the organization.

Today, too many of the small businesses that create Venice's unique fabric have suffered inordinately from both the pandemic and pandemic-induced measures. As Los Angeles moves into the Orange Tier and summer approaches, restoring the safety of our limited and precious commercial corridors is imperative.

Nowhere is the situation more dire than on our Boardwalk and the adjacent park.

Businesses, residents and visitors alike feel dramatically unsafe there. Repairing this deterioration is vital to the economic health of Los Angeles, the cultural wellness of the neighborhood, and the physical safety of residents and property owners.

When the CDC issued COVID guidelines to prevent disbanding homeless encampments, they also issued statements about the importance of visiting parks; and all levels of representative government voiced grave concerns about "saving" small businesses.

Along with being a public park, the Venice Boardwalk is home to many of those small businesses. However, during the pandemic, it has served neither of these important functions. It has instead metastasized into a campground that bears uncanny resemblance to a refugee camp. These encampments have ballooned from 50 tents in August of 2020 to over 200 tents in March of 2021.

Allowing and promoting this situation has been a "triple crown" of bad governance -- stripping the vitality out of an engine of revenue that could replenish barren city coffers and provide employment for struggling workers; making a humanitarian crisis even worse for the unhoused; and fueling an extreme spike in criminal activity.

Year to date from 2019 to 2020, reports of robberies have increased 46%, aggravated assaults have increased 43%, and homicides have increased 100%. This does not include rampant illegal drug sales and public usage that would embarrass even Amsterdam residents. Rape, overdoses, death, ancillary criminal enterprise and, of course, more violence are sadly the main items on the Venice Beach menu.

We must address this immediately.

The Venice Chamber of Commerce joins with all members of our community in advocating for immediate and equitable access to our world-famous Boardwalk, the adjacent park, the beach, and the broad array of unique businesses and recreational activities.

We are asking that sheltering and housing the tent-dwellers currently on the boardwalk become a top priority for the city and county.

We urge all levels of government bureaucracy and all elected officials to streamline access and funding for at least 250 available beds through any and all means available - including but not limited to: vouchers, Project RoomKey, safe parking, safe sleeping, and safe camping. We demand that these measures not be dependent on adding services in Venice but that this crisis be treated with the gravity it deserves and that resources anywhere in the entire city of Los Angeles be used.

Venice infrastructure is clearly overwhelmed by the current situation and the primary impact falls within a small 1.5 mile square area of the Coastal Zone. If this is the heart of the problem, then it is in cardiac arrest. It needs pressure removed, not added. Support and funding for compassionate outreach through LAHSA, St. Joseph's, and -- if necessary -- third-party organizations must be a priority to achieve any humane solution -- humane to all impacted parties.

We further demand that once this is accomplished that Ocean Front Walk and its environs be kept clear and in compliance with the State Coastal Act Law, Section 30210 and LAMC, Section 63.44. Living on the Boardwalk and beach is unacceptable and those in need must be moved into safe shelter and/or housing.

Housing 250 people from the Boardwalk would represent a mere 12% of the total unhoused population in Venice.

This is not asking too much from our government.

We await your action.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Francisco". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Sincerely,  
George Francisco  
President



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## 2021-0304 Contact form re: shock on the "state of the area"

1 message

**Donna Lasman** <i> Fri, May 28, 2021 at 3:58 PM  
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 "Turner, Janet" < >, Zachary Gaidzik < >

Hello Again:

This is email #2 re: forwarding contact form received from a concerned citizen who encountered a woman looking for a furniture store. This woman...

"was shocked at the state of the area and was scared to stay. She asked me why they were letting the homeless people take over. I didn't know how to answer but validated her concerns."

### Donna

Donna Lasman  
CEO - Venice Chamber of Commerce

----- Forwarded message -----  
 From: **Sessely McDaniel**  
 Date: Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 3:24 PM  
 Subject: VCC Contact - Sessely McDaniel  
 To: <i>

### Contact Form

Your Name Sessely McDaniel

Your E-mail Address

Phone Number

Your Message

Hello,  
 Today while picking up my pillows at Venice Interiors I ran into an older woman that was hunting for a furniture store a friend had told her about. I decided it sounded like a place on Abbot Kinney. She explained to me that she had just come from Abbot Kinney and was shocked at the state of the area and was scared to stay. She asked me why they were letting the homeless people take over. I didn't know how to answer but validated her concerns.

Sessely

Prefered Contact? E-mail



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## 2021-0317 Fwd: 2021 Christmas Run re: changing the route

1 message

**Donna Lasman**

Fri, May 28, 2021 at 4:04 PM

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This is email #3 forwarded from the organizer of the Santa Monica Venice Christmas Run. Another example of denying access to the public for purposes of enjoyment and recreation.

Bruce Mitchell has been organizing this event for over 40 years and can no longer include the Venice boardwalk on the race route because:

"of the major proliferation of the homeless population making it their 'home'".

In his email he says that,

"Several participants have told me and other parties involved in the run that they were accosted and harassed by the homeless - to the point that they felt very fearful of serious harm coming to them."

**Donna**

Donna Lasman  
CEO - Venice Chamber of Commerce

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

From: **Bruce P Mitchell**

Date: Wed, Mar 17, 2021 at 8:12 AM

Subject: 2021 Christmas Run

To: Venice Chamber >

Donna - I want to make you aware of the fact that if I am able to hold the 2021 Venice Christmas Run, that I will have to reroute the course and not use one of the best features of this 43 year event - running down the Venice Boardwalk. The Christmas Run has been a real fixture on the running calendar and many individuals and families look forward to it every year. 2021 will be the 44th year if we are able to conduct it as usual but using the Venice Boardwalk is not a viable option because of the major proliferation of the homeless population making it their "home". Several participants have told me and other parties involved in the run that they were accosted and harassed by the homeless - to the point that they felt very fearful of serious harm coming to them. This is definitely going to seriously hinder maybe even prevent us from having the Christmas Run this year as we will have to do some major rerouting of the course that has made this event a fun, family yearly event.

I look forward to your comments and or suggestions.



**Bruce P Mitchell**



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## 2021-0512 Visitor email sent to visitveniceca.com

1 message

**Donna Lasman**

Fri, May 28, 2021 at 4:16 PM

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"Venice beach has a huge problem , we stopped shopping at board walk due to the smell of drugs present and a poor visual of people deteriorating. My kids used to like going there but it's a sad scene . I've seen tourist dumb founded by the scenes there ."

**Donna**

Donna Lasman  
 CEO - Venice Chamber of Commerce

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

From: **carlos valdez**  
 Date: Wed, May 12, 2021 at 6:11 PM  
 Subject:  
 To:

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**BUDGET & FINANCE**

**MOTION**

I MOVE that the City Council add position authority for the Department of Recreation and Parks without funding for Fiscal Year 2021-22 as follows: one Electrical Engineer, two Architectural Associate III, two Landscape Associate III, and one Civil Engineering Associate III.

*Paul Krekorian*

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAUL KREKORIAN**  
Councilmember, 2nd District

*J. S. L.*

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**JUN 01 2021**

*[Signature]*

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &amp; JOBS

## MOTION

On Wednesday, May 26, 2021, Echo Park Lake reopened after a two-month closure due to more than \$1 million worth of repairs. Unfortunately, old signage pertaining to "park vending" was not removed and updated in time for the opening. This oversight was flagged immediately by Council District 13 staff, and forwarded to the Department of Recreation and Parks for removal and replacement with the updated regulations.

It appears that this outdated signage is still at most, if not all, Department of Recreation and Parks facilities. The Department should promptly update all park signage related to vending to avoid confusion. Also, with the reopening of the state and economy, the Department should use this opportunity to re-engage with street and park vendors, including non-profits. However, because street and park vending have different rules, it is important that this effort include the Department of Recreation and Parks, StreetsLA (Bureau of Street Services) and the office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, which convened the original street vendor town halls at the direction of Council.

This report should include an update on vending regulations specific to sales within parks and on public rights of way, with an emphasis on education and outreach. Street vending is a big part of Los Angeles culture and street vendors must be treated with respect and dignity. Ensuring that clearly defined regulations are understood by all entrepreneurs is essential to their success.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council DIRECT/REQUEST StreetsLA (Bureau of Streets Services), and the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, to report on an updated plan for education and outreach for street vendors, including related non-profits and other city partners, on regulations related to vending within city parks and on the public rights of way.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council REQUEST the Department of Recreation and Parks to promptly remove all outdated signage related to park vending at all city parks, and replace them with appropriate and updated messaging, to clarify park vending rules and required permits.

Presented By: 

MITCH O'FARRELL

Councilmember, 13th District

Seconded By: 


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6/4/2021

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Pan Pacific Park; Transient Encampment



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**Re: Pan Pacific Park; Transient Encampment**

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 9:31 AM

To: r cdila1

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jun 3, 2021 at 11:55 AM r cdila1

&gt; wrote:

Commissioners:

After not getting an explanation or follow through form the Recreation and Parks senior staff pertaining to re-opening children's programs at Pan Pacific Park, while there is still a large encampment of transients living on the property, I decided to take time out of my busy schedule and bring up the matter during today's Commission Public Meeting on Zoom. Unfortunately, even though I raised my hand during public comment, Board Secretary Harold did not allow me to speak, which is very concerning to me! As indicated in the attached picture, although the homeless center which opened a year ago in the park gymnasiums was finally closed, the encampments in the park remain. There is a long history of violent crime associated with the transients living in Pan Pacific Park, including attacking a little girl with a machete, murdering a waiter who worked at a restaurant next to the park, and most recently, one of my neighbors was repeatedly stabbed and murdered by a transient who then slit his own throat! The stated mission of your Department is to "provide attractive SAFE and well maintained parks." Allowing children's sports programs to again take place at Pan Pacific Park without first re-locating the transients living there, is not safe and I would very much like to get an explanation from the Commission as to why children's safety is not being considered?

Best,

Robert Chernob

Attachment:



Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: JuneValleyPlaza



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

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**Re: JuneValleyPlaza**

1 message

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

Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 8:51 AM

To: Ron Bitzer

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On Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 3:03 PM Ron Bitzer

wrote:

>Dear Sylvia Patsaouras,

The weather today was wonderful in the Valley for the Valley Plaza Park ceremony. See attached photo.

As I mentioned, I am one of your volunteers on the Quimby Park Fee issue --- namely the City Park Fee Refund Request Form, page 3, Item F. This statement about a one-year deadline to apply for a refund may not always apply. I will submit a formal request for clarification later. Regards, Ron Bitzer, North Hollywood

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Jun 4, 2021, 12:34 PM



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: Clean up at Debs park

1 message

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

Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 9:03 AM

To: Tatianna Campise

Cc: Pat Joyce <pat.joyce@lacity.org>, Anthony Bagnerise <anthony.bagnerise@lacity.org>, Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, Ralph Terrazas <ralph.terrazas@lacity.org>, Pae White <com>, Lynne Volk <com>, Tom Marble <com>, Bill Cody <bill.cody@lacity.org>

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> wrote:

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To: Tom Marble >

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On Sun, Jun 6, 2021 at 1:15 PM Tom Marble <tom.marble@lacity.org> wrote:

Dear Mayor Garcetti, Captain Stabile, Recreation and Parks Commissioners, and CD1 and 14 representatives;

I walked the park yesterday and was surprised that virtually all of the encampments in Debs Park that were identified, located on a previous map, a photographed were still absolutely intact, even after the clean-up last week. Only Camp A -- the most visible on the hill, and the camps just inside the north gate at Griffin/Avenue 52 were in fact cleared. As you can see by the updated map, which I've attached, most of the camps remain.

As you know, Debs Park is in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone that stretches all the way down to the 110 Freeway. But that tells only a part of the picture. This park is also home to the largest, intact, native Black Walnut woodland in the city.

Today around noon, driving on Avenue 52 I saw smoke arising from Camp B, which is otherwise very well hidden. But this is not the only camp with a barbecue set up. Our photo survey shows hibachis and Weber grills at camps A, C, F, and G; we can only assume they are also at the camps we could not access. How is it possible that these camps are allowed to remain when their inhabitants wilfully flout the law, endangering not only surrounding residents, but the flora and fauna of the entire park?

The burden to address this issue is in your hands; failure to do so would be to invite catastrophe.

Thank you,

Tom Marble

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**UPDATE**  
**HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS IN ERNEST DEBS PARK**  
**A DESIGNATED VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE (VHFHSZ)**  
**JUNE 5, 2021**



**CAMP A:** This camp is well concealed and high up in Debs Park. Shocking to see a hibachi out in the open. **CLEARED**, but with remaining debris.



**CAMP A – May 23, 2021**



CAMP A – June 4, 2021



**CAMP B:** An extremely well concealed camp with extensive construction. Practically a functioning house. Visible from above: **STILL ACTIVE – Smoke seen June 6, 2021**

**CAMP B – May 23, 2021**



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**CAMP B – June 5, 2021**



**CAMP C:** An extremely dangerous camp at the end of the peninsula. Open flame cooking set-up directly below branches of a dead tree. **STILL ACTIVE**



**CAMP D:** Camp embedded in dry trees about 20 feet below Camp C.



**CAMP E:** No images available of this camp. Very active and well established. Many animals including a rooster, a dog and cats and kittens.

**CAMP F:** This camp is extremely well established and large. Has a very well-trodden pathway leading up to it. Is in very dense thicket of trees. Has a Weber grill sitting on a piece of Plywood. **STILL ACTIVE**

**CAMP F – May 23, 2021**





**CAMP F – JUNE 5, 2021**



**CAMP G:** Established and Active camp involving grading and retaining walls. Near Audubon Center. **STILL ACTIVE**

**CAMP G – May 23, 2021**



**CAMP G – JUNE 5, 2021**



**CAMP H:** Established and Active camp with doors and a yard. Has a rooster. Near Audubon Center. **STILL ACTIVE**

**CAMP H – May 23, 2021**



**CAMP H – June 5, 2021**



**CAMP I:** An absolute metropolis of illegal encampments all along Griffin/Avenue 52. Some of these camps are between Griffin/Avenue 52 and the Arroyo Seco Channel – a sliver of land that is part of Arroyo Seco Park, NOT the Army Corps of Engineers or CalTrans – and some of the camps IN Debs Park have been **cleared** but **debris** and **holes in the fence** remain.

**CAMP I – May 23, 2021**





**IS THIS OUR FUTURE?**

ALL of these camps are in a designated **VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE.**

**A RECENT FIRE in DEBS – as seen, June 5, 2021**





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**Re: Urgent Maintenance: Bare Nails and Dangers at Lake Balbao**

1 message

**Beatrice Mondange**

Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 5:15 PM

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

Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org

Thank you all for the speedy response and quick action. We love the park and only wish to see it thrive.

-Beatrice

On Jun 10, 2021, at 4:09 PM, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon Ms. Mondange,

Please note that staff has been made aware and has taken the following actions:

After investigating the urgent concerns of Beatrice Mondange, maintenance discovered and removed the nail pictured in the Mosaic, Job order # **21-15118** was placed for the repairs and the area was caution taped. Job order # **21-15118** was placed for repairs to the crack in the slide, which is now caution taped and secured from public use. Job order # **21-15119** was placed for the missing Rocking Play unit and the area remains secure.

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## Re: Urgent Maintenance: Bare Nails and Dangers at Lake Balbao

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 2:58 PM

Good afternoon,

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**Re: Urgent Maintenance: Bare Nails and Dangers at Lake Balbao**

1 message

**Javier Solis** <javier.solis@lacity.org>

Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 7:05 PM

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

Cc: Melissa Rivas &lt;melissa.rivas@lacity.org&gt;, Kevin Reagan &lt;kevin.reagan@lacity.org&gt;, Wayne Neal &lt;wayne.neal@lacity.org&gt;

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Wayne please follow up.

On Tue, Jun 8, 2021, 4:27 PM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Please see below and advise.

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From: **Beatrice Mondange**

Date: Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 4:11 PM

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**Fwd: Urgent Maintenance: Bare Nails and Dangers at Lake Balbao**

1 message

**Kevin Reagan** <kevin.reagan@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 9, 2021 at 5:07 AM

To: Bert Huerta &lt;Bert.Huerta@lacity.org&gt;

Cc: Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;, "cc: Melissa Rivas" &lt;melissa.rivas@lacity.org&gt;, Wayne Neal &lt;wayne.neal@lacity.org&gt;

Hi Bert, please have staff follow up

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**Re: Urgent Maintenance: Bare Nails and Dangers at Lake Balbao**

1 message

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**Wayne Neal** <wayne.neal@lacity.org>  
To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
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Wed, Jun 9, 2021 at 3:08 PM

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*Wayne Neal*  
*Senior Park Maintenance Supervisor*  
*City of Los Angeles,*  
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*East Valley Region*  
*Office: (818) 756-8189*  
*Email: Wayne.neal@lacity.org*

On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 4:30 PM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Wayne,

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**Re: Urgent Maintenance: Bare Nails and Dangers at Lake Balbao**

1 message

**Wayne Neal** <wayne.neal@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 9, 2021 at 7:18 AM

To: Javier Solis &lt;javier.solis@lacity.org&gt;

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Javier, Will do

Thank You

*Wayne Neal**Senior Park Maintenance Supervisor**City of Los Angeles,**Dept. of Recreation and Parks**East Valley Region**Office: (818) 756-8189**Email: Wayne.neal@lacity.org*

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# M O T I O N

**I MOVE** that \$100,000 in the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281213 (CD 13 Redevelopment Projects - Services) be transferred / appropriated to a new Account in the Recreation and Parks Fund No. 302-89, entitled "Barnsdall Park Operations," for Barnsdall Park operations in Council District 13.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Recreation and Parks Department be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY:



MITCH O'FARRELL  
Councilman, 13<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



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

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**Re: I join TERA in support of the N Figueroa Lot Tiny Home proposal**

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 3:51 PM

To:

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On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 12:25 PM <[\[redacted\]](#)> wrote:

I truly support this project to relieve the homeless that are in our neighborhood. I hope it give some help to some homeless people and relieve some stress and anxiety for them.

Sent from my iPhone

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## Re: I join TERA in support of the N Figueroa Lot Tiny Home proposal

1 message

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Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 3:51 PM

To: Jacob Lang

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On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 12:19 PM Jacob Lang

> wrote:

I support this tiny home project for the unhoused.

Thanks,

Jacob Lang

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**Re: Tiny Homes on the publicly-owned lot at 7541 North Figueroa**

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 3:51 PM

To: Michael Siegel

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 11:58 AM Michael Siegel

&gt; wrote:

I am emailing in support of this project to construct tiny homes at the parking lot at 7541 North Figueroa.

We need a variety of actions to combat homelessness, and this is a simple, common sense approach in that fight. This will provide much needed housing and access to resources for our unhoused community and improve public health and safety for all residents, housed and unhoused.

Thank you to Councilmember de Leon and Rec & Parks!

Mike Siegel

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## Re: I join TERA in support of the N Figueroa Lot Tiny Home proposal

1 message

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To: Katie Gibbs

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On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 11:50 AM Katie Gibbs > wrote:

We live in Eagle Rock and We wholeheartedly support the Tiny Homes!

Katie Gibbs  
Keith Widaman

Sent from my iPhone

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**Re: Tiny houses on figueroa**

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 3:14 PM

To: Veronica Huerta

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 9:29 AM Veronica Huerta < > wrote:

Good morning,

I'm a resident of glassell park and a volunteer with SELAH of Eagle Rock and Highland Park. I want to express my full support for this project. I think this is a common sense approach to solving homelessness in our area that will provide much needed housing and access to resources for our unhoused community and improve public health.

I personally know a lot of the unhouse community in the area and they have expressed interest and are willing to work with us on finding a solution.

Thank you,  
Veronica Huerta  
2030 Rome Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90065

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**Re: TINY HOMES BRIDGE HOUSING IN FIGUEROA LOT - SUPPORT**

1 message

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Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 3:12 PM

To: Jane Demian &gt;

Cc: Jane Demian

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 8:38 AM

wrote:

Hello. I am an Eagle Rock resident, business owner, and an outreach and engagement volunteer with our unhoused neighbors in Eagle Rock.

I am writing in support of the proposed Tiny Homes bridge housing development in the Figueroa lot in Eagle Rock. Tiny Homes bridge housing is a common-sense approach to providing housing and resources to individuals who need help to prepare them for transition into permanent housing. Tiny Homes will provide case managers, a chance for substance abuse rehabilitation, mental health treatment, job opportunities, 24/7 security, and a way out of homelessness. It will go a long way toward moving people from tents and makeshift shelters into permanent housing.

I want to thank Councilmember Kevin de Leon and his amazing staff for supporting this very necessary Tiny Homes development.

Please vote to approve Tiny Homes in the Figueroa lot.

Thank you.

Jane Demian

Co-Chair SELAH – Eagle Rock Highland Park Chapter

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**Re: Tiny Homes at the Parking Lot on North Figueroa - Eagle Rock**

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 3:53 PM

Good afternoon,

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On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 2:48 PM Sasha Rappaport &gt; wrote:

Hi my name is Sasha Rappaport and I'm an Eagle Rock stakeholder,

My family and I are writing in support of this project to construct tiny homes at the parking lot on North Figueroa.

I think this is a common sense approach to solving homelessness in our area that will provide much needed housing and access to resources for our unhoused community and improve public health and safety for all residents, housed and unhoused.

Thank you to Councilmember de Leon for his leadership and Rec & Parks for their willingness to be part of the solution to the homelessness crisis.

Best,  
Sasha Rappaport

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**Re: SUPPORT SMALL HOMES FIGUEROA**

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 3:14 PM

Good afternoon,

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On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 8:45 AM Anne Shapiro

&gt; wrote:

My name is Anne Shapiro

I am a resident and homeowner in Eagle Rock---AND I urge you to FULLY SUPPORT Kevin DeLeon's and the neighborhood's commitment to the small home project for the unhoused on N.Figueroa in Eagle Rock!

We have a civic responsibility to our unhoused neighbors to provide them with this FINE SOLUTION for temporary housing while the city designs and implements multiple solutions for PERMANENT housing.

I urge you, for the sake of Eagle Rock, LA and our unhoused neighbors to fully support this project.

Anne Shapiro

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**Re: Support Pallet Shelters on Figueroa!**

1 message

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Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 3:52 PM

To: Ryan Gallagher

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 2:21 PM Ryan Gallagher

&gt; wrote:

Hi there --

I'm Ryan and I'm an Eagle Rock resident who frequents the park where tiny homes are being considered to be built nearby at 7541 N Figueroa.

I'm writing in support of the pallet shelter project there as temporary housing is very much needed for Los Angeles as well as my community in Eagle Rock. While we work toward permanent housing, we need safe spaces for our homeless population that serve them and the community at large in better, forward-thinking ways.

We can't let our homeless crisis continue to spin out of control. Let's start with creating a temporary community at 7541 N Figueroa. I welcome it near my home as should you!

Thanks for your time,  
Ryan Gallagher

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Re: North Fig Tiny Homes

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 3:15 PM

Good afternoon,

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On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 11:09 AM Claire Savage com> wrote:

Hi my name is claire and I'm an Eagle Rock Resident and Neighborhood Council member.

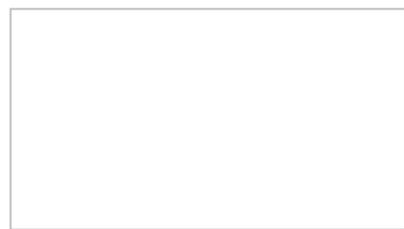
I'm writing in support of the project to construct tiny homes at the parking lot on North Figueroa.

I think this is the best option given the budget and timeline, and it will provide much needed housing and access to resources for our unhoused community and improve public health and safety for all residents, housed and unhoused.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

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Claire J Savage
(they/them/theirs)



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**Re: I join TERA in support of the N Figueroa Lot Tiny Home proposal**

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Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 3:49 PM

To: Kendall Hamilton

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 11:42 AM Kendall Hamilton

&gt; wrote:

My name is Mr. Kendall Hamilton and I reside in Eagle Rock. I support the Tiny Home proposal only if an ordinance is passed to keep encampments off sidewalks and underpasses. This so a good idea but it will need stipulations.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Re: I do NOT support the N Figueroa Lot Tiny Home proposal**

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

Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 3:53 PM

To: John Goldfarb

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 3:24 PM John Goldfarb

&gt; wrote:

To the Commissioners:

I am an Eagle Rock homeowner living roughly a mile from the proposed Tiny Home parking lot at 7560 N. Figueroa St. Some of my neighbors who live in the 7600 block of N. Figueroa St. have told me that some of the people who currently live in tents on and near that lot, and possibly their visitors, have wandered onto their block drunk and high, creating problems for these homeowners. While social services such as job skills and drug counseling may be offered to the tiny home residents, numbering between 75 and 134, they will not be required to accept them, nor will there be any requirement that they not use or sell drugs as they do at present, according to our LAPD Senior Lead Officer. Also, the offer of tiny home housing will not be accompanied by enforcement of anti-camping laws for those living in tents in that lot and on sidewalks nearby. This will become a magnet for poverty, drug use, and crime. It is extremely unfair to taxpaying citizens who have worked for decades to afford homes in a formerly safe and pleasant neighborhood.

This tiny home development will assuredly not be temporary, because there will be an endless number of homeless people waiting to get into it for years to come. Please do not impose this blight on Eagle Rock.

Sincerely,  
John Goldfarb

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## Re: Against N Figueroa Lot Tiny Home proposal

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 3:52 PM

To: Carl Matthes

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Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 1:26 PM Carl Matthes

> wrote:

Dear Parks and Recreation:

Please do NOT allow the Tiny Home project be put on the City owned lot across from the park.

Imagine families with children going to the park.

Surely another location away from the park can be found.

Thank you,

Carl Matthes

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**Re: I join TERA in support of the N Figueroa Lot Tiny Home proposal**

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

Fri, Jun 11, 2021 at 10:34 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 7:11 PM george vangilluwe <george.vangilluwe@lacity.org> wrote:

i have lived in Eagle Rock for 29 years, and in Highland Park for an additional 10 years.

I have experienced the growth in numbers of homeless people and have voted repeatedly for City and County initiatives to fund homeless housing and support services.

I fully support the proposal to place tiny homes at the lot at 7541 N. Figuereroa.

There are additional site that could be considered (Ernie's Taco House) in Eagle Rock, that could converted to homeless housing.

Each Council district needs to do it's best to resist NIMBYism and step up to the plate to help solve this social problem.

Thanks for listening.

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**Re: I do nit join TERA in support of the N Figueroa Lot Tiny Home proposal**

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Fri, Jun 11, 2021 at 10:34 AM

To: Cardie Molina <

Good morning,

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On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 7:56 PM Cardie Molina

> wrote:

Can't make a silk purse from a sows ear

I don't support this idea. I support moving them into some sort of permanent housing

Cardie K Molina

"So be it"!

"See to it"!... Octavia Butler

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**Re: Westchester pool**

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

Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 4:28 PM

To: Julie Zaller

&gt;

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 1:14 PM Julie Zaller &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Hello Westchester park staff and Mike Bonin,

I drove by our community pool and noticed it is now full but the park homeless residents have broken in and are using the water as a bath. This one man (pictured below) was just in the pool, bathing his upper body and when finished he crawled out of the fence in the cut area on the South side, about a half hour ago.

The pool is turning green and has trash all along the edges of it, but I'm more concerned about the homeless continuing to break in and use it to bathe themselves.

Please keep me posted on how these situations will be handled.

Thank you,  
Julie Zaller

Sent from my iPhone

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