

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

October 6, 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) Lisa Carrington comments regarding Westchester Park	#8904d	Note and File
2) Debra Huston comments regarding Westchester Park	#8904	Note and File
3) Jamie Rooke comments as Board Member on behalf of Westwood Park Advisory Board regarding Westwood Park Aiden's Place	#8931d	Referred to General Manager
4) Jessica Lamb comments regarding Westwood Park	#8931e	Referred to General Manager
5) Dina Cohen comments regarding Westwood Park	#8931f	Referred to General Manager
6) Kristen Purcell comments regarding Mar VistaPark	#8965a	Referred to General Manager
7) John Baginski comments regarding Venice Beach	#8974w	Referred to General Manager
8) Vora Pong comments regarding Petit Park-Granada Hills Rec Center	#8975d	Referred to General Manager
9) Vora Pong comments regarding Petit Park at Granada Hills Rec	#8975e	Referred to General Manager
10) Beth Greenwald comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8977a	Referred to General Manager

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11) Beth Greenwald comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8977b	Referred to General Manager
12) Laddie Williams comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8977c	Referred to General Manager
13) Tristen Marler comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8977d	Referred to General Manager
14) Beth Greenwald comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8977e	Referred to General Manager
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16) Beth Greenwald comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8977g	Referred to General Manager
17) Laddie Williams comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8977h	Referred to General Manager
18) Levi Zollinger comments regarding Spring St Park	#8992a	Referred to General Manager
19) Mary Ann Galicia comments regarding Chase Park	#8996e	Referred to General Manager
20) Stan Strom comments regarding Chase Park	#8996f	Referred to General Manager
21) Michael Walsh comments regarding Chase Park	#8996g	Referred to General Manager
22) Council motion regarding Sunland Park	#8997	Note and File
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27) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park	#8999	Referred to General Manager
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33) Pae White comments regarding Debs Park	#9002	Referred to General Manager
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42) City Council Motion regarding public health and safety prohibitions	#9010	Note and File
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Prepared by Jessica Martinez, RAP Commission Office



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**Re: Westchester Park**

1 message

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

Thu, Sep 30, 2021 at 1:52 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Sep 29, 2021 at 8:25 AM Lisa Carrington

wrote:

Your Attention Please:

Our beautiful local park is now a dangerous, filthy bastion for criminal behavior and malcontents. There are approximately 80 tents/structures illegally occupying our park and a plethora of garbage accumulated. This situation is dangerous for its inhabitants, especially the women that live there. It is dangerous for families that would like to bring children there for relaxation and sports. It is unhealthy and unsafe.

We have found dirty needles, vibrators, excrement, etc. in the grass where our children friends and neighbors that have used to be able to gather.

Please help us clean up this space and make it available to use for its intended purpose.

The Carrington Family

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**Lisa Carrington**

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Re: We need your help at Westchester Park

1 message

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

Thu, Sep 30, 2021 at 1:58 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Sep 29, 2021 at 8:39 AM Debra Huston < > wrote:

Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of Westchester. My two adult daughters and their families live in Westchester as well. I have a three-year-old grandson and another on the way.

Westchester Park has been taken over by homeless encampments, most of whose residents are drug-addicted or mentally ill, or both. The residents of these encampments are threatening and aggressive, even toward children.

Examples of incidents perpetrated by homeless people in the park showing just what our children have been victims of, or exposed to, include: Just last week a suicide by gunshot during the daytime, many fires, attacks with bats and other weapons, gunshots fired, two homeless men physically attacking a 12-year-old girl in the women's room, a homeless woman claiming children in the park are hers and demanding that the children be turned over to her, many instances of unhoused males poking their penises through the fence of the tennis courts and urinating on the courts, using IV drugs in public, overdosing, bathing in the water fountains in the park including the one between tennis courts, defecating and urinating on the grass for all to see, following girls to their cars, publicly fighting, having meth-infused meltdowns, and much more. And these are only the instances Westchester residents witnessed.

Rec program attendance is down by at least 50%, and some seem to have disappeared completely.

Also, seniors are afraid to go to the Senior Center at the park, and they have been deprived of that social contact.

Our park has become a major public safety threat in our community and to our children and seniors.

It is unsafe for children and seniors to be in this park at all. This has cost hundreds of children opportunities to play in community youth athletics, and they are missing out on this very important experience. We have children without safe field space and, therefore, without leagues and teams. The senior center has yet to be opened, post-covid, because of the homeless encampments and danger to seniors, leaving many seniors isolated at home and without the meals the senior center offered when it was open.

Our Citizen Apps show crimes happening at the park on a daily basis. LAPD records of service calls from January 2020 to July 2021 (373 calls in total), which we were able to obtain by Public Records Act request, show calls for child abuse of various types including child abuse (molest/assault/neglect), kidnapping, assaults with a deadly weapon, shots fired, arson, domestic violence, disturbances, narcotics activity, robberies, batters, vicious animals, attempted suicide, drug overdoses, thefts, and criminal threats, among others. And the service call logs do not include 911 calls or calls in which police reports were written or arrests made.

I am attaching two photos of a man who started a fire in the parking lot within 30 feet of the Recreation Center, while children were in programs there. I was at the park and witnessed this. LAPD responded and cuffed him, but didn't arrest him or make him move his car. So he stayed another week.

I am also attaching two one-minute videos I took at the park. The first video was shot as LAPD arrived in response to a call, and the second was shot after LAPD left without arresting the man. This man terrified children playing tennis just feet away, on the other side of the fence, through which I was filming. And LAPD left him there. He was yelling and screaming racial expletives, for all the children on the tennis courts to hear, and went at an African-American LAHSA worker with a metal pipe.

**These two incidents happened while I happened to be at the park, in broad daylight, with children present. And I don't spend much time at the park.**

**The situation at the park gets worse and more violent by the day.** We consider this to be a public safety threat and emergency, and it is a proven and well-established safety threat to children. We see that every day. It has also cost children and seniors opportunities to be children and seniors in the park. **We need you to come to the park and regulate this public space for our community, and we will back you 100 percent in your efforts.**

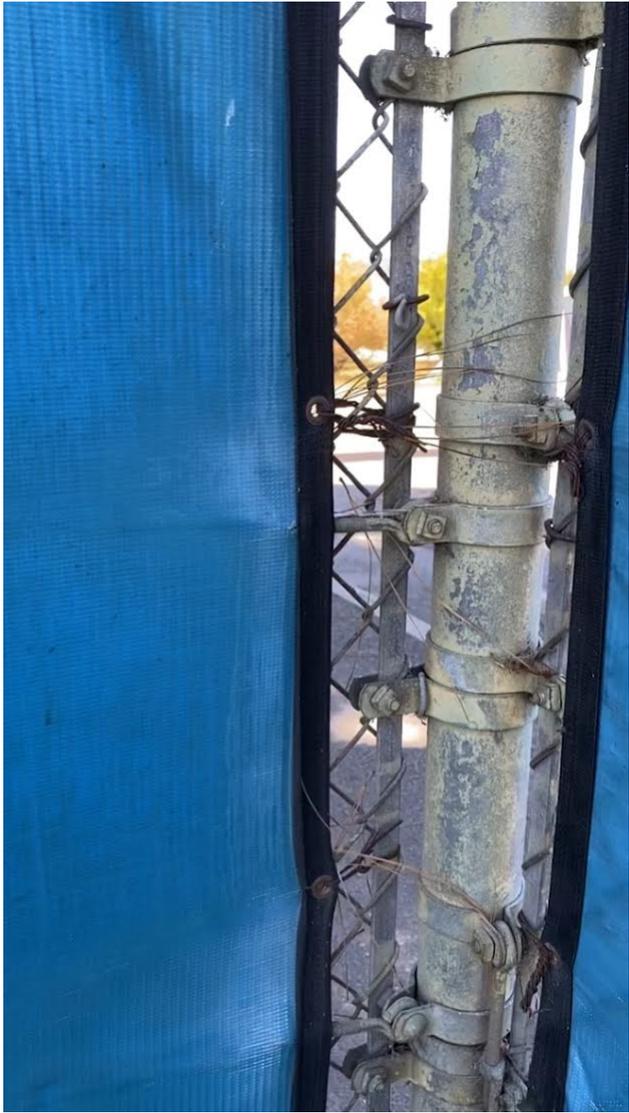
**What is happening at Westchester Park could not possibly be more inconsistent with LA City Parks mission statement. We need immediate intervention.**

Sincerely,

Debra Huston









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**Re: Westwood Park Aiden's Place project**

1 message

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

Wed, Sep 1, 2021 at 11:15 AM

Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Tue, Aug 31, 2021 at 7:48 PM Jaime Rooke < > wrote:  
Dear RAP Board of Commissioners,

I am a member of the Westwood Park Advisory Board, and I am concerned about the Aiden's Place project that RAP will be presenting to you at your September 2 meeting (project 21-154). As I understand, RAP is requesting approval of funding for this project but not approval of the project designs. However, I'm concerned because the report specifically indicates that the PAB has provided input on the "project design", and there are images of the design attached to the report. One might interpret this as indicating that the community input process has been completed.

**I want to clarify that the PAB has not yet been able to provide input on the designs.** RAP presented preliminary designs to the PAB at a meeting in May, 2021. The PAB has been reviewing the designs and will be providing feedback at an upcoming PAB meeting. Several members of the PAB did express concerns about the initial design, and those have not been resolved (such as plans to remove the very heavily used sand area, constructing fewer climbing structures than are currently in the playground, among others).

**Please do not approve any designs for this project until the PAB has had an opportunity to work through the feedback process with RAP. I request that you explicitly limit your vote to the funding request only.** I believe that the funding request should not be voted upon until the designs have been completed because they are unquestionably linked. If that's not possible, then at the bare minimum, the project designs should not yet be approved.

I am dismayed by the description of community engagement in this report because I do not think it reflects where we are in the process. This was the first project that was brought in front of the newly formed Westwood PAB, and I see this as an opportunity for RAP and the PAB to work together in the interest of the community that will be using this playground. My goal is to have a project that RAP can present to you with the support of the community and the PAB, but we are not there yet.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,  
Jaime Rooke, Westwood Park Advisory Board member

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City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: westwood park



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**Re: westwood park**

1 message

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

Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 3:09 PM

To: Jessica &lt;

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Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 9:58 AM Jessica <

Hello,

I just made a comment at the commissioners meeting now.

I have found drug paraphernalia at Westwood park this week and want to know what to do. I have photos but I didn't want to touch the syringes and needles. What can I do? What can you do? Our park has gotten so far out of control it has become a biohazard.

Thank you,

Jessica Lamb

573-239-3802

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## Re: Westwood Rec unsafe deplorable conditions for children

1 message

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

Fri, Sep 17, 2021 at 11:46 AM

To: Dina Cohen &lt;

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Cc: "ap.diaz@lacity.org" <ap.diaz@lacity.org>, "Paul.Koretz@lacity.org" <Paul.Koretz@lacity.org>, "gourmet.khara@lacity.org" <gourmet.khara@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 9:37 PM Dina Cohen < > wrote:

Well this is throughly unhelpful. I put in the service request as suggested, and this was the response below. So I guess neither of you want to help this issue so these poor kids who've been trapped in their houses for the past 18 months can't safely play sports at their local park. What a waste of resources of the city on all you.

Thank you for your email regarding Westwood Recreation Center.

We are actively working with the council office to offer housing so RAP may correct the issue.

At this time there are 3 situations where RAP can address encampments:

1. Encampment is obstructing an open amenity (ie: playground, tennis courts)
2. Encampment is blocking path of travel
3. Bonafide housing is offered

As we continue to work with the council office to identify housing options, we will have our assessment team check the park for any encampments that fits in the first two criterias listed above.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 16, 2021, at 12:48 PM, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon Ms. Cohen,

Thank you for sharing your concern and note that you can submit a service request through portal below. Staff is able to address more quickly through that link.

<https://m.laparks.org/#serviceRequest>

On Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 11:54 AM Dina Cohen <

&gt; wrote:

Hello leaders of LA,

These photos are what I see when I'm walking my young daughter into Westwood Rec park to play soccer, and my son for flag football. The conditions are disgusting, filthy and unsafe for these little children. Homeless people are screaming, cursing, dangerously crossing in the middle of the streets and parking lots and now the kids don't even want to go. Can't you do something about this? Other parks have moved the homeless elsewhere. I would hope this would be a priority given the brand new turf field and how many kids Westwood services. Please let me know if there is a plan in place to clean up this park, so I can decide if I'm pulling my kids from sports. It's sad that you all have done nothing to the point where this is the choice we parents have to face. Thanks for your help.

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**Re: Mar Vista Park clean up**

1 message

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

Thu, Sep 9, 2021 at 2:49 PM

Good afternoon,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Wed, Sep 8, 2021 at 6:04 PM Kristen Purcell < > wrote:  
Good evening,

I am a resident of the Mar Vista area and live directly adjacent to the Mar Vista Park. As I'm sure you know, we have had a severe problem with homeless encampments there over the past 2 years.

Our community was so excited yesterday, September 7, as crews rolled in to clean up the filth and squalor that is directly behind our homes and filling up the park where we desire to stroll, let our kids play and walk our dogs. We were grateful to the crews and officers working hard to finally uphold SEC. 63.44. REGULATIONS AFFECTING PARK AND RECREATION AREAS.

Unfortunately, at least half of the homeless encampment is already in back in place just a little over 24 hours later. There needs to another clean up and better security and policing of the park.

**The Mar Vista community is tired of bearing this burden for the city. Our city leaders need to act to provide the unhoused with proper housing and medical attention. They cannot be allowed to set up permanent, sprawling encampments in parks where families go for leisure - right next to neighborhoods and schools. When the clean-up crews were behind my house on Tuesday, they stated they had seen at least 50 rats as they cleaned up the area! These encampments are unsanitary and dangerous for both the unhoused and the neighborhood.**

I implore you to work with others in the Recreation and Parks Department to force the city to deal with this situation once and for all.

A concerned Mar Vista resident.  
Kristen Purcell

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**Re: VBRA Homeless Camper Number Goes Up Again**

1 message

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

Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:20 AM

To: John Baginski &gt;

Cc: Jimmy Kim &lt;jimmy.kim@lacity.org&gt;, Joe Losorelli &lt;joe.losorelli@lacity.org&gt;, Public Safety &lt;publicsafety@venicenc.org&gt;

Good morning,

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

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On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 10:10 AM John Baginski

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

## 71 homeless back on Venice Beach as of yesterday.

~30 days after the completion of the cleanup we are about 30% back where we started. At this rate 100 encampments will be back in less than a week from now. Another month after that, we will be right back where we started.

Every alarm needs to be sounded. The City is failing us again.

Venice Beach is racing toward disaster, and we are 30% there.

Please do not close your eyes for the ride. Please help Venice...

John Baginski

30 Year Venice Resident

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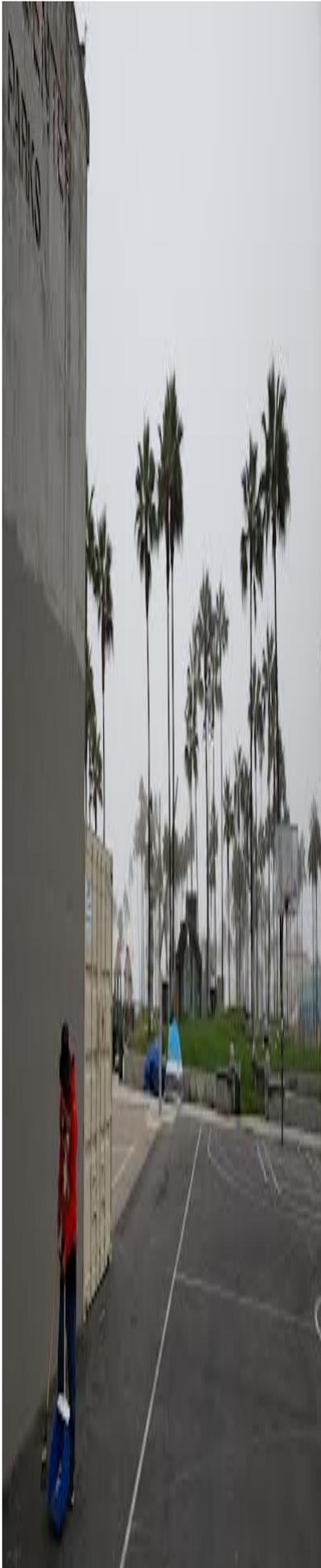
**From:** Venice Stakeholders Association < >**Sent:** Sunday, August 29, 2021 11:10 AM**To:** John Baginski < >**Subject:** VBRA Homeless Camper Number Goes Up Again [VSA Update]



The Venice Stakeholders Association is dedicated to civic improvement. The VSA supports slow growth, protection of the limits of the Venice Local Coastal Specific Plan, neighborhood safety, better traffic circulation, increased parking for residents, neighborhood beautification projects, historic preservation and protection of coastal waters.

#### **VBRA Homeless Camper Number Goes Up Again**

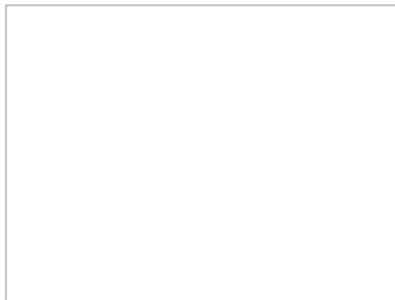
The number of homeless campers in the Venice Beach Recreation Area (VBRA) increased again, going from 56 last weekend to 71 this weekend.



Some campers have not moved from last week, such as ones on the sand south of the handball courts. One intrepid camper, with all his gear and tent, has returned to his spot just north of the handball courts.

Five campers with sleeping bags took over one of the pagodas mid-Boardwalk last night.

A few have taken spots on the west edge of the Boardwalk, while several have occupied the knolls at Dudley and Navy.



More tents were evident, though few on the sand itself.

Have not moved since last weekend



No change here either

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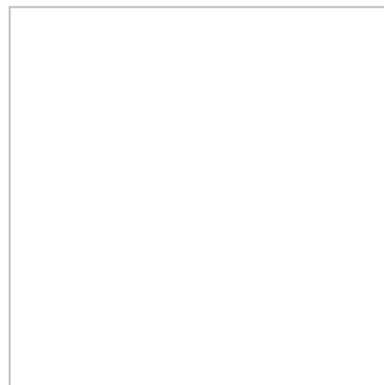
[Venice Beach Camper Count Ticks Up Just as Nighttime Enforcement Ends](#)

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City of Los Angeles Mail - Fwd: Kids need to exercise, lights for Pickleball courts at Petit Park - Granada Hills Recreation Center, PLEASE



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

## Fwd: Kids need to exercise, lights for Pickleball courts at Petit Park - Granada Hills Recreation Center, PLEASE

1 message

Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 8:55 AM

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

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

From: **pong ucla** <>  
 Date: Wed, Sep 1, 2021 at 9:37 PM  
 Subject: Re: Kids need to exercise, lights for Pickleball courts at Petit Park - Granada Hills Recreation Center, PLEASE  
 To: Richard Kraveitz <[richard.kraveitz@lacity.org](mailto:richard.kraveitz@lacity.org)>, Michelle Gross De La Hoya <[michelle.gross@lacity.org](mailto:michelle.gross@lacity.org)>, [carolyn.shannon@lacity.org](mailto:carolyn.shannon@lacity.org) <[carolyn.shannon@lacity.org](mailto:carolyn.shannon@lacity.org)>, [GRANADAHILLS.RECREATIONCENTER@LACITY.ORG](mailto:GRANADAHILLS.RECREATIONCENTER@LACITY.ORG) <[GRANADAHILLS.RECREATIONCENTER@lacity.org](mailto:GRANADAHILLS.RECREATIONCENTER@lacity.org)>, [rap.publicinfo@lacity.org](mailto:rap.publicinfo@lacity.org) <[rap.publicinfo@lacity.org](mailto:rap.publicinfo@lacity.org)>  
 Cc: Jeaney Garcia <>, <>, <>, <>

Hi Richard &amp; Michelle,

It's September 1st and tonight the lights were turned off a 8:18 pm. Now that it's September, will the lights be turned on until 10 pm as you've promised in your email below. Please reply ALL. Thank you very much for all that you do for us and our kids.



Vora PONG Nimmual

USAPA Ambassador - Pacific Palisades

From: [carolyn.shannon@lacity.org](mailto:carolyn.shannon@lacity.org) on behalf of Rap Commissioners  
 <[rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)>

Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 10:48 AM

To: pong ucla &lt;&gt;

Cc: Keren Waters <>; Michelle Gross De La Hoya <[michelle.gross@lacity.org](mailto:michelle.gross@lacity.org)>;  
 Richard Kraveitz <[richard.kraveitz@lacity.org](mailto:richard.kraveitz@lacity.org)>; Jeaney Garcia <>;

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**Subject:** Re: Kids need to exercise, lights for Pickleball courts at Petit Park - Granada Hills Recreation Center, PLEASE

Good morning,

Granada Hills Recreation Center states the lights are turned off when staff leaves at 8pm each night during the week. However, they are expecting to extend the hours to 10pm in September. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Wed, Aug 4, 2021 at 11:20 PM pong ucla > wrote:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2751655215155497>

## Facebook Groups

ชมรมคนไทย Thai Pickleball Club of Los Angeles ในแอลเอ has 34 members. THAI PICKLEBALL CLUB OF LOS ANGELES ชมรมของเราเล่นทุกวันจันทร์ พุธ ศุกร์ 6:30 pm เย็นถึงค่ำ...

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<https://usapickleball.org/>

USAPA Ambassador - Pacific Palisades

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On Sat, Sep 4, 2021 at 4:41 PM pong ucla &lt; &gt; wrote:

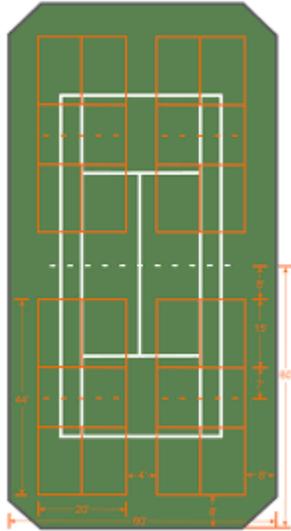
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As you can see, there were plenty of people of all ages playing Pickleball while there were none playing tennis on the courts opposite to the right hand side of the fence.

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Again, please see our petition which has garnered almost 300 signatures:  
<https://www.change.org/p/councilmember-john-lee-more-pickleball-courts-in-the-san-fernando-valley>



### Petition · More Pickleball courts in the San Fernando Valley · Change.org

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Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 10:40 AM

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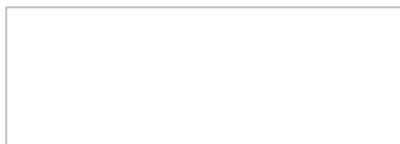
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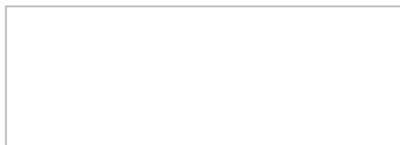
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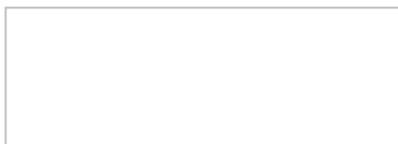
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Pam Anderson

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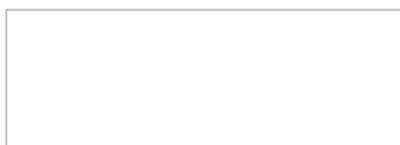
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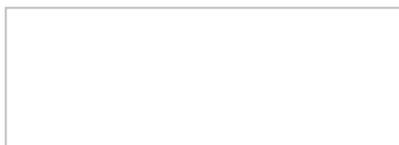
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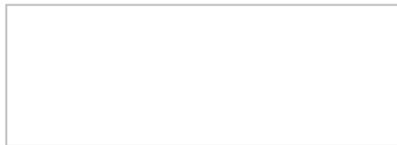
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## Re: URGENT re DOG ATTACK Incidents at Oakwood Park

1 message

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Oakwood Park September 2nd at 6:50pm  
<https://vimeo.com/596928107/35bc4cdcf>

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 1:25 PM Margaret Molloy <> wrote:  
 Hello All,

This incident happened at Oakwood Park on March 30, 2021.

I removed the contact names:

## SEEKING INFORMATION

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## SEEKING INFORMATION

Sex: female; Race: white; Hair: light brown/blonde; Age: 30s;  
Physical Build: petite; Top: brown sweater; Bottom: blue jeans;  
Vehicle: white car; Dog: German Shepard/ large breed - black and brown.

[Please Help This Family - Call with Information](#)

Captain Embrich for Officer Acosta:

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4. Please provide all "other" LAPD tickets at Oakwood Park from January 1, 2020 until today.

I would appreciate this information, sent to all recipients, as soon as possible.

Appreciatively,

Margaret Molloy

On Sep 2, 2021, at 11:27 AM, cwilli7269 > wrote:

Good morning All

While we wait the dogs run off leash and are causing havoc each and every day. I hope another person doesn't get mauled, with the rate these off leash dog owners care less about their off leash pets run free through Oakwood Park.

We are requesting the LA Parks and Recreation make Oakwood a no dog park. We have requested that for years.

Councilman Bonin created another park Mindanao park and they have Westminster Dog Park, so the dogs and their owners have a place specifically for their dogs. Why then can't the LA Parks and Recreation make Oakwood park a people's park only? Please don't make it appear dogs mean more than humans.

Thank you  
Laddie Williams

Sent from my Galaxy

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Hello -

We are still waiting for a response as to the plan moving forward and an explanation to the video that showed two animal control officers and an LAPD officer approach the park that had over 10+ dogs running around and let everyone leave out of the 7th street gate.

There are 8 dogs loose in the park at this time.

What is the plan moving forward and why weren't tickets issued when 3 officers with the ability to write tickets walked into the park with 10 dogs loose?

Happy to share the video but was hoping for a legitimate response. Each department says there aren't enough resources to deal with this issue or you are understaffed but the resources/staff were present that day and did nothing.

On Aug 30, 2021, at 11:11 AM, Laura Island <[laura.island@lacity.org](mailto:laura.island@lacity.org)> wrote:

Thank you for your message. I understand your enforcement concerns, but appreciate you recognizing the daily work that the Oakwood Rec Staff is performing.

We will continue to work with LAPD and Animal Control toward improved enforcement.

Have a nice day.  
Laura

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### **PARK PROUD LA**



On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 8:20 AM Beth Greenwald <  
wrote:

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Hi Ms Island -

Keith and the staff have, and continue to do their best and have been great. I have witnessed them be ignored and insulted and at least 1/2 the owners ignore/disrespect them.

I just don't get why it's hard to have enforcement. We have seen LAPD and most recently LAPD and animal control together approach the park when there were over 10 dogs off leash and they allowed those folks to leave out of the gate on the opposite side of the park. We are collectively questioning why they didn't give them tickets since they are the same people who come every morning. I'm happy to share video of this with you.

On Thursday someone had a wolf (didn't seem like a large husky) in the park. The owner was on the other side of the park and yelling for the animal (who wasn't listening) when the wolf entered the children's playground area. There were children on the playground when this happened. As soon as the animal left the playground area one of the moms/nanny's closed the gate so he wouldn't come back in. The owner walked away with her animal still off leash. Below is the video.

I would thank LAPD and Animal Control would want to stand with and up for the Recs and Parks staff by writing as many tickets as they can when they are there. We keep hearing about limited resources and get that but three officers approached the field last week and stood on the field and they did not stop any of the owners who had their dogs off leash (animal control and LAPD witnessed the dogs off-leash) we are hoping someone can help us understand why tickets weren't given that morning when they were 10+ dogs off leash and those folks left out of the gate on the opposite side of the field ?

Thanks you

Video of the Wolf on the playground below

On Aug 5, 2021, at 10:26 AM, Laura Island <[laura.island@lacity.org](mailto:laura.island@lacity.org)> wrote:

Thank you for your email. Your concerns and observations will be brought to the attention of LAPD and Animal Services today. Rec and Parks staff at Oakwood are not enforcement and we are doing everything we can on our end. We will continue to work with the other City agencies toward a solution.

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On Thu, Aug 5, 2021 at 8:32 AM Beth G (WWM)

< > wrote:

Hi Ms Island and Animal Control --

Just touching base and checking in for updates. I think there was definitely an impact made when the rangers came a few weeks back and the unleashed dog crowd thinned out for a couple weeks and we saw people getting to enjoy the park again. That said slowly but surely the regulars are coming back. We have witnessed LAPD drive by the park slowly (not en route to an emergency) and do nothing with 8+ dogs off-leash in the park. They don't even do the basic minimum of getting on their loudspeaker and telling people to leash up. It contradicts the work the rangers are doing, the work Keith/Oakwood has been trying to do. Last week my neighbor also witnessed what seemed to be someone verbally berating an Oakwood Park staffer when the staffer asked the owners to leash their dogs. Some people are now letting their dogs run free but keeping the leash attached to the dog so they can say "the dog ran away"...it's all nonsense.

Some of the repeat people have been identified from the neighborhood as they have been coming every day for over a year. We have names for some people (they live in the neighborhood), have photos of owners and license plates when people drive up and decide Oakwood is a dog park. Can citations be sent or warning letters? We have been told this would happen in the past to help let people know this violation is being taken seriously? Are there more patrols coming from the rangers, animal control, and LAPD? Yesterday 7:30-8:30 AM there were 9 dogs off-leash. This AM there were also roughly 11 dogs off-leash and a couple that got into the childrens playground area.

I have spent the week taking my dog to Westminster (about 1 mile from Oakwood), Santa Monica Airport park (1.7 miles), and Glen Alla

(2 miles) and I have met plenty of dog owners who obey the laws and do the responsible thing.

The off-leash dog owners know the rules. Inconsistent enforcement (or LAPD not holding the line when they drive by) will not make a permanent impact.

Attached are a few pictures from today - I don't have time to upload them so they are pictures of pictures but I have plenty more from the last few days.

Please advise as to the plan moving forward. (attached are a few pictures from this AM)

Best,

On Wed, Jul 7, 2021 at 12:01 PM Laura Island <[laura.island@lacity.org](mailto:laura.island@lacity.org)> wrote:

Good morning, Beth.

I was planning to send out this update today, to inform everyone of the steps taken by both LAPD and Recreation and Parks to better address the safety concerns at Oakwood Park.

A meeting was held last week to determine a more consistent enforcement plan. Effective immediately, LAPD has scheduled regular patrols in the morning hours and LA Park Rangers have scheduled additional patrols between 3 and 7 pm in the evening. In addition, Animal Services is hopeful to provide their support in the next few weeks. With a greater enforcement presence and increased citations of violators it is expected that we will see a significant decline in the amount of off leash dogs at the park.

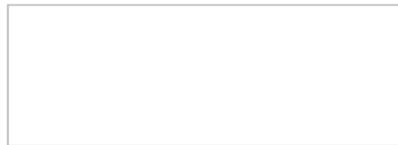
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Thank you,  
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**PARK PROUD LA**



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< > wrote:

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woman w/Labradoodle - comes in every day with a chuck-it ball thrower

Hoodie - he has been warned 2x's that we have witnessed and comes every morning and some afternoons

Russell Smith - Please note he is standing 5 feet away from the sign saying all dogs need to be leashed

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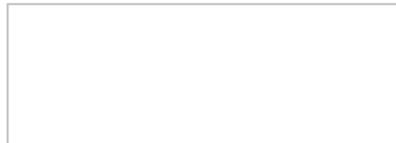
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<[laura.island@lacity.org](mailto:laura.island@lacity.org)> wrote:

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< > wrote:

PLEASE SHARE WITH COMMISSIONERS

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of imminent injury.

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## Re: Dogs Off Leash 9/21/2021

1 message

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

Wed, Sep 22, 2021 at 2:51 PM

To: Beth Greenwald <>

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Good afternoon,

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Thank you.

On Wed, Sep 22, 2021 at 8:08 AM Beth Greenwald <>

> wrote:

Hello all -

The issue persists and still no response.

Animal Control - people call every day to report the off-leash dog issue and the reply is the same. We don't have any officers. While we get you are understaffed, you still have not responded to us why 2 officers were at Oakwood and allowed roughly 10 owners to walk out un-ticketed. Can you please provide the names and badge/ID numbers for these two employees as we would like to raise our complaint and video up the ladder. Do you have a plan to come early in the am or in the pm to give tickets?

Captain Embrich we continue to send these emails and you haven't responded to us in 5 months. We also would love to know if there are chances of getting a different Lead Officer for Oakwood. The relationship with our former leads has been great but the current Lead refuses to help and perhaps a new lead would communicate with us like Officer Delatori did so we don't have to come to you. Please advise

Can you please respond by Friday if there is an enforcement plan moving forward? We have tried to keep this between the community and these agencies but you refuse to address us or this issue. If you don't reply by Friday - to discuss enforcement, talk about the issues with us, etc we will take that as you plan to continue to ignore us and do nothing which again is the legal definition of negligent.

Show us some courtesy and respect - we aren't asking for anything other than you doing your jobs or at least help us resolve this growing situation that is also glaring racial tensions and creating other issues in our community.

Sincerely,

Beth Greenwald

On Sep 21, 2021, at 7:59 AM, cwilli7269 <>

> wrote:

Good morning,

Dogs Off Leash this morning the count is 22, that I can see.

Digs running up near picnic benches and mid field owners are there having a round circle conversation, some with chucking sticks.

Oakwood is a park for people, families and especially children. It is a park where the dogs are required to be on leash. This isn't what is occurring at Oakwood as you all know.

We need Oakwood Park to become "NO DOG PARK!"

Thank you  
Laddie Williams

Sent from my Galaxy

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## Re: URGENT re DOG ATTACK Incidents at Oakwood Park

1 message

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

Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 9:27 AM

To: cwilli7269 <cwilli7269@lacity.org>

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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.

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 7:44 PM cwilli7269 <cwilli7269@lacity.org>

> wrote:

Hello All

The park is full ofndogs off leash! LAPD just drove by and said nothing! This is ridiculous and outrageous!

We need HELP and LAPD ignoring 10 or more dogs off leash in a leash only grass area.

LAPD there is a problem, Animal Control We have a problem.

"Dogs barking, squeaky toys, the field is all torn up and LAPD drives by and does nothing"

This from concerned neighbors as myself who are over it.

Looking for a proper response / solution to a problem that is out of CONTROL!

We're watching and documenting

Laddie Williams

Sent from my Galaxy

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From: "Beth G (WWM)" <beth.g@lacity.org>

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Date: 9/2/21 7:32 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: Margaret Molloy <margaret.molloy@lacity.org>

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Cc: Laddie Williams <laddie.williams@lacity.org>

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Margaret -

A guy got bit yesterday as well.

Here is what the park has looked like for the last 1:30...it's almost 2 years since the Oakwood Meeting where we were told the leash laws would be enforced - no more warnings and tickets would be written. Remove the fences and ban dogs in the park since you refuse to enforce them.

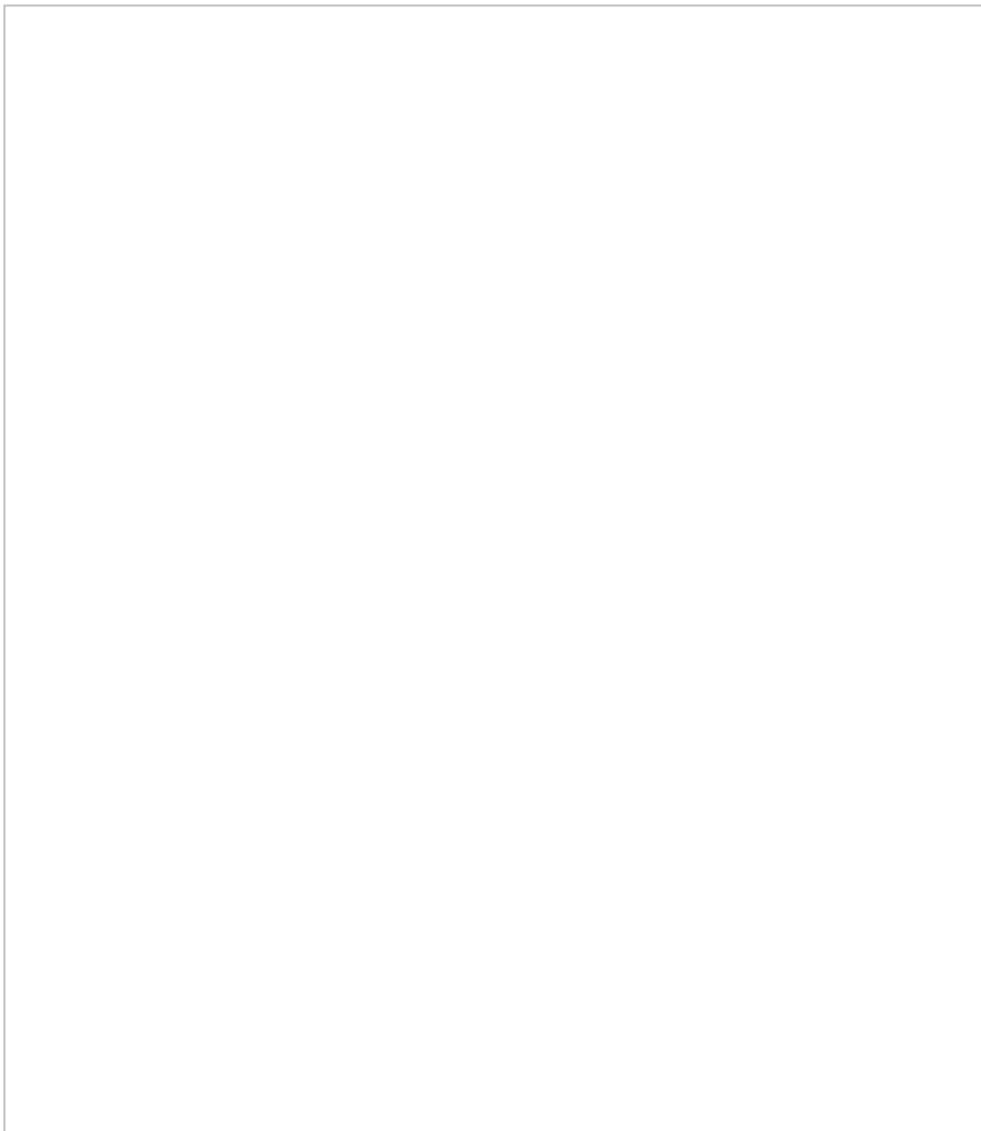
Oakwood Park September 2nd at 6:50pm  
<https://vimeo.com/596928107/35bc4cdcfc>

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 1:25 PM Margaret Molloy < > wrote:

Hello All,

This incident happened at Oakwood Park on March 30, 2021.

I removed the contact names:



Captain Embrich for Officer Acosta:

1. Per CPRA, please provide the LAPD incident report for the above incident to all recipients on this email list.

2. Please provide a full account of all follow up by LAPD with the victim's family; RAP; Animal Control, as well as contact with the perpetrator and legal consequences for that person.

The owner was asked to leash their dog because the dog was interfering with the boys and the parent and boys were apprehensive. The owner refused. The boy was injured. That is assault and battery. The owner fled when the injury occurred. That is a crime.

3. Additionally, Per CPRA, please provide all LAPD tickets for dogs off-leash at Oakwood Park from January 1, 2020 until today.

4. Please provide all "other" LAPD tickets at Oakwood Park from January 1, 2020 until today.

I would appreciate this information, sent to all recipients, as soon as possible.

Appreciatively,

Margaret Molloy

On Sep 2, 2021, at 11:27 AM, cwilli7269 < > wrote:

Good morning All

While we wait the dogs run off leash and are causing havoc each and every day. I hope another person doesn't get mauled, with the rate these off leash dog owners care less about their off leash pets run free through Oakwood Park.

We are requesting the LA Parks and Recreation make Oakwood a no dog park. We have requested that for years.

Councilman Bonin created another park Mindanao park and they have Westminster Dog Park, so the dogs and their owners have a place specifically for their dogs. Why then can't the LA Parks and Recreation make Oakwood park a people's park only? Please don't make it appear dogs mean more than humans.

Thank you  
Laddie Williams

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Hello -

We are still waiting for a response as to the plan moving forward and an explanation to the video that showed two animal control officers and an LAPD officer approach the park that had over 10+ dogs

running around and let everyone leave out of the 7th street gate.

There are 8 dogs loose in the park at this time.

What is the plan moving forward and why weren't tickets issued when 3 officers with the ability to write tickets walked into the park with 10 dogs loose?

Happy to share the video but was hoping for a legitimate response. Each department says there aren't enough resources to deal with this issue or you are understaffed but the resources/staff were present that day and did nothing.

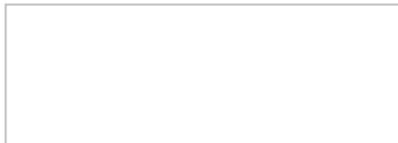
On Aug 30, 2021, at 11:11 AM, Laura Island <[laura.island@lacity.org](mailto:laura.island@lacity.org)> wrote:

Thank you for your message. I understand your enforcement concerns, but appreciate you recognizing the daily work that the Oakwood Rec Staff is performing. We will continue to work with LAPD and Animal Control toward improved enforcement.

Have a nice day.  
Laura

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**PARK PROUD LA**



On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 8:20 AM Beth Greenwald <  
wrote:

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Hi Ms Island -

Keith and the staff have, and continue to do their best and have been great. I have witnessed them be ignored and insulted and at least 1/2 the owners ignore/disrespect them.

I just don't get why it's hard to have enforcement. We have seen LAPD and most recently LAPD and animal control together approach the park when there were over 10 dogs off leash and they allowed those folks to leave out of the gate on the opposite side of the park. We are collectively questioning why they didn't give them tickets since they are the same people who come every morning. I'm happy to share video of this with you.

On Thursday someone had a wolf (didn't seem like a large husky) in the park. The owner was on the other side of the park and yelling for the animal (who wasn't

listening) when the wolf entered the children's playground area. There were children on the playground when this happened. As soon as the animal left the playground area one of the moms/nanny's closed the gate so he wouldn't come back in. The owner walked away with her animal still off leash. Below is the video.

I would thank LAPD and Animal Control would want to stand with and up for the Recs and Parks staff by writing as many tickets as they can when they are there. We keep hearing about limited resources and get that but three officers approached the field last week and stood on the field and they did not stop any of the owners who had their dogs off leash (animal control and LAPD witnessed the dogs off-leash) we are hoping someone can help us understand why tickets weren't given that morning when they were 10+ dogs off leash and those folks left out of the gate on the opposite side of the field ?

Thanks you

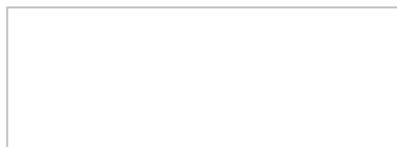
Video of the Wolf on the playground below

On Aug 5, 2021, at 10:26 AM, Laura Island <[laura.island@lacity.org](mailto:laura.island@lacity.org)> wrote:

Thank you for your email. Your concerns and observations will be brought to the attention of LAPD and Animal Services today. Rec and Parks staff at Oakwood are not enforcement and we are doing everything we can on our end. We will continue to work with the other City agencies toward a solution.

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On Thu, Aug 5, 2021 at 8:32 AM Beth G (WWM) <[beth.g@lacity.org](mailto:beth.g@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Ms Island and Animal Control --

Just touching base and checking in for updates. I think there was definitely an impact made when the rangers came a few weeks back and the unleashed dog crowd thinned out for a couple weeks and we saw people getting to enjoy the park again. That said slowly but surely the regulars are coming back. We have witnessed LAPD drive by the park slowly (not en route to an emergency) and do nothing with 8+ dogs off-leash in the park. They don't even do the basic minimum of getting on their loudspeaker and telling people to leash up. It contradicts the work the rangers are doing, the work Keith/Oakwood has been trying to do. Last week my neighbor also witnessed what

seemed to be someone verbally berating an Oakwood Park staffer when the staffer asked the owners to leash their dogs. Some people are now letting their dogs run free but keeping the leash attached to the dog so they can say "the dog ran away"...it's all nonsense.

Some of the repeat people have been identified from the neighborhood as they have been coming every day for over a year. We have names for some people (they live in the neighborhood) , have photos of owners and license plates when people drive up and decide Oakwood is a dog park. Can citations be sent or warning letters? We have been told this would happen in the past to help let people know this violation is being taken seriously? Are there more patrols coming from the rangers, animal control, and LAPD? Yesterday 7:30-8:30 AM there were 9 dogs off-leash. This AM there were also roughly 11 dogs off-leash and a couple that got into the childrens playground area.

I have spent the week taking my dog to Westminster (about 1 mile from Oakwood), Santa Monica Airport park (1.7 miles), and Glen Alla (2 miles) and I have met plenty of dog owners who obey the laws and do the responsible thing.

The off-leash dog owners know the rules. Inconsistent enforcement (or LAPD not holding the line when they drive by) will not make a permanent impact.

Attached are a few pictures from today - I don't have time to upload them so they are pictures of pictures but I have plenty more from the last few days.

Please advise as to the plan moving forward. (attached are a few pictures from this AM)

Best,

On Wed, Jul 7, 2021 at 12:01 PM Laura Island

<[laura.island@lacity.org](mailto:laura.island@lacity.org)> wrote:

Good morning, Beth.

I was planning to send out this update today, to inform everyone of the steps taken by both LAPD and Recreation and Parks to better address the safety concerns at Oakwood Park.

A meeting was held last week to determine a more consistent enforcement plan. Effective immediately, LAPD has scheduled regular patrols in the morning hours and LA Park Rangers have scheduled additional patrols between 3 and 7 pm in the evening. In addition, Animal Services is hopeful to provide their support in the next few weeks. With a greater enforcement presence and increased citations of violators it is expected that we will see a significant decline in the amount of off leash dogs at the park.

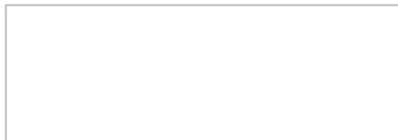
As a long-term response to the problem, Recreation and Parks is in the early planning stages of an upgrade of Westminster Dog Park, which is only about a mile from Oakwood Park. The improved Dog Park will feature amenities that will be much more inviting to dogs and their owners - providing a much better alternative to the fields at Oakwood.

I hope you are encouraged by the support of the Council Office and other City Departments in providing improved enforcement and a safer park for the Oakwood community.

Thank you,  
Laura

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### **PARK PROUD LA**



On Wed, Jul 7, 2021 at 7:56 AM Beth G (WWM)

< wrote:

Hi there -

Curious as to what the plan is moving forward with citations and patrol. Without some sort of consistency nothing will change. There was definitely a change in the park a few weeks back but things have been picking up again. There are currently 8+ dogs running loose in the park. Yesterday an LAPD officer was in the park playground area while dogs were running loose and nothing was said or done. LAPD also drove by at around 7:45pm and there were dogs off-leash and they didn't do the bare minimum and get on their loudspeaker to tell them to leash up. This sends mixed messages to people who come every day that they are allowed to have their dogs off-leash. When there isn't any consistent enforcement and tickets being written things quickly go back to the way they were. Also, this undermines the park staff that has been coming out periodically to tell people to leash up. Working together with a consistent plan is the only thing that will make a change. While the sliding gates were installed - they are only 4-5 openings and we asked for 8-10 openings. If enforcement can't be done the fences need to be removed. As discussed, Oakwood is the only fully enclosed park on the westside.

Also, we were told months ago on two occasions there would be warning letters sent to the people we can identify. Community members shared photos and license plate numbers. Were warnings sent out? My partner was walking our dogs months back and was verbally assaulted by Russell Smith 654 San Juan, Venice, CA 90291. Russell sent me an email apologizing for yelling at her as he thought it was me. He went on to explain/admit that he brings his dogs to Oakwood unleashed. Mr. Smith was also at the original meeting last year when it was stated by LAPD, Parks & Recs, and Animal Control that people will be cited if their dogs are off-leash.

Attached are some photos of some of the regulars - several of them have been warned multiple times and they still come every day.

woman w/Labradoodle - comes in every day with a chuck-it ball thrower

Hoodie - he has been warned 2x's that we have witnessed and comes every morning and some afternoons

Russell Smith - Please note he is standing 5 feet away from the sign saying all dogs need to be leashed

Random morning shot - there were 4-5 more dogs on the Broadway and 7th corner.

We seemed to have some momentum with enforcement and don't see why one rotating morning every week 15-20 mins can't be spent citing these people. Please advise as to the plan moving forward.

Beth Greenwald

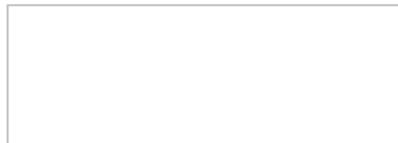
On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 7:39 AM Laura Island <[laura.island@lacity.org](mailto:laura.island@lacity.org)> wrote:

Good morning and thank you for your email.

I am sorry to hear about the incident with Ms. Anderson. RAP is working to find a solution to this problem at Oakwood Park and we will keep you posted on our progress.

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**PARK PROUD LA**



On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 9:54 PM Margaret Molloy < > wrote:

PLEASE SHARE WITH COMMISSIONERS

Hello RAP, LAPD, Animal Control, and CD 11,

It is disgusting that Pam Anderson, an Oakwood Park Advisory Board member and Oakwood Elder, was chased and threatened by an off-leash pitbull that came out of that park to attack her. I am so sorry to hear about it. I am grateful that Pam was not badly hurt but understand the assault that occurred and the threat of imminent injury.

Someone is going to get really hurt if RAP, LAPD, Animal Control, and CD 11 continue to let this off-leash dog issue continue at this historical pocket-park in the Oakwood community in Venice.

OAKWOOD IS NOT A DOG PARK! The City of Los Angeles does not have many dedicated dog parks but Venice has one in close proximity to Oakwood Park.

At around 5:30 on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 two young boys were playing at Oakwood Park. An off-leash dog kept trying to play with them. The mom asked the owner if she could restrain her dog because the boys just wanted to play together. She did not listen and the dog pushed one child down fracturing his wrist. The owner then took her dog and left without attending to the injured 11-yr-old boy.

<Screen Shot 2021-05-25 at 7.50.28 PM.png>

At the Oakwood Park update meeting on July 3, 2019, another Oakwood Elder, Carol Powell, described being chased by an off-leash dog inside the park and having to scramble onto a picnic table at the north end of the park for safety while the owner remained oblivious. That is insane.

As Laura let you know, on May 25th, 2021 at around 6:30pm, an off-leash dog rushed at me as some community members gathered at the bleachers at the park. At that moment, I was speaking to the young boy who was injured on March 30, 2021 and his mom. He does not need to be re-traumatized. That dog was medium-large sized and barked as it ran up. I have been a dog-person all my life but I don't think this behavior is responsible ownership in any way. Other people do not need to be put in a position to figure out if a running barking dog is aggressive. Many dog owners are indifferent to other's fears of dogs. The young woman on May 25th was totally dismissive of our concerns. She did not even have a leash with her at the park.

Enough is enough.

Please remedy this situation immediately. Dog owners in Venice have a dog park. That is all that needs to be said. The City and city agencies should not have to be sued to take action that is required for community safety. The Oakwood community has already provided proof of this problem multiple times to all of the relevant agencies.

Please confirm receipt of this complaint. I would appreciate your response and a RAP policy determination as soon as possible.

Appreciatively,

Margaret Molloy

On Jun 16, 2021, at 12:35 PM, aave  
< > wrote:

Hey Guys:

I'm still a bit shook up, a damn dog ran out the Oakwood park gate into the street as I'm riding my bike by the park, and the dog ran up on me attacking me. The owner did not have her dog on a leash, she did not try to stop the dog at all. She didn't even tell her dog to stop at all, she just stood there.

Pam Anderson

cell

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Sent: Wed, Jun 16, 2021 11:33 am

Subject: Re: Incidents at Oakwood Park

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 7:44 PM Laura Ceballos > wrote:

Hello Laura,

I received a phone call at approximately 7:15pm today by Oakwood Park Advisory Board Member Pam Anderson. She was riding her bike by Oakwood Park on 7th when a vicious pit bull off of a leash ran out of Oakwood Park and rushed her on the bike. She was knocked over on her bike.

On Tuesday, May 25th 2021 at around 6:30pm, a dog off a leash rushed at Margaret Molloy, a Community Member, as we were gathered at the bleachers at the park. This led to a heated altercation. The ongoing dog issue has exacerbated. The installation of the retractable fences have proven to be unsuccessful. The openings of the gates are too small that it won't make much of a difference.

Laura Ceballos



Re: URGENT re DOG ATTACK Incidents at Oakwood Park

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Tristen Marler <tristen.marler@lacity.org> Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 3:26 PM

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Thank you Laddie--I will discuss with the West Region RAP Management and get back to you.

I have been advocating for increased enforcement, but resources are limited so that seems to be the main issue.

We will reconvene an internal city family meeting very soon. I am happy to jump on a call with you or Beth afterwards.

Best,
Tristen

On Mon, Sep 6, 2021 at 7:04 PM cwilli7269 <cwilli7269@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Evening City Officials, LAPD and Animal Services,

It was hard to utilize Oakwood Park today the constant stream of off leash dogs, owners chucking balls across the yard and dogs off leash.

When people asked off leash dog owners to please put their dogs on leash, the owners ignored the requests. Young people playing soccer on the field and the dogs were chasing the soccer balls. Dog feces throughout the grassy area.

The officers who were patrolling the Oakwood area just cruised by saying nothing to the off leash dog owners.

Oakwood Park needs to be made a "NO DOG PARK!" We recognize dogs off leash has not been high priority at all. There have been several incidents of dogs going after humans in Oakwood. We the Venice community need a relief before another incident occurs.

Mike Bonin, LAPD, Animal Services and LA Parks and Recreation we need assistance here in the Oakwood community at Oakwood Park it needs to be a "NO DOG PARK." It is the only green space for the people of Oakwood in Venice. The dogs have Alla Dog Park and Westminster Dog Park.

We would appreciate your response ASAP.

Thank you
Laddie Williams

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Subject: Re: URGENT re DOG ATTACK Incidents at Oakwood Park

Good Morning All

My neighbor Beth just emailed and I am emailing again.

I can attest there are lots of dogs off leash this morning, owners chucking balls dogs running all over the grassy area if Oakwood Park. The dog owners are driving in opening car doors and letting their dogs out to run free in Oakwood.

Our Oakwood community needs your assistance in getting our park back from off leash dog owners and its simple make Oakwood a NO DO PARK. Mr Bonin created another park for off leash dogs and the there is also the Westminster Dog Park. Until then we need LAPD to tell these off leash dog owners "Put your dogs on a leash" or even write a tickets.

We need to hear from LA City officials to let the Venice Community know that you're working on this dogs off leash at Oakwood Park ASAP.

Thank you  
LaddiebWilliams

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: "Beth G (WWM)" < >  
Date: 9/4/21 9:21 AM (GMT-08:00)  
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Subject: Re: URGENT re DOG ATTACK Incidents at Oakwood Park

Councilmember Bonin -

I just went outside to walk my dog and there were 12 dogs loose in the park. One man had his dog on a leash and his dog was urinating on the children's soccer goals - literally peeing on the net and the post. I asked the man to please show some respect and not let his dog urinate on something that the kids use daily. He told me to he didn't know who I was talking to and to go fuck myself. The lack of response and support from all the departments cc'd here - is empowering these people and making it uncomfortable for people who want to use the park for its intended purpose.

The response on this matter has been non-existent. Why are Animal Control, LAPD, and frankly your office not doing anything? One child was attacked 3 months ago and broke his arm running from a German Shepherd, a community member was knocked off their bike by an unleashed dog a month ago, and a man was bit two days ago walking through the park after he finished playing basketball.

September of 2019 we had a community meeting in which LAPD, Animal Control, and the rangers promised enforcement in the form of ticketing off-leash dog owners - NO MORE WARNINGS. During that meeting a kid who was playing on the soccer field sprained his ankle from stepping in a hole a dog had dug. The soccer coaches spoke of having to come to the park 20 minutes before their clinics to pick up dog shit and put sand in the divots so kids don't get hurt, a woman who had been attacked by a dog spoke as did a mother whose husband and child were attending a Birthday party on the playground at Oakwood and they husband was attacked and had to get stitches protecting his son from an off-leash dog. The kid is now petrified of dogs. Why has nothing been done? We have videos and statements from additional folks that have been attacked and the young man who was bit - his family has retained a lawyer and is going to sue the city. You all would rather settle out a lawsuit than write tickets? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwqXri5HRQ0>

We are constantly told LAPD and Animal Control have limited resources. Understandable on some level but LAPD and Animal Control officers walked onto the field from the Oakwood side last week when there were over 10 dogs loose on the field - and they let the dog owners walk out of the other side of the park/7th Avenue side. These are people that come every morning in waves from 7:30am-9:30am and every evening in waves from 5:00-7:30pm Why aren't tickets being written? Is the city so flush with cash that they don't need the money? If so Oakwood needs the money. Councilmember - you were at Oakwood last week for one of the community elders Birthday party and you saw first hand the damage done to the field.

We have shared with your office and every other department cc'd on here footage from the last two weeks - videos of the park in the AM and the PM - including footage of a wolf that made its way across the park onto the children's playground The owner was on the other side of the park and the dog was not coming as she called for him. The dog ran all the way across the field onto the children's playground where families and kids were playing. The owner casually walked across the field to get her dog as a Mom and a nanny rushed to grab the kids. When the dog finally exited the playground the Mom closed the gate. Keith Rice came out to speak with the owner but she had run off. Keith is the park director - he is not Animal Control or LAPD. He can't write tickets and when he asks owners to leash dogs he is generally met with disrespect. In some cases they leash up and when he is back in his office they unleash the dogs again and in one case a few weeks ago - an off-leash dog owner filed a complaint about a park staff member because she asked them to leash the dogs.

This isn't brain surgery. We have been begging for help for two years. How many tickets have been written in the past two years? What is the plan moving forward? Write 30 tickets and make the city some money instead of getting sued in which we are sharing 2 years of emails begging for enforcement, promises (in writing from LAPD about no more warnings officers are to write tickets) either they have little respect for what their Captain has demanded or the LAPD promises are hollow. LAPD drives by daily and doesn't do the bare minimum which is get on their loudspeaker and tell people to leash their dogs. The owners laugh at the officers and park staff because there are no consequences for their actions. They aren't being punished but the the kids and community members are as the park is covered in urine and feces, dogs peeing on the soccer goals,

Why wait for more people to get hurt or for additional lawsuits to do something? Please answer us because all the finger pointing is getting nowhere and no one seems to care that a special needs kid was attacked and broke his arm.

Attached is a picture of 6-7 of the dogs from this am and some video as well - there was another 8 on the other side of the field. Also, attached are two piles of shit by the kids water fountain. This is the license plate of one of the people who DRIVES to our community park and he uses it as a dog park. They come every day to give their Great Dane exercise (why not walk the dog). While the owner can drive to the new dog park in the Marina or drive to Westminster or even the SM Airport park - he drives to Oakwood because he can. Because there are no repercussions for his actions. Because LAPD, Animal Control, etc don't do anything and every day that goes but the # of off-leash dogs grow - and the field is destroyed.

In the end it's going to cost the city a lot more to do nothing than the cost of having an officer come out and write tickets 3xs a week in the AM and PM and every other week. This problem would be over if each division - rangers, LAPD, Animal Control, could commit to 30-1:00 a few days a week to write tickets and **not** issue warnings. The warnings haven't worked 0 no one cares, the 30 signs around the park telling folks leash only doesn't work - no one cares.

Here are some things that cost nothing for each department to do - LAPD can make a stern post on Nextdoor saying no more warnings that they will be ticketing anyone who violates this law - no exceptions. Councilmember your office can do the same. Then write tickets, remove the prison gates surrounding the park, and ban dogs making Oakwood a people's park. Westminster Dog Park is .8 of a mile from Oakwood, SM Airport park is 1.5 away and Alla is 2 miles.

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**Please show us the respect and decency of a response and discuss what is the plan moving forward. People are getting hurt and no response or action is shocking and irresponsible**

Best,

Beth Greenwald

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 7:44 PM cwilli7269 <

> wrote:

Hello All

The park is full ofndogs off leash! LAPD just drove by and said nothing! This is ridiculous and outrageous!

We need HELP and LAPD ignoring 10 or more dogs off leash in a leash only grass area.

LAPD there is a problem, Animal Control We have a problem.

"Dogs barking, squeaky toys, the field is all torn up and LAPD drives by and does nothing"

This from concerned neighbors as myself who are over it.

Looking for a proper response / solution to a problem that is out of CONTROL!

We're watching and documenting

Laddie Williams

Sent from my Galaxy

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From: "Beth G (WWM)" < >  
Date: 9/2/21 7:32 PM (GMT-08:00)  
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Margaret -

A guy got bit yesterday as well.

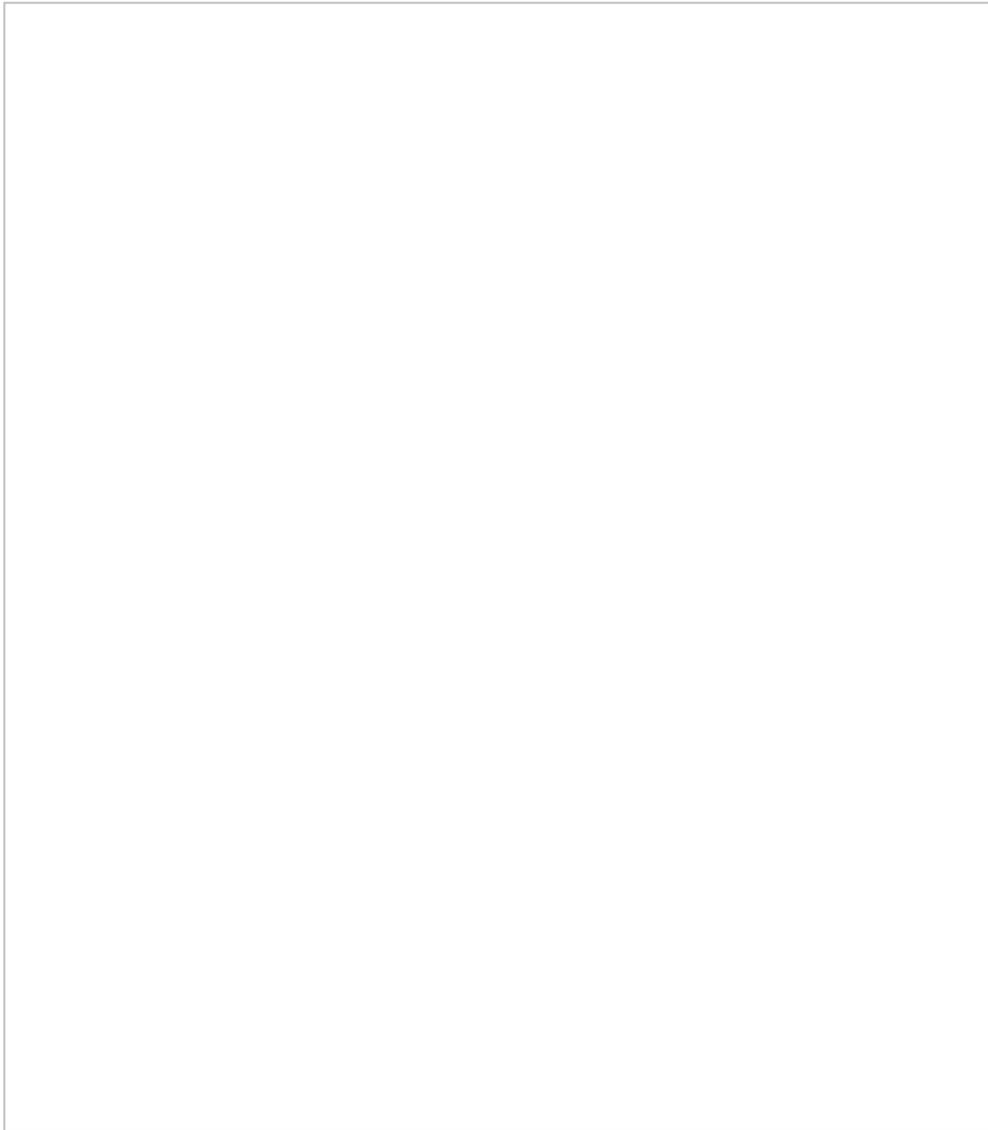
Here is what the park has looked like for the last 1:30...it's almost 2 years since the Oakwood Meeting where we were told the leash laws would be enforced - no more warnings and tickets would be written. Remove the fences and ban dogs in the park since you refuse to enforce them.

Oakwood Park September 2nd at 6:50pm  
<https://vimeo.com/596928107/35bc4cdcf>

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 1:25 PM Margaret Molloy < > wrote:  
Hello All,

This incident happened at Oakwood Park on March 30, 2021.

I removed the contact names:



Captain Embrich for Officer Acosta:

1. Per CPRA, please provide the LAPD incident report for the above incident to all recipients on this email list.
2. Please provide a full account of all follow up by LAPD with the victim's family; RAP; Animal Control, as well as contact with the perpetrator and legal consequences for that person.

The owner was asked to leash their dog because the dog was interfering with the boys and the parent and boys were apprehensive. The owner refused. The boy was injured. That is assault and battery. The owned fled when the injury occurred. That is a crime.

3. Additionally, Per CPRA, please provide all LAPD tickets for dogs off-leash at Oakwood Park from January 1, 2020 until today.
4. Please provide all "other" LAPD tickets at Oakwood Park from January 1, 2020 until today.

I would appreciate this information, sent to all recipients, as soon as possible.

Appreciatively,

Margaret Molloy

On Sep 2, 2021, at 11:27 AM, cwilli7269 < > wrote:

Good morning All

While we wait the dogs run off leash and are causing havoc each and every day. I hope another person doesn't get mauled, with the rate these off leash dog owners care less about their off leash pets run free through Oakwood Park.

We are requesting the LA Parks and Recreation make Oakwood a no dog park. We have requested that for years.

Councilman Bonin created another park Mindanao park and they have Westminster Dog Park, so the dogs and their owners have a place specifically for their dogs. Why then can't the LA Parks and Recreation make Oakwood park a people's park only? Please don't make it appear dogs mean more than humans.

Thank you  
Laddie Williams

Sent from my Galaxy

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Hello -

We are still waiting for a response as to the plan moving forward and an explanation to the video that showed two animal control officers and an LAPD officer approach the park that had over 10+ dogs running around and let everyone leave out of the 7th street gate.

There are 8 dogs loose in the park at this time.

What is the plan moving forward and why weren't tickets issued when 3 officers with the ability to write tickets walked into the park with 10 dogs loose?

Happy to share the video but was hoping for a legitimate response. Each department says there aren't enough resources to deal with this issue or you are understaffed but the resources/staff were present that day and did nothing.

On Aug 30, 2021, at 11:11 AM, Laura Island <[laura.island@lacity.org](mailto:laura.island@lacity.org)> wrote:

Thank you for your message. I understand your enforcement concerns, but appreciate you recognizing the daily work that the Oakwood Rec Staff is performing. We will continue to work with LAPD and Animal Control toward improved enforcement.

Have a nice day.  
Laura

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## PARK PROUD LA



On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 8:20 AM Beth Greenwald  
< > wrote:

Hi Ms Island -

Keith and the staff have, and continue to do their best and have been great. I have witnessed them be ignored and insulted and at least 1/2 the owners ignore/disrespect them.

I just don't get why it's hard to have enforcement. We have seen LAPD and most recently LAPD and animal control together approach the park when there were over 10 dogs off leash and they allowed those folks to leave out of the gate on the opposite side of the park. We are collectively questioning why they didn't give them tickets since they are the same people who come every morning. I'm happy to share video of this with you.

On Thursday someone had a wolf (didn't seem like a large husky) in the park. The owner was on the other side of the park and yelling for the animal (who wasn't listening) when the wolf entered the children's playground area. There were children on the playground when this happened. As soon as the animal left the playground area one of the moms/nanny's closed the gate so he wouldn't come back in. The owner walked away with her animal still off leash. Below is the video.

I would thank LAPD and Animal Control would want to stand with and up for the Recs and Parks staff by writing as many tickets as they can when they are there. We keep hearing about limited resources and get that but three officers approached the field last week and stood on the field and they did not stop any of the owners who had their dogs off leash (animal control and LAPD witnessed the dogs off-leash) we are hoping someone can help us understand why tickets weren't given that morning when they were 10+ dogs off leash and those folks left out of the gate on the opposite side of the field ?

Thanks you

Video of the Wolf on the playground below

On Aug 5, 2021, at 10:26 AM, Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org> wrote:

Thank you for your email. Your concerns and observations will be brought to the attention of LAPD and Animal Services today. Rec and Parks staff at Oakwood are not enforcement and we are doing everything we can on our end. We will continue to work with the other City agencies toward a solution.

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#### **PARK PROUD LA**



On Thu, Aug 5, 2021 at 8:32 AM Beth G (WWM) < > wrote:

Hi Ms Island and Animal Control --

Just touching base and checking in for updates. I think there was definitely an impact made when the rangers came a few weeks back and the unleashed dog crowd thinned out for a couple weeks and we saw people getting to enjoy the park again. That said slowly but surely the regulars are coming back. We have witnessed LAPD drive by the park slowly (not en route to an emergency) and do nothing with 8+ dogs off-leash in the park. They don't even do the basic minimum of getting on their loudspeaker and telling people to leash up. It contradicts the work the rangers are doing, the work Keith/Oakwood has been trying to do. Last week my neighbor also witnessed what seemed to be someone verbally berating an Oakwood Park staffer when the staffer asked the owners to leash their dogs. Some people are now letting their dogs run free but keeping the leash attached to the dog so they can say "the dog ran away"...it's all nonsense.

Some of the repeat people have been identified from the neighborhood as they have been coming every day for over a year. We have names for some people (they live in the neighborhood) , have photos of owners and license plates when people drive up and decide Oakwood is a dog park. Can citations be sent or warning letters? We have been told this would happen in the past to help let people know this violation is being taken seriously? Are there more patrols coming from the rangers, animal control, and LAPD? Yesterday 7:30-8:30 AM there were 9 dogs off-leash. This AM there were also roughly 11 dogs off-leash and a couple that got into the childrens playground area.

I have spent the week taking my dog to Westminster (about 1 mile from Oakwood), Santa Monica Airport park (1.7 miles), and Glen Alla (2 miles) and I have met plenty of dog owners who obey the laws and do the responsible thing.

The off-leash dog owners know the rules. Inconsistent enforcement (or LAPD not holding the line when they drive by) will not make a permanent impact.

Attached are a few pictures from today - I don't have time to upload them so they are pictures of pictures but I have plenty more from the last few days.

Please advise as to the plan moving forward. (attached are a few pictures from this AM)

Best,

On Wed, Jul 7, 2021 at 12:01 PM Laura Island

<[laura.island@lacity.org](mailto:laura.island@lacity.org)> wrote:

Good morning, Beth.

I was planning to send out this update today, to inform everyone of the steps taken by both LAPD and Recreation and Parks to better address the safety concerns at Oakwood Park.

A meeting was held last week to determine a more consistent enforcement plan. Effective immediately, LAPD has scheduled regular patrols in the morning hours and LA Park Rangers have scheduled additional patrols between 3 and 7 pm in the evening. In addition, Animal Services is hopeful to provide their support in the next few weeks. With a greater enforcement presence and increased citations of violators it is expected that we will see a significant decline in the amount of off leash dogs at the park.

As a long-term response to the problem, Recreation and Parks is in the early planning stages of an upgrade of Westminster Dog Park, which is only about a mile from Oakwood Park. The improved Dog Park will feature amenities that will be much more inviting to dogs and their owners - providing a much better alternative to the fields at Oakwood.

I hope you are encouraged by the support of the Council Office and other City Departments in providing improved enforcement and a safer park for the Oakwood community.

Thank you,  
Laura

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**PARK PROUD LA**

# COMBATING COVID

On Wed, Jul 7, 2021 at 7:56 AM Beth G (WWM)

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> wrote:

Hi there -

Curious as to what the plan is moving forward with citations and patrol. Without some sort of consistency nothing will change. There was definitely a change in the park a few weeks back but things have been picking up again. There are currently 8+ dogs running loose in the park. Yesterday an LAPD officer was in the park playground area while dogs were running loose and nothing was said or done. LAPD also drove by at around 7:45pm and there were dogs off-leash and they didn't do the bare minimum and get on their loudspeaker to tell them to leash up. This sends mixed messages to people who come every day that they are allowed to have their dogs off-leash. When there isn't any consistent enforcement and tickets being written things quickly go back to the way they were. Also, this undermines the park staff that has been coming out periodically to tell people to leash up. Working together with a consistent plan is the only thing that will make a change. While the sliding gates were installed - they are only 4-5 openings and we asked for 8-10 openings. If enforcement can't be done the fences need to be removed. As discussed, Oakwood is the only fully enclosed park on the westside.

Also, we were told months ago on two occasions there would be warning letters sent to the people we can identify. Community members shared photos and license plate numbers. Were warnings sent out? My partner was walking our dogs months back and was verbally assaulted by Russell Smith 654 San Juan, Venice, CA 90291. Russell sent me an email apologizing for yelling at her as he thought it was me. He went on to explain/admit that he brings his dogs to Oakwood unleashed. Mr. Smith was also at the original meeting last year when it was stated by LAPD, Parks & Recs, and Animal Control that people will be cited if their dogs are off-leash.

Attached are some photos of some of the regulars - several of them have been warned multiple times and they still come every day.

woman w/Labradoodle - comes in every day with a chuck-it ball thrower

Hoodie - he has been warned 2x's that we have witnessed and comes every morning and some afternoons

Russell Smith - Please note he is standing 5 feet away from the sign saying all dogs need to be leashed

Random morning shot - there were 4-5 more dogs on the Broadway and 7th corner.

We seemed to have some momentum with enforcement and don't see why one rotating morning every week 15-20 mins can't be spent citing these people. Please advise as to the plan moving forward.

Beth Greenwald

On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 7:39 AM Laura Island

<[laura.island@lacity.org](mailto:laura.island@lacity.org)> wrote:

Good morning and thank you for your email.

I am sorry to hear about the incident with Ms. Anderson.

RAP is working to find a solution to this problem at Oakwood Park and we will keep you posted on our progress.

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**PARK PROUD LA**



On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 9:54 PM Margaret Molloy

< > wrote:

PLEASE SHARE WITH COMMISSIONERS

Hello RAP, LAPD, Animal Control, and CD 11,

It is disgusting that Pam Anderson, an Oakwood Park Advisory Board member and Oakwood Elder, was chased and threatened by an off-leash pitbull that came out of that park to attack her. I am so sorry to hear about it. I am grateful that Pam was not badly hurt but understand the assault that occurred and the threat of imminent injury.

Someone is going to get really hurt if RAP, LAPD, Animal Control, and CD 11 continue to let this off-leash dog issue continue at this historical pocket-park in the Oakwood community in Venice.

OAKWOOD IS NOT A DOG PARK! The City of Los Angeles does not have many dedicated dog parks but Venice has one in close proximity to Oakwood Park.

At around 5:30 on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 two young boys were playing at Oakwood Park. An off-leash dog kept trying to play with them. The mom asked the owner if she could restrain her dog because the boys just wanted to play together. She did not listen and the dog pushed one child down fracturing his wrist. The owner then took her dog and left without attending to the injured 11-yr-old boy.

<Screen Shot 2021-05-25 at 7.50.28 PM.png>

At the Oakwood Park update meeting on July 3, 2019, another Oakwood Elder, Carol Powell, described being chased by an off leash dog inside the park and having to scramble onto a picnic table at the north end of the park for safety while the owner remained oblivious. That is insane.

As Laura let you know, on May 25th, 2021 at around 6:30pm, an off-leash rushed at me as some community members gathered at the bleachers at the park. At that moment, I was speaking to the young boy who was injured on March 30, 2021 and his mom. He does not need to be re-traumatized. That dog was medium-large sized and barked as it ran up. I have been a dog-person all my life but I don't think this behavior is responsible ownership in any way. Other people do not need to be put in a position to figure out if a running barking is aggressive. Many dog owners are indifferent to other's fears of dogs. The young woman on May 25th was totally dismissive of our concerns. She did not even have a leash with her at the park.

Enough is enough.

Please remedy this situation immediately. Dog owners in Venice have a dog park. That is all that needs to be said. The City and city agencies should not have to be sued to take action that is required for community safety. The Oakwood community has already provided proof of this problem multiple times to all of the relevant agencies.

Please confirm receipt of this complaint. I would appreciate your response and a RAP policy determination as soon as possible.

Appreciatively,

Margaret Molloy

On Jun 16, 2021, at 12:35 PM, aave  
< > wrote:

Hey Guys:

I'm still a bit shook up, a damn dog ran out the Oakwood park gate into the street as I'm riding my bike by the park, and the dog ran up on me attacking me. The owner did not have her dog on a leash, she did not try to stop the dog at all. She didn't even tell her dog to stop at all, she just stood there.

Pam Anderson

cell

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Sent: Wed, Jun 16, 2021 11:33 am  
Subject: Re: Incidents at Oakwood Park

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 7:44 PM Laura Ceballos < > wrote:

Hello Laura,

I received a phone call at approximately 7:15pm today by Oakwood Park Advisory Board Member Pam Anderson. She was riding her bike by Oakwood Park on 7th when a vicious pit bull off of a leash ran out of Oakwood Park and rushed her on the bike. She was knocked over on her bike.

On Tuesday, May 25th 2021 at around 6:30pm, a dog off a leash rushed at Margaret Molloy, a Community Member, as we were gathered at the bleachers at the park. This led to a heated altercation. The ongoing dog issue has exacerbated. The installation of the retractable fences have proven to be unsuccessful. The openings of the gates are too small that it won't make much of a difference.

Laura Ceballos

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## Re: URGENT re DOG ATTACK Incidents at Oakwood Park

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**Beth G (WWM)** < > Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 4:05 PM

To: Tristen Marler <tristen.marler@lacity.org>

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Hi Tristen -

There's always an excuse here. Let's go with the "resources are limited" excuse. A couple weeks back the resources were present and nothing was done. There were two animal control officers and one LAPD officer who walked onto the field where 10+ dogs were off-leash. They then allowed the owners to walk out of the 7th Street gate without any conversation/warning - no tickets. This is a case of the resources being there but why didn't they do anything? There were 3 officers on scene each who each could have written tickets - correct? You have seen the video so the "resources are limited" response doesn't hold it's weight. LAPD drives by the park every day and could easily get on their speakers and tell people to leash their dogs - at the bare minimum. We are still waiting for an answer as to why the 3 officers didn't write tickets and would really love a response.

Two weeks or so ago there was a peaceful gathering by the BBQ grills/picnic tables. I walked my dog that evening and there were 3 police cars - 6 officers just watching people. So are the resources more available when my neighbors of color are having an event rather than caucasian dog owners are breaking the law?

Beth

On Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 3:27 PM Tristen Marler <tristen.marler@lacity.org> wrote:

Thank you Laddie--I will discuss with the West Region RAP Management and get back to you.

I have been advocating for increased enforcement, but resources are limited so that seems to be the main issue.

We will reconvene an internal city family meeting very soon. I am happy to jump on a call with you or Beth afterwards.

Best,  
Tristen

On Mon, Sep 6, 2021 at 7:04 PM cwilli7269 < > wrote:

Good Evening City Officials, LAPD and Animal Services,

It was hard to utilize Oakwood Park today the constant stream of off leash dogs, owners chucking balls across the yard and dogs off leash.

When people asked off leash dog owners to please put their dogs on leash, the owners ignored the requests. Young people playing soccer on the field and the dogs were chasing the soccer balls. Dog feces throughout the grassy area.

The officers who were patrolling the Oakwood area just cruised by saying nothing to the off leash dog owners.

Oakwood Park needs to be made a "NO DOG PARK!" We recognize dogs off leash has not been high priority at all. There have been several incidents of dogs going after humans in Oakwood. We the Venice community need a relief before another incident occurs.

Mike Bonin, LAPD, Animal Services and LA Parks and Recreation we need assistance here in the Oakwood community at Oakwood Park it needs to be a "NO DOG PARK." It is the only green space for the people of Oakwood in Venice. The dogs have Alla Dog Park and Westminster Dog Park.

We would appreciate your response ASAP.

Thank you  
Laddie Williams

Sent from my Galaxy

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Subject: Re: URGENT re DOG ATTACK Incidents at Oakwood Park

Good Morning All

My neighbor Beth just emailed and I am emailing again.

I can attest there are lots of dogs off leash this morning, owners chucking balls dogs running all over the grassy area if Oakwood Park. The dog owners are driving in opening car doors and letting their dogs out to run free in Oakwood.

Our Oakwood community needs your assistance in getting our park back from off leash dog owners and its simple make Oakwood a NO DO PARK. Mr Bonin created another park for off leash dogs and the there is also the Westminster Dog Park. Until then we need LAPD to tell these off leash dog owners "Put your dogs on a leash" or even write a tickets.

We need to hear from LA City officials to let the Venice Community know that you're working on this dogs off leash at Oakwood Park ASAP.

Thank you  
LaddiebWilliams

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Councilmember Bonin -

I just went outside to walk my dog and there were 12 dogs loose in the park. One man had his dog on a leash and his dog was urinating on the children's soccer goals - literally peeing on the net and the post. I asked the man to please show some respect and not let his dog urinate on something that the kids use daily. He told me to he didn't know who I was talking to and to go fuck myself. The lack of response and support from all the departments cc'd here - is empowering these people and making it uncomfortable for people who want to use the park for its intended purpose.

The response on this matter has been non-existent. Why are Animal Control, LAPD, and frankly your office not doing anything? One child was attacked 3 months ago and broke his arm running from a German Shepherd, a community member was knocked off their bike by an unleashed dog a month ago, and a man was bit two days ago walking through the park after he finished playing basketball.

September of 2019 we had a community meeting in which LAPD, Animal Control, and the rangers promised enforcement in the form of ticketing off-leash dog owners - NO MORE WARNINGS. During that meeting a kid who was playing on the soccer field sprained his ankle from stepping in a hole a dog had dug. The soccer coaches spoke of having to come to the park 20 minutes before their clinics to pick up dog shit and put sand in the divots so kids don't get hurt, a woman who had been attacked by a dog spoke as did a mother whose husband and child were attending a Birthday party on the playground at Oakwood and they husband was attacked and had to get stitches protecting his son from an off-leash dog. The kid is now petrified of dogs. Why has nothing been done? We have videos and statements from additional folks that have been attacked and the young man who was bit - his family has retained a lawyer and is going to sue the city. You all would rather settle out a lawsuit than write tickets? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwqXri5HRQ0>

We are constantly told LAPD and Animal Control have limited resources. Understandable on some level but LAPD and Animal Control officers walked onto the field from the Oakwood side last week when there were over 10 dogs loose on the field - and they let the dog owners walk out of the other side of the park/7th Avenue side. These are people that come every morning in waves from 7:30am-9:30am and every evening in waves from 5:00-7:30pm Why aren't tickets being written? Is the city so flush with cash that they don't need the money? If so Oakwood needs the money. Councilmember - you were at Oakwood last week for one of the community elders Birthday party and you saw first hand the damage done to the field.

We have shared with your office and every other department cc'd on here footage from the last two weeks - videos of the park in the AM and the PM - including footage of a wolf that made its way across the park onto the children's playground. The owner was on the other side of the park and the dog was not coming as she called for him. The dog ran all the way across the field onto the children's playground where families and kids were playing. The owner casually walked across the field to get her dog as a Mom and a nanny rushed to grab the kids. When the dog finally exited the playground the Mom closed the gate. Keith Rice came out to speak with the owner but she had run off. Keith is the park director - he is not Animal Control or LAPD. He can't write tickets and when he asks owners to leash dogs he is generally met with disrespect. In some cases they leash up and when he is back in his office they unleash the dogs again and in one case a few weeks ago - an off-leash dog owner filed a complaint about a park staff member because she asked them to leash the dogs.

This isn't brain surgery. We have been begging for help for two years. How many tickets have been written in the past two years? What is the plan moving forward? Write 30 tickets and make the city some money instead of getting sued in which we are sharing 2 years of emails begging for enforcement, promises (in writing from LAPD about no more warnings officers are to write tickets) either they have little respect for what their Captain has demanded or the LAPD promises are hollow. LAPD drives by daily and doesn't do the bare minimum which is get on their loudspeaker and tell people to leash their dogs. The owners laugh at the officers and park staff because there are no consequences for their actions. They aren't being punished but the the kids and community members are as the park is covered in urine and feces, dogs peeing on the soccer goals,

Why wait for more people to get hurt or for additional lawsuits to do something? Please answer us because all the finger pointing is getting nowhere and no one seems to care that a special needs kid was attacked and broke his arm.

Attached is a picture of 6-7 of the dogs from this am and some video as well - there was another 8 on the other side of the field. Also, attached are two piles of shit by the kids water fountain. This is the license plate of one of the people who DRIVES to our community park and he uses it as a dog park. They come every day to give their Great Dane exercise (why not walk the dog). While the owner can drive to the new dog park in the Marina or drive to Westminster or even the SM Airport park - he drives to Oakwood because he can. Because there are no repercussions for his actions. Because LAPD, Animal Control, etc don't do anything and every day that goes but the # of off-leash dogs grow - and the field is destroyed.

In the end it's going to cost the city a lot more to do nothing than the cost of having an officer come out and write tickets 3xs a week in the AM and PM and every other week. This problem would be over if each division - rangers, LAPD, Animal Control, could commit to 30-1:00 a few days a week to write tickets and **not** issue warnings. The warnings haven't worked 0 no one cares, the 30 signs around the park telling folks leash only doesn't work - no one cares.

Here are some things that cost nothing for each department to do - LAPD can make a stern post on Nextdoor saying no more warnings that they will be ticketing anyone who violates this law - no exceptions. Councilmember your office can do the same. Then write tickets, remove the prison gates surrounding the park, and ban dogs making Oakwood a people's park. Westminster Dog Park is .8 of a mile from Oakwood, SM Airport park is 1.5 away and Alla is 2 miles.

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**Please show us the respect and decency of a response and discuss what is the plan moving forward. People are getting hurt and no response or action is shocking and irresponsible**

Best,

Beth Greenwald

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 7:44 PM cwilli7269 < > wrote:

Hello All

The park is full ofndogs off leash! LAPD just drove by and said nothing! This is ridiculous and outrageous!

We need HELP and LAPD ignoring 10 or more dogs off leash in a leash only grass area.

LAPD there is a problem, Animal Control We have a problem.

"Dogs barking, squeaky toys, the field is all torn up and LAPD drives by and does nothing"

This from concerned neighbors as myself who are over it.

Looking for a proper response / solution to a problem that is out of CONTROL!

We're watching and documenting  
Laddie Williams

Sent from my Galaxy

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From: "Beth G (WWM)" < >

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Subject: Re: URGENT re DOG ATTACK Incidents at Oakwood Park

Margaret -

A guy got bit yesterday as well.

Here is what the park has looked like for the last 1:30...it's almost 2 years since the Oakwood Meeting where we were told the leash laws would be enforced - no more warnings and tickets would be written. Remove the fences

and ban dogs in the park since you refuse to enforce them.

Oakwood Park September 2nd at 6:50pm  
<https://vimeo.com/596928107/35bc4cdcfc>

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 1:25 PM Margaret Molloy <  
Hello All,

> wrote:

This incident happened at Oakwood Park on March 30, 2021.

I removed the contact names:



Captain Embrich for Officer Acosta:

1. Per CPRA, please provide the LAPD incident report for the above incident to all recipients on this email list.
2. Please provide a full account of all follow up by LAPD with the victim's family; RAP; Animal Control, as well as contact with the perpetrator and legal consequences for that person.

The owner was asked to leash their dog because the dog was interfering with the boys and the parent and boys were apprehensive. The owner refused. The boy was injured. That is assault and battery. The owner fled when the injury occurred. That is a crime.

3. Additionally, Per CPRA, please provide all LAPD tickets for dogs off-leash at Oakwood Park from January 1, 2020 until today.

4. Please provide all "other" LAPD tickets at Oakwood Park from January 1, 2020 until today.

I would appreciate this information, sent to all recipients, as soon as possible.

Appreciatively,

Margaret Molloy

On Sep 2, 2021, at 11:27 AM, cwilli7269 < > wrote:

Good morning All

While we wait the dogs run off leash and are causing havoc each and every day. I hope another person doesn't get mauled, with the rate these off leash dog owners care less about their off leash pets run free through Oakwood Park.

We are requesting the LA Parks and Recreation make Oakwood a no dog park. We have requested that for years.

Councilman Bonin created another park Mindanao park and they have Westminster Dog Park, so the dogs and their owners have a place specifically for their dogs. Why then can't the LA Parks and Recreation make Oakwood park a people's park only? Please don't make it appear dogs mean more than humans.

Thank you  
Laddie Williams

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Hello -

We are still waiting for a response as to the plan moving forward and an explanation to the video that showed two animal control officers and an LAPD officer approach the park that had over 10+ dogs running around and let everyone leave out of the 7th street gate.

There are 8 dogs loose in the park at this time.

What is the plan moving forward and why weren't tickets issued when 3 officers with the ability to write tickets walked into the park with 10 dogs loose?

Happy to share the video but was hoping for a legitimate response. Each department says there aren't enough resources to deal with this issue or you are understaffed but the resources/staff were present that day and did nothing.

On Aug 30, 2021, at 11:11 AM, Laura Island <[laura.island@lacity.org](mailto:laura.island@lacity.org)> wrote:

Thank you for your message. I understand your enforcement concerns, but appreciate you recognizing the daily work that the Oakwood Rec Staff is performing.

We will continue to work with LAPD and Animal Control toward improved enforcement.

Have a nice day.  
Laura

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**PARK PROUD LA**



On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 8:20 AM Beth Greenwald  
< > wrote:

Hi Ms Island -

Keith and the staff have, and continue to do their best and have been great. I have witnessed them be ignored and insulted and at least 1/2 the owners ignore/disrespect them.

I just don't get why it's hard to have enforcement. We have seen LAPD and most recently LAPD and animal control together approach the park when there were over 10 dogs off leash and they allowed those folks to leave out of the gate on the opposite side of the park. We are collectively questioning why they didn't give them tickets since they are the same people who come every morning. I'm happy to share video of this with you.

On Thursday someone had a wolf (didn't seem like a large husky) in the park. The owner was on the other side of the park and yelling for the animal (who wasn't listening) when the wolf entered the children's playground area. There were children on the playground when this happened. As soon as the animal left the

playground area one of the moms/nanny's closed the gate so he wouldn't come back in. The owner walked away with her animal still off leash. Below is the video.

I would thank LAPD and Animal Control would want to stand with and up for the Recs and Parks staff by writing as many tickets as they can when they are there. We keep hearing about limited resources and get that but three officers approached the field last week and stood on the field and they did not stop any of the owners who had their dogs off leash (animal control and LAPD witnessed the dogs off-leash) we are hoping someone can help us understand why tickets weren't given that morning when they were 10+ dogs off leash and those folks left out of the gate on the opposite side of the field ?

Thanks you

Video of the Wolf on the playground below

On Aug 5, 2021, at 10:26 AM, Laura Island  
<[laura.island@lacity.org](mailto:laura.island@lacity.org)> wrote:

Thank you for your email. Your concerns and observations will be brought to the attention of LAPD and Animal Services today. Rec and Parks staff at Oakwood are not enforcement and we are doing everything we can on our end. We will continue to work with the other City agencies toward a solution.

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**PARK PROUD LA**



On Thu, Aug 5, 2021 at 8:32 AM Beth G (WWM)  
< > wrote:

Hi Ms Island and Animal Control --

Just touching base and checking in for updates. I think there was definitely an impact made when the rangers came a few weeks back and the unleashed dog crowd thinned out for a couple weeks and we saw people getting to enjoy the park again. That said slowly but surely the regulars are coming back. We have witnessed LAPD drive by the park slowly (not en route to an emergency) and do nothing with 8+ dogs off-leash in the park. They don't even do the basic minimum of getting on their loudspeaker and telling people to leash up. It contradicts the work the rangers are doing, the work Keith/Oakwood has been trying to do. Last week my neighbor also witnessed what seemed to be someone verbally berating an Oakwood Park staffer when the

staffer asked the owners to leash their dogs. Some people are now letting their dogs run free but keeping the leash attached to the dog so they can say "the dog ran away"...it's all nonsense.

Some of the repeat people have been identified from the neighborhood as they have been coming every day for over a year. We have names for some people (they live in the neighborhood), have photos of owners and license plates when people drive up and decide Oakwood is a dog park. Can citations be sent or warning letters? We have been told this would happen in the past to help let people know this violation is being taken seriously? Are there more patrols coming from the rangers, animal control, and LAPD? Yesterday 7:30-8:30 AM there were 9 dogs off-leash. This AM there were also roughly 11 dogs off-leash and a couple that got into the childrens playground area.

I have spent the week taking my dog to Westminster (about 1 mile from Oakwood), Santa Monica Airport park (1.7 miles), and Glen Alla (2 miles) and I have met plenty of dog owners who obey the laws and do the responsible thing.

The off-leash dog owners know the rules. Inconsistent enforcement (or LAPD not holding the line when they drive by) will not make a permanent impact.

Attached are a few pictures from today - I don't have time to upload them so they are pictures of pictures but I have plenty more from the last few days.

Please advise as to the plan moving forward. (attached are a few pictures from this AM)

Best,

On Wed, Jul 7, 2021 at 12:01 PM Laura Island

<[laura.island@lacity.org](mailto:laura.island@lacity.org)> wrote:

Good morning, Beth.

I was planning to send out this update today, to inform everyone of the steps taken by both LAPD and Recreation and Parks to better address the safety concerns at Oakwood Park.

A meeting was held last week to determine a more consistent enforcement plan. Effective immediately, LAPD has scheduled regular patrols in the morning hours and LA Park Rangers have scheduled additional patrols between 3 and 7 pm in the evening. In addition, Animal Services is hopeful to provide their support in the next few weeks. With a greater enforcement presence and increased citations of violators it is expected that we will see a significant decline in the amount of off leash dogs at the park.

As a long-term response to the problem, Recreation and Parks is in the early planning stages of an upgrade of Westminster Dog Park, which is only about a mile from Oakwood Park. The improved Dog Park will feature amenities that will be much more inviting to dogs and their owners - providing a much better alternative to the fields at Oakwood.

I hope you are encouraged by the support of the Council Office and other City Departments in providing improved enforcement and a safer park for the Oakwood community.

Thank you,  
Laura

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## PARK PROUD LA



On Wed, Jul 7, 2021 at 7:56 AM Beth G (WWM)

< wrote:

Hi there -

Curious as to what the plan is moving forward with citations and patrol. Without some sort of consistency nothing will change. There was definitely a change in the park a few weeks back but things have been picking up again. There are currently 8+ dogs running loose in the park. Yesterday an LAPD officer was in the park playground area while dogs were running loose and nothing was said or done. LAPD also drove by at around 7:45pm and there were dogs off-leash and they didn't do the bare minimum and get on their loudspeaker to tell them to leash up. This sends mixed messages to people who come every day that they are allowed to have their dogs off-leash. When there isn't any consistent enforcement and tickets being written things quickly go back to the way they were. Also, this undermines the park staff that has been coming out periodically to tell people to leash up. Working together with a consistent plan is the only thing that will make a change. While the sliding gates were installed - they are only 4-5 openings and we asked for 8-10 openings. If enforcement can't be done the fences need to be removed. As discussed, Oakwood is the only fully enclosed park on the westside.

Also, we were told months ago on two occasions there would be warning letters sent to the people we can identify. Community members shared photos and license plate numbers. Were warnings sent out? My partner was walking our dogs months back and was verbally assaulted by Russell Smith 654 San Juan, Venice, CA 90291. Russell sent me an email apologizing for yelling at her as he thought it was me. He went on to explain/admit that he brings his dogs to Oakwood unleashed. Mr. Smith was also at the original meeting last year when it was stated by LAPD, Parks & Recs, and Animal Control that people will be cited if their dogs are off-leash.

Attached are some photos of some of the regulars - several of them have been warned multiple times and they still come every day.

woman w/Labradoodle - comes in every day with a chuck-it ball thrower  
Hoodie - he has been warned 2x's that we have witnessed and comes every morning and some afternoons  
Russell Smith - Please note he is standing 5 feet away from the sign saying all dogs need to be leashed  
Random morning shot - there were 4-5 more dogs on the Broadway and 7th corner.

We seemed to have some momentum with enforcement and don't see why one rotating morning every week 15-20 mins can't be spent citing these people. Please advise as to the plan moving forward.

Beth Greenwald

On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 7:39 AM Laura Island <[laura.island@lacity.org](mailto:laura.island@lacity.org)> wrote:

Good morning and thank you for your email.  
I am sorry to hear about the incident with Ms. Anderson. RAP is working to find a solution to this problem at Oakwood Park and we will keep you posted on our progress.

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**PARK PROUD LA**



On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 9:54 PM Margaret Molloy <  
> wrote:

PLEASE SHARE WITH COMMISSIONERS

Hello RAP, LAPD, Animal Control, and CD 11,

It is disgusting that Pam Anderson, an Oakwood Park Advisory Board member and Oakwood Elder, was chased and threatened by an off-leash pitbull that came out of that park to attack her. I am so sorry to hear about it. I am grateful that Pam was not badly hurt but understand the assault that occurred and the threat of imminent injury.

Someone is going to get really hurt if RAP, LAPD, Animal Control, and CD 11 continue to let this off-

leash dog issue continue at this historical pocket-park in the Oakwood community in Venice.

OAKWOOD IS NOT A DOG PARK! The City of Los Angeles doe not have many dedicated dog parks but Venice has one in close proximity to Oakwood Park.

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Enough is enough.

Please remedy this situation immediately. Dog owners in Venice have a dog park. That is all that needs to be said. The City and city agencies should not have to be sued to take action that is required for community safety. The Oakwood community has already provided proof of this problem multiple times to all of the relevant agencies.

Please confirm receipt of this complaint. I would appreciate your response and a RAP policy determination as soon as possible.

Appreciatively,

Margaret Molloy

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< > wrote:

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Sent: Wed, Jun 16, 2021 11:33 am

Subject: Re: Incidents at Oakwood Park

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 Cc: " < >, "Ani.wlafiield@lacity.org" <Ani.wlafiield@lacity.org>, "30993@lapd.online" <30993@lapd.online>, "tristen.marler@lacity.org" <tristen.marler@lacity.org>, "dexter.oconnell@lacity.org" <dexter.oconnell@lacity.org>, " < >, "laura.island@lacity.org" <laura.island@lacity.org>, "Mike.bonin@lacity.org" <Mike.bonin@lacity.org>, "joe.losorelli@lacity.org" <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, "37285@lapd.online" <37285@lapd.online>, " < >

Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 7:07 PM aave < > wrote:

Thank you Beth for your letter. I will request once again "Please make Oakwood Park a No Dog Park." it is very clear all that has been done is not working at all. It is clear that LAPD, Animal Control and Park Ranger are under staffed. The dog problem is there and becoming worse each and every day.

The simple solution Oakwood Park 767 California Venice Cal 90291 needs to be a no dog park.

Thank you  
Laddie

-----Original Message-----

From: Beth G (WWM) < >  
 To: ani wlafiield <Ani.wlafiield@lacity.org>; Steven Embrich <30993@lapd.online>  
 Cc: Tristen Marler <tristen.marler@lacity.org>; Dexter O'Connell <dexter.oconnell@lacity.org>; Laddie Williams < >; Pamela Anderson < >; Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org>; Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>; Michael Shull <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>; Mike Bonin <Mike.bonin@lacity.org>; Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>; Adrian Acosta <37285@lapd.online>; Laura Ceballos < >  
 Sent: Fri, Sep 10, 2021 9:39 am  
 Subject: Oakwood - please respond

Captain Embrich and Animal Control (Lt in Charge) -

We have waited patiently for someone from LAPD and Animal Control to respond to the video below which shows an incident from two weeks ago. There were 10+ off-leash dogs in Oakwood Park. Officer Acosta and two animal control officers entered the park, didn't say a word to the owners who had their dogs off-leash and just stood in the park chatting and smiling while the owners exited the park on 7th Street. 9 of these owners have been back in the park AM and PM over the last two weeks - 6 of them were here yesterday morning, 4 of them this morning - all with their dogs off-leash. We often hear that there aren't enough resources to enforce - please explain the video to us then because that's not the case here.

The field is a mess. I helped the soccer coaches fill divots with sand and pick up dog poop on the field for 15 minutes before their practice earlier this week (they pay a fee to use the field). There was an altercation in the park between dog owners who refused to leash their dogs and people hanging out in the park. Keith Rice (director of Oakwood) went out to speak to the dog owners. He identified himself as the Director of Oakwood and explained the law and issues with the off-leash dogs. He asked them to leash their dogs and a few did but most said no. Things seem to be escalating in a way I have not witnessed before.

Why are you empowering the people who aren't following the rules and punishing those who have been injured or have had intense interactions with people who won't leash their dogs i.e Oakwood staff, residents, kids, and elders. Every time you don't cite or drive by and say nothing that is what you are doing. You are making it dangerous and uncomfortable for Oakwood Staff, the community, parents, coaches, and kids. None of whom should have to be doing the jobs you are paid to do.

We are asking LAPD, Animal Control, and the rangers (who have been effective because they write tickets) to each make a commitment to come out to Oakwood for 10 mins random AM's/PM's - 7:30-8:30am or 5:30-7:00 pm - hours that have been consistent problems and write tickets. As Captain Embrich has acknowledged in writing, Animal Control has acknowledged in writing, Oakwood Staff has acknowledged in writing, and Parks & Recs has acknowledged - warnings don't work and the owners get aggressive when asked to leash their dogs.

Please respond as we really aren't asking you for that much. Just to help us and do the jobs you and your staff have been hired to do.

Thank you for your time

Beth Greenwald

Oakwood - no citations despite violations in front of LAPD and Animal control

<https://vimeo.com/592476999/5d5ee23abb>

PLEASE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

- All 3 officers in this video could cite these owners - correct?
- Is it their job to enforce the laws?
- Why didn't they cite any of the owners in the video despite witnessing the dogs off leash?
- You have told us enforcement is a priority - so what is your plan moving forward?
- Do you take any responsibility for the injuries sustained in the last 5 months as a result of lack of enforcement?

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: Oakwood Park consistent Dogs Off Leash

1 message

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

Mon, Sep 20, 2021 at 2:58 PM

To: cwilli7269 <>

Cc: Mike Bonin <mike.bonin@lacity.org>, Tristen Marler <tristen.marler@lacity.org>, Steven Embrich <30993@lapd.online>, Adrian ACOSTA <32914@lapd.lacity.org>, 38393@lapd.online, ani wlafield <Ani.wlafield@lacity.org>, "Beth G (WWM)" <>, Lydia Ponce <>, Margaret Molloy <>, Naomi Nightingale <>

Good afternoon,

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

Thank you.

On Sat, Sep 18, 2021 at 9:05 AM cwilli7269 <> wrote:

Good morning Mike Bonin, RAP Commissioners, Animal Services, Captain Embrich, Tristan Marler,

Last night Friday September 17, 2021 we (parents)were enjoying the park with our children and we(parents)had to leave immediately due to the fact the park was over run with off leash dog owners.

This morning there are 20 dog owners with their leashes in their hands and dogs running all over the park. Dogs are barking, owners are standing in a circle of dog owner conversating. I have watched LAPD cars just drive by not writing warnings or tickets about their dogs off leash in Oakwood Park.

How is it that Oakwood Park has this on going problem with off leash dogs? A problem we have had park meetings about the on going problem and NOTHING is done? How is that Park Rangers are on the Venice Beach and never patrol Oakwood Park? How is that dog owners and their dogs have more leverage of breaking the law at Oakwood Park than the safety of our children? Dog poop everywhere, holes in the grassy area dug by off leash dog owners? Please make Oakwood Park a NO DOG PARK!

Thank you Keith Rice and Oakwood staff for coming out and letting the off leash dog owners know "Dogs on leash" it would be appreciated if LAPD and Animal control would assist Keith Rice and staff.

I was able to make a complaint to Animal Services this morning but the non emergency number for LAPD rings and rings with no answer to the many calls about these off leash dog owners not leashing up. Why? LAPD just rides by and they see the dogs off lessh, why?

Ticking time bomb at Oakwood, who will accept the blame when a dog attacks another child or and adult and someone is hurt again?

Laddie Williams

Sent from my Galaxy

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**Re: Dogs Off Leash 9/21/2021**

1 message

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

Tue, Sep 28, 2021 at 1:45 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Sep 22, 2021 at 8:08 AM Beth Greenwald <  
Hello all -

&gt; wrote:

The issue persists and still no response.

Animal Control - people call every day to report the off-leash dog issue and the reply is the same. We don't have any officers. While we get you are understaffed, you still have not responded to us why 2 officers were at Oakwood and allowed roughly 10 owners to walk out un-ticketed. Can you please provide the names and badge/ID numbers for these two employees as we would like to raise our complaint and video up the ladder. Do you have a plan to come early in the am or in the pm to give tickets?

Captain Embrich we continue to send these emails and you haven't responded to us in 5 months. We also would love to know if there are chances of getting a different Lead Officer for Oakwood. The relationship with our former leads has been great but the current Lead refuses to help and perhaps a new lead would communicate with us like Officer Delatori did so we don't have to come to you. Please advise

Can you please respond by Friday if there is an enforcement plan moving forward? We have tried to keep this between the community and these agencies but you refuse to address us or this issue. If you don't reply by Friday - to discuss enforcement, talk about the issues with us, etc we will take that as you plan to continue to ignore us and do nothing which again is the legal definition of negligent.

Show us some courtesy and respect - we aren't asking for anything other than you doing your jobs or at least help us resolve this growing situation that is also glaring racial tensions and creating other issues in our community.

Sincerely,

Beth Greenwald

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On Sep 21, 2021, at 7:59 AM, cwilli7269 <

&gt; wrote:

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**Re: Dogs Off Leash 9/21/2021**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: cwilli7269

Tue, Sep 28, 2021 at 12:48 PM

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Re: Dogs Off Leash 9/21/2021

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: cwilli7269 >

Tue, Sep 28, 2021 at 1:53 PM

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On Mon, Sep 27, 2021 at 7:43 AM cwilli7269 < > wrote:  
Good morning LA City,

Email to let you know many many dogs came to Oakwood Park this weekend.

The new dog brigade now comes after the lights are off at night.

Oakwood needs to become and off leash dog park. Enforcement can't be done to lack of officers. To make Oakwood Park a NO DOG PARK would make it easier to enforce.

Peace  
Laddie Williams

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: cwilli7269 < >  
Date: 9/21/21 7:59 AM (GMT-08:00)  
To: Mike Bonin <Mike.bonin@lacity.org>, ani wlafield <Ani.wlafield@lacity.org>, Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org>, Tristen Marler <tristen.marler@lacity.org>, Keith Rice <keith.rice@lacity.org>, Steven Embrich <30993@lapd.online>, 38393@lapd.online, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
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9/16/21, 8:26 AM

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Continued drug use at Spring St Park



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

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**Re: Continued drug use at Spring St Park**

1 message

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

Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 8:26 AM

To: Levi Zollinger &lt;

&gt;

Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Wed, Sep 15, 2021 at 5:35 PM Levi Zollinger <

&gt; wrote:

Hello,

Wrote you before about seeing drug use at the park and nothing done. It happened two more times including today. But last two times security watched them and did nothing.

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## Re: Chase park

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: MARY ANN GALICIA >

Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 9:16 AM

Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Sat, Aug 28, 2021 at 9:09 AM MARY ANN GALICIA < > wrote:

I'm a resident in the area, I don't know why anyone would like the name to be changed,  
Let's keep it as is Chase Park.  
Thank you

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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**Re: Do not rename Chase Park!**

1 message

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

Wed, Sep 1, 2021 at 11:04 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Tue, Aug 31, 2021 at 12:21 AM Stan Strom &lt;

&gt; wrote:

My condolences on the passing of Sean Brown, but please keep Chase Park as it is. There is no need or much of a reason to change the name.

It would be more appropriate to install a commemorative bench, light pole or drinking fountain in his memory at the park.

I live within sight of the park, and am opposed to renaming it. Do not rename Chase Park!

Stan Strom

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

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**Re: Proposal to rename Chase Park**

1 message

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

Wed, Sep 1, 2021 at 11:13 AM

Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Tue, Aug 31, 2021 at 11:35 AM Michael Walsh <  
Commissioners -

&gt; wrote:

I disagree with renaming Chase Park for LAPD officer Sean Brown. I think it is inappropriate for the Department to indulge what appears to be political campaigning by Councilmember Lee, in recognition of the LAPD support that probably made the difference in his election and clearly seeking their future support. If the commission agrees that some recognition for Officer Brown is justified, authorizing a dedicated park bench supported by private donations or something similar is more appropriate.

Michael Walsh  
West Hills resident

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MOTION

Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 63.44 B. 14(a) states that all parks shall have the operating hours of 5:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. with the exception of the parks listed in LAMC Section Code 63.44 B. 14(c). Parks in this Section close at various times and include parks that open at Sunrise and close at Sunset (Sunrise to Sunset Operating Hours). The operating hours for Sunland Park, located at 8651 Foothill Boulevard in Council District 7 should be changed to close at 9:00 p.m.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the hours of operation at Sunland Park, located at 8651 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland, CA 91040 in Council District 7 be established as opening at 5:00 a.m. and closing at 9:00 p.m.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be instructed to prominently post the hours at the park listed above.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an Ordinance to add the park listed above to the list of parks closed at various times as specified in Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to concur with the above recommendations and to instruct the Park Rangers to enforce the new operating hours at the park listed above seven days a week.

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

SECONDED BY: J.S.L.

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AUG 31 2021

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

## E.G. Roberts Pool Morning Hours Extension to 10:00am for Fall/Winter 2021

1 message

Miss Jackson < > Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 11:34 AM  
 To: "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, "jimmy.kim@lacity.org" <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, "andre.brent@lacity.org" <andre.brent@lacity.org>, "maha.yateem@lacity.org" <maha.yateem@lacity.org>  
 Cc: "Citywide.Aquatics@lacity.org" <Citywide.Aquatics@lacity.org>, "mike.shull@lacc.org" <mike.shull@lacc.org>, "leon.aguilar@lacity.org" <leon.aguilar@lacity.org>, Miss Jackson < >

Attention: Sylvia Patsouras and Lynn Alvarez, Madam president and Madam VP 

I am a resident of District 30 and have been enjoying the usage of the **E.G. Roberts Pool** since the reopening, along with other members of the community. I have been informed that the pool will be restricted to the hours of 6-8am weekly, and reopening at 6pm. **I would like to request that the pool remain open at least till 10am weekly.**

There are a few reasons for this request:

- Hours do not accommodate parents trying to get their children ready and off to school in the am.
- Being that we are no longer on restrictions, everyone needs access to exercise and with the pool being low impact it's able to assist many elderly or persons with disabilities like myself whom have difficulty walking/running
- Assist persons who have lung, heart issues, or metal body part replacements.
- This is the only local pool open within a 10 mile radius that is open.

I understand that there are cost and budgets allocated towards the facilities functioning, but its with the communities taxpaying dollars that this does occur, so I humbly ask that you reconsider and extend the morning pool hours until 10am. At least till 9am as there is heavy traffic in the mornings and not easy to maneuver from one point to another.

Please let me know what will be needed in order to accommodate the above request of both myself and other members of the community. Should a petition be needed, please advise so I may start that request.

On a separate note, I spoke with a employee by the name of Stephanie of CityWide Aquatics, who was very unprofessional and uninformed. I spoke with Jacqueline today, whom was exceptional when answering the phone - helpful and professional. I never suggest firing anyone, rather better training maybe needed in order for our community to be better place.

Your attention to this is greatly appreciated.

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CityWide Aquatics 323-906-7953  
 Parks and Recs. 213-202-2700  
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Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

## E.G. Roberts Pool Morning Hours Extension to 10:00am for Fall/Winter 2021

1 message

JT Steiny

&gt;

Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 3:26 PM

To: Citywide.Aquatics@lacity.org

Cc: rap.commissioners@lacity.org, jimmy.kim@lacity.org, andre.brent@lacity.org, maha.yateem@lacity.org, mike.shull@lacc.org, leon.aguilar@lacity.org

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**It has become a necessary part of many peoples healing practice as well as a place of social comfort and contentment.**

**A community needs a safe and clean place to interact and heal.**

There are a few other reasons for this request:

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Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Stay well

JT Steiny

Neighborhood resident

and daily user of the pool



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

## Re: E.G. Roberts Pool Morning Hours Extension to 10:00am for Fall/Winter 2021

1 message

**Brenda Aguirre** <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>

Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 3:42 PM

To: Jimmy Kim &lt;jimmy.kim@lacity.org&gt;

Cc: Miss Jackson < >, "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, "andre.brent@lacity.org" <andre.brent@lacity.org>, "maha.yateem@lacity.org" <maha.yateem@lacity.org>, "Citywide.Aquatics@lacity.org" <Citywide.Aquatics@lacity.org>, "leon.aguilar@lacity.org" <leon.aguilar@lacity.org>

Thank you.

Hello Miss Jackson,

Thank you for your email. It is always a great pleasure to hear that the community wants more pool time! We agree and it is our desire to offer as much time and programming as possible. It is sometimes a challenge to find the right balance that works for the majority of people, Ms. Maha Yateem who is on this email will reach out to you to discuss the possibilities for E.G. Roberts pool.

Thank you again for reaching out and for coming to our pools to swim.

### **Brenda D Aguirre MPA**

Superintendent of Emergency Operations and Citywide Aquatics (Acting)

*Aquatics Headquarters*

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On Thu, 2 Sept 2021 at 12:02, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Morning Ms. Jackson,

+[Brenda Aguirre](#) Superintendent of Citywide Aquatics Division.

**BRENDA:** Please have appropriate staff reach Ms. Jackson to discuss her concerns.

Thank you SO Much.

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 11:34 AM Miss Jackson

> wrote:

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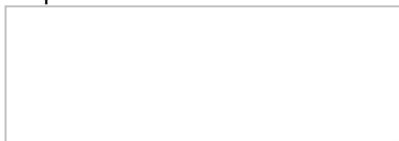
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**Acting Assistant General Manager**  
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Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: E.G. Roberts Pool Morning Hours Extension to 10:00am for Fall/Winter 2021**

1 message

**Miss Jackson**

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Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 10:31 AM

To: Jimmy Kim &lt;jimmy.kim@lacity.org&gt;, Brenda Aguirre &lt;brenda.aguirre@lacity.org&gt;

Cc: "andre.brent@lacity.org" &lt;andre.brent@lacity.org&gt;, "Citywide.Aquatics@lacity.org" &lt;citywide.aquatics@lacity.org&gt;, "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;, "maha.yateem@lacity.org" &lt;maha.yateem@lacity.org&gt;, "leon.aguilar@lacity.org" &lt;leon.aguilar@lacity.org&gt;

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Good Morning Ms. Jackson,

+Brenda Aguirre Superintendent of Citywide Aquatics Division.

**BRENDA:** Please have appropriate staff reach Ms. Jackson to discuss her concerns.

Thank you SO Much.

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> wrote:

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**Re: Pool Hours at E. G. Roberts Pool**

1 message

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

Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 10:17 AM

To: Sue Bielenberg &lt;

Cc: "jimmy.kim@lacity.org" &lt;jimmy.kim@lacity.org&gt;, "andre.brent@lacity.org" &lt;andre.brent@lacity.org&gt;,

"maha.yateem@lacity.org" &lt;maha.yateem@lacity.org&gt;

Good morning,

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If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

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&gt; wrote:

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Most Sincerely,

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**Re: Pool Hours at E. G. Roberts Pool**

1 message

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**Brenda Aguirre** <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>  
To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 10:12 AM

Thank you Carolyn, we will respond.

**Brenda D Aguirre MPA**

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On Fri, 3 Sept 2021 at 10:08, Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt; wrote:

Good morning Brenda,

Please see email. Thank you.

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

From: **Sue Bielenberg** >

Date: Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 11:14 PM

Subject: Pool Hours at E. G. Roberts Pool

To: [rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org) <[rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)>, [jimmy.kim@lacity.org](mailto:jimmy.kim@lacity.org) <[jimmy.kim@lacity.org](mailto:jimmy.kim@lacity.org)>, [andre.brent@lacity.org](mailto:andre.brent@lacity.org) <[andre.brent@lacity.org](mailto:andre.brent@lacity.org)>, [maha.yateem@lacity.org](mailto:maha.yateem@lacity.org) <[maha.yateem@lacity.org](mailto:maha.yateem@lacity.org)>

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Re: E.G. Roberts Pool Morning Hours Extension to 10:00am for Fall/Winter 2021

1 message

Maha Yateem <maha.yateem@lacity.org> Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 6:49 PM

To: Miss Jackson < >
Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, "andre.brent@lacity.org" <andre.brent@lacity.org>, "Citywide.Aquatics@lacity.org" <citywide.aquatics@lacity.org>, "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, "leon.aguilar@lacity.org" <leon.aguilar@lacity.org>

Good Evening Miss Jackson,

Thank you so much for your email. At this time a petition is not needed.

You and other community members have expressed an interest in keeping EG Roberts open until 10:00 a.m.

I am in the process of compiling information, reviewing it, and seeing if it is feasible for us to extend the hours.

I will reach out to you next week via email.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to reach out to us, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours in Lifesaving,

Maha Yateem
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**Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065**

1 message

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

Thu, Sep 9, 2021 at 2:51 PM

Good afternoon,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Sep 9, 2021 at 10:14 AM Garcia Incareal < > wrote:

SEPTEMBER 9

Council member Gill Cedillo

There is graffiti at the Bus Stop on S.49 Ave and Figueroa next to the park.

Attach picture.

There is illegal dumping at 137 S. Ave 49

Also on the dirt Street next to 137 S. Ave 49 is full of trash.

Attach picture

The parking sign has not been replaced on Figueroa next to the exercise area (Since 7-20-21)

Attach picture.

I hope you can get some of this things done.

Bill Cody wrote he wanted to get together and talk but I have not heard from him again.

Mauro Garcia

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**Re: SERVICE REQUEST CD1 137 S. AVE 49 LA 90065**

1 message

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

Tue, Sep 28, 2021 at 1:36 PM

To: Garcia Incareal <

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Cc: Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Good afternoon,

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If the request is for service on Park property, please use this link:

<https://m.laparks.org/#serviceRequest>

On Tue, Sep 21, 2021 at 10:09 AM Garcia Incareal <

> wrote:

SEPTEMBER 21

Council member Gill Cedillo

Some of the following request have made more that a month and nothing has been done.

The broken parking sign at Figueroa next to the exercise area on Sycamore Grove Park(7-21-21)

The Trash on 137 S. Ave 49 LA 90065 and the dirt Street next to it.(9-14-21)

Atttach pictures.

Mauro Garcia

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**Re: SERVICE REQUEST CD1**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Garcia Incareal <i >

Fri, Sep 24, 2021 at 2:11 PM

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On Fri, Sep 24, 2021 at 10:01 AM Garcia Incareal <i > wrote:

SEPTEMBER 24

Council member Gill Cedillo

Thank you for having the Graffiti removed at Sycamore Grove Park

The broken parking Sign still has not been repaired.

The trash at 137 S. Ave 137 has not been removed as well at the dirt Street.

Mauro Garcia

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**Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065**

1 message

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**Bill Cody** <bill.cody@lacity.org>

Wed, Sep 22, 2021 at 10:20 AM

To: Garcia Incareal

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Cc: Caroline Aguirre <

Bertha Calderon <bertha.calderon@lacity.org>, Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org>, Art Gomez <art.gomez@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Valentine Brown <valentine.brown@lacity.org>, Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Hi Mauro,

This has been reported to RAP.

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On Wed, Sep 22, 2021, 10:00 AM Garcia Incareal <

> wrote:

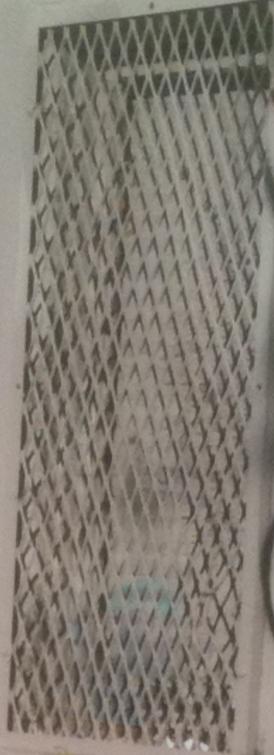
SEPTEMBER 22

Council member Gill Cedillo

The Sycamore Grove Park has gan graffiti

Attach picture.

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Handwritten graffiti in black ink, including large, stylized letters and abstract shapes.

A small, stylized pink graffiti mark.



1) CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT  
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #52

M O T I O N

I MOVE that the Council Action of 07/28/2021 relative to the allocation of Council District 2 AB 1290 funds for Police overtime (CF 21-0762), **BE AMENDED** to authorize the use of any unused funds remaining from this Action to be used to address gang violence at the Whitsett Soccer complex.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Krekorian  
PAUL KREKORIAN  
Councilman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

SECONDED BY: Monica Rodriguez

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

#60

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 13 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. Silver Lake Blvd / Sunset Blvd - Underpass
2. Clifford Street Elementary School - 2150 Duane St - School
3. Myra Ave / Fountain Ave - Underpass
4. Hoover St / John St - Underpass / School
5. Vendome St / 101 fwy - Underpass
6. Silver Lake Blvd / 101 fwy - Underpass
7. Barnsdall Art Park - 4800 Hollywood Blvd - Public Park
8. Las Palmas Senior Citizen Center - 1820 N Las Palmas Ave - Public Park
9. Hollywood Recreation Center - 1122 Cole Ave - Public Park
10. Vine Street Elementary School - 955 Vine St - School
11. Madison West Park - 464 N Madison Ave - Public Park
12. Glendale Blvd / Sunset Blvd - Underpass
13. Alvarado Blvd / 101 fwy - Underpass
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15. Bronson Ave/ 101 fwy - Underpass
16. Sunset Blvd / 101 fwy - Underpass
17. Verdugo Blvd / 2 fwy - Underpass

SEP 14 2021

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: *Mitch O'Farrell*  
MITCH O'FARRELL  
Councilmember, 13<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: *Paul Keenan*

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Murder in Debs Park

1 message

info < > Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM

To: Bill Cody <Bill.Cody@lacity.org>

Cc: Alejandra Fiallos <31770@lapd.online>, Patrick Joyce <pat.joyce@lacity.org>, Richard Stabile <26260@lapd.online>, Gil < >, Cynthia Gonzalez <cynthia.gonzalez@lacity.org>, "ralph.terrazas@lacity.org"

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<38828@lapd.online>, Roseann Gentry < > Sweet P Vaughn < > ,

Thomas F Marble < >, Sandy Huse < >, FABIOLA TORRES

< > ,

Hi Bill and all

As you can imagine we are pretty freaked out by the murder that occurred in our backyard the other day. Was anyone planning on updating the community on the details of this and or not the suspect was apprehended?

Also, I found 2 bullet shells in the park this morning in case anyone would like more details on this.

Thank you

Pae



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: Murder in Debs Park

1 message

**Bill Cody** <bill.cody@lacity.org> Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 11:57 AM  
 To: info < >  
 Cc: Alejandra Fiallos <31770@lapd.online>, Patrick Joyce <pat.joyce@lacity.org>, Richard Stabile <26260@lapd.online>, Gil < >, Cynthia Gonzalez <cynthia.gonzalez@lacity.org>, Fire Cheif <ralph.terrazas@lacity.org>, Cheif LA Park Ranger <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, Gil < >, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Jose Rodriguez <Jose.A.Rodriguez@lacity.org>, Johnny Altamirano <38828@lapd.online>, Roseann Gentry < >, Sweet P Vaughn < >, Thomas F Marble < >, Sandy Huse < >, FABIOLA TORRES < >,

Hi Pae,

I was waiting to get more details. Initially LAPD was not even sure it was a shooting and there was a lot of inaccurate details online.

Turns out it was a shooting. They have interviewed a suspect and they are continuing their investigation.

What I do know is this. No one from any encampment was involved. LAPD is on top of the situation. There will hopefully be more concrete updates soon.

Feel free to call me if you have any other questions.

Bill

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1 message

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Fri, Sep 17, 2021 at 3:26 PM

To: donna burkons &lt;

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On Fri, Sep 17, 2021 at 12:46 PM donna burkons <

&gt; wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to appeal to you and other commissioners to consider a big push on opening, developing and supporting Pickle Ball courts in Los Angeles.

My story is as a 67 year-old woman, finally vaccinated and looking for social encounters, healthy outdoor activities, found a group of people who set up temporary nets at my local park in Pacific Palisades Rec Center and sometimes in Rustic Canyon. It was liberating after over a year of hibernation to be able to pursue an activity that increased my health and led to weight loss and gave me opportunities to socialize with mostly people my age and older.

However, our group is having a hard time finding court space and at one point we applied for a permit and were hit with a whopping almost \$800 every two months to use the tennis courts at Rustic Canyon. At Palisades Rec Center we chalk our lines, bring our own nets and play on the basketball courts which are asphalt. When basketball players show up, we get kicked off. Our members range in age from 20's to our oldest who is 83.

Ideally, in a perfect world for my neighborhood, we would like to have at least one or two of the tennis courts at both Rustic Canyon and Palisades Park lined for Pickle Ball open play-meaning no reservations and any and all can play just by coming by. (We currently don't have one designated Pickle Ball court in my city.) By doing so, you as our leaders in recreation, will allow 16 players the opportunity to play in the space of ONE tennis court vs a maximum of 4 players on the same space. If you'd like to see a system that (kinda) works, check out Memorial Park in Santa Monica any morning. 100's of people drop in any given day for a game or 10! It's quite fun, and if you have never played, I can arrange a lesson for you.

As you may be aware, Pickle Ball is one of the fastest growing sports in America. Please check out these stats:

- Of the 4.2 million players, 2.8 million were "Casual" players who play 1-7 times a year
- 1.4 million were "Core" players who play 8 or more times a year

- The Average Annual Growth Rate (AAGR) for all players from 2017 to 2020 was 10.5%, for a total growth rate of 34% over three years
- 61% of participants are men and 39% are women
- The average age for all players is 38.1 years old
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- 60% of Core players are 55 or older
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- From 2016-2020:
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<b>55-64</b>	12.6%	20.3%	8.9%
<b>65+</b>	18.4%	33.7%	11.0%

Please feel free to contact me, as I would love to discuss further with you, are there fundraisers we could do? Are there other avenues to pursue in accommodate this growing sport in our community?

Thank you,

Donna Burkons

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## NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF MONO INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE

September 9, 2021

City of Los Angeles  
Parks and Recreation  
Board of Commissioners  
221 N. Figueroa Street Suite 350  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Camp High Sierra, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area LLC.

Board of Commissioners:

The North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, a federally recognized tribal government, has been notified by neighboring tribes of the plan to develop a new ski area located within Camp High Sierra, Mammoth Lakes, CA.

The tribe is requesting further information regarding the proposed project and is also requesting the California Environmental Quality Act document for this project. It is our understanding that in 2012, the board approved an agreement between the Department of Parks and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, LLC for the development, operation, and maintenance of Camp High Sierra for a period of 40 years with an option to renew for an additional ten years.<sup>1</sup>

Mammoth Mountain is the homelands to the local tribes and our presence here is verified by the intact features located on the landscape and below the surface. We are very concerned that any development located on Camp High Sierra will impact cultural resources that are up to ten thousand years old. California faces another crisis, the loss of forest resources. What impacts will this project have on the forest resources located in this area? Loss of resources due to wildfire continue to be a factor in our forests, both private and public. Research on wildfires in this area can be found at CALFIRE<sup>2</sup> or USFS inciweb<sup>3</sup> resource sites. The tribe wishes to be consulted on this project, and you can contact our Environmental Protection Department at 559-877-2461 extension 2503 for further information.

Respectfully,

Fred L. Beihn  
Tribal Chairperson

<sup>1</sup> [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-0691\\_RPT\\_CAO\\_05-30-2013.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-0691_RPT_CAO_05-30-2013.pdf)

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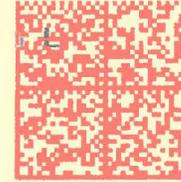


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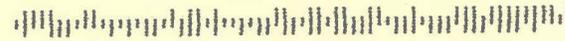
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1 message

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Here it is night time jamboree for dogs off leash at Oakwood Park and all during the day.

Where is the dispatch of LAPD? Nada nothing is done except for when it is people of color utilizing the park then there are 10 squad cars. Lots of neighbors call about these dog owners with their dogs off leash at Oakwood park, yet no enforcement of the white and Privelege.

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## Re: Saturday Baseball Game at Oakwood Park

1 message

**Lydia Ponce** <venicelydia@gmail.com> Sun, Sep 19, 2021 at 11:50 AM  
 To: cwilli7269 >  
 Cc: Adrian ACOSTA <32914@lapd.lacity.org>, Gary Featherstone <gfeatherstone@lapd.lacity.org>, Keith Rice <keith.rice@lacity.org>, Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org>, Margaret Molloy <margaret.molloy@lapd.lacity.org>, Mike Bonin <Mike.bonin@lacity.org>, Naomi Nightingale <naomi.nightingale@lapd.lacity.org>, Peggy Lee Kennedy <peggy.lee.kennedy@lapd.lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Steven Embrich <30993@lapd.online>, Tristen Marler <tristen.marler@lacity.org>, ani wlafield <Ani.wlafield@lacity.org>

Good morning there were two officers at the park this morning and all dogs at Oakwood Park remained on leash.

As soon as they left - all dogs were off leash. 9/19/2021. Sunday.

Please help us resolve this -

As they are breaking the law daily and dogs are not controlled when they are not within reach as they should be leashed....

We already had a child mauled and injured.

Lydia Ponce

On Sun, Sep 19, 2021 at 9:25 AM Lydia Ponce <venicelydia@gmail.com> wrote:

There were as many as 29-30 dogs on yesterday Saturday morning and everyone was socializing, the dog owners chitter chatting and not paying attention or taking care of their dogs... because they are looking at their phones.

The law is no dogs off leash. That is it.

How do LAPD respond to the phone calls by racist and profiling neighbors? LAPD is quick to break up a celebration of life, a baseball game and or birthday parties.

I have the app = Next Door, I don't read the posts there but once every two - three weeks. Citizen app? I refuse to get that app- anything named citizen is not for me. You can check out the hate there; the racism is one day closer to the Purge Movie becoming real.

It is not your job to police neighborhood racism, however, the truth is painful. We are attempting to share the green space, Oakwood Park and here I offer the simple truth... the dogs off leash are better treated than Black and Brown community members.

Lydia Ponce  
 American Indian Movement

On Sun, Sep 19, 2021 at 9:04 AM cwilli7269 <cwilli7269@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Bonin, Captain Embrich, Laura Island, RAP , and others;

It is possible to get LAPD to Oakwood when people of color utilize the park, it is possible to get lots of LAPD units to Oakwood when people of color want to have a baseball game in honor of a person who passed away last month. It is possible to get the park cleared when it is too many people of color utilizing the park. That was clear yesterday 09/18/2022 at the Oakwood baseball game!

Yet when the dogs are out on the field with no leashes on interrupting kids playing,kids having soccer classes, kids enjoying the grassy area, kids just being kids. Yet NOTHING when the off leash dog owners come and say to the Venice community "I am white and I am priveleged and I want my dogs off leash, and get away with it each and

everyday all day, no dispersment of the dog crowd, never are LAPD units called to the park to disperse the dog people? Why?

I'm calling it what it is racism, clear and practiced yesterday by LAPD! When you can disperse Black and Brown, but you choose to ignore the White Priveleged with their dogs off leash, it is what it has always been racism personified!

In 2021 I am watching the Black and Brown be treated as criminals when there are too many of them in Oakwood Park, and I watch daily as the off leash white privilege dog owners walk and drive up utilize the park with off leash dogs, and watch LAPD cars pass and say nothing to the off leash dog owners.

Laddie Williams

Sick and tired of being sick and tired but pushing on!

Sent from my Galaxy

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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 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. 2316 Imperial Highway - Designated Facility-Shelter
- 2. 122 W 8th Street - Designated Facility-Shelter
- 3. 525 N Beacon Street - Designated Facility-Shelter
- 4. 828 Eubank Avenue - Designated Facility-Shelter
- 5. 215 S Gaffey Street - Designated Facility-Shelter
- 6. 2175 John S Gibson Blvd. - Designated Facility-Shelter
- 7. 525 S Harbor Blvd. - Designated Facility-Shelter
- 8. 19600 Hamilton Avenue - Designated Facility-Shelter
- 9. 711 S Beacon Street - Designated Facility-Shelter
- 10. 1221 Figueroa Place - Designated Facility-Shelter
- 11. 18606 Normandie Avenue - Designated Facility-Shelter

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  
JOE BUSCAINO  
Councilmember, 15<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: J.P.S.L.

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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 3 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. 7621 Canoga Avenue – Designated Facility- Shelter
2. 19040 Vanowen Street – Designated Facility - Shelter
3. 6073 N. Reseda Blvd. – Designated Facility - Shelter
4. 19036 Vanowen Street - Designated Facility - Safe Parking
5. 7134 N Jordan Avenue - Designated Facility - Safe Parking
6. Avenue San Luis and Del Valle Street (East of Crespi St.) - Pedestrian Bridge
7. Fallbrook Avenue and the 101 Freeway - Underpass
8. Shoup Avenue and the 101 Freeway - Underpass
9. Ventura Blvd. and the 101 Freeway - Underpass
10. Topanga Canyon Blvd. and the 101 Freeway - Underpass
11. Canoga Avenue and the 101 Freeway - Underpass
12. De Soto Avenue and the 101 Freeway - Underpass
13. Winnetka Avenue and the 101 Freeway - Underpass
14. Oakdale Avenue and the 101 Freeway - Tunnel
15. Corbin Avenue and the 101 Freeway - Underpass
16. Shirley Avenue and the 101 Freeway - Tunnel
17. Tampa Avenue and the 101 Freeway - Underpass
18. Wilbur Avenue and the 101 Freeway - Underpass
19. Yolanda Avenue and the 101 Freeway - Tunnel
20. Reseda Blvd. and the 101 Freeway - Underpass
21. Burbank Blvd. and the 101 Freeway - Underpass

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- 22. Etiwanda Avenue and the 101 Freeway - Tunnel
- 23. Lindley Avenue and the 101 Freeway - Underpass
- 24. 8401 Winnetka Avenue - Public Park
- 25. 7432 Reseda Blvd. – Designated Facility - Shelter
- 26. 7631 Topanga Canyon Blvd. – Designated Facility - Shelter

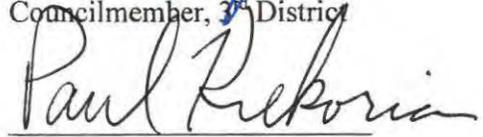
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Department(s) with jurisdiction over the identified locations are hereby directed and authorized to post appropriate notices of the above prohibitions at these locations, and to begin enforcement upon the expiration of any required posting period.

PRESENTED BY:



BOB BLUMENFIELD  
Councilmember, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



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TO BE PLACED FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT 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 2 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. Lankershim Blvd, between Hortense St and Riverside Dr - Underpass
- 2. Moorpark Ave, between Elmer Ave and Bellflower St - Underpass
- 3. Tujunga Ave., between Sherman Way and Vanowen St - Active Railway
- 4. San Fernando Rd., from Sunland Blvd to Hollywood Way - Active Railway

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: Paul Krekorian  
PAUL KREKORIAN  
Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

SECONDED BY: [Signature]

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FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT  
COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #57

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 2 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. 11839 Sherman Way – Designated Facility-Navigation Center
- 2. Chandler Tiny Homes, 11471 Chandler Blvd – Designated Facility-Shelter
- 3. Alexandria Tiny Homes Village, 6099 Laurel Canyon Blvd – Designated Facility-Shelter
- 4. Whitsett West Tiny Home Village, 12550 Saticoy St South – Designated Facility-Shelter
- 5. Raymer "A Bridge Home," 13160 Raymer St – Designated Facility-Shelter
- 6. Van Nuys "A Bridge Home," 7702 Van Nuys Blvd – Designated Facility-Shelter

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: Paul Kerkorian  
PAUL KERKORIAN  
Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

SECONDED BY: Mike O'Connell

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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

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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 2 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)(1) 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. Whitsett Sports Complex/Valley Plaza Park - 6980 Whitsett Ave; 12240 Archwood St; 6715 Laurelgrove Ave; 12311 Vanowen St; North Hollywood - Public Park
2. Jamie Beth Slaven Park/Strathern Park West/Strathern Park North/Bellaire Pocket Park - 12648-12541 Saticoy St; 12604 Strathern St; 7950-7956 Bellaire Ave; North Hollywood - Public Park
3. Victory Vineland Recreation Center - 11117 Victory Blvd; 6499 Vineland Ave; North Hollywood - Public Park
4. Sendak Elementary School/New Horizons Charter Academy/Tiara Street Park - 11414 Tiara St; 5955 Lankershim Blvd; 11480 Tiara St; North Hollywood - School and Park
5. Van Nuys Elementary - 6464 Sylmar Ave, Van Nuys - School
6. Lankershim Elementary - 5250 Bakman Ave, North Hollywood - School
7. Right Step Academy - 11432 Vanowen St., North Hollywood - 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.

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PRESENTED BY: Paul Kerkorian  
PAUL KREKORIAN  
Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

SECONDED BY: Maria O'Connell

## MOTION

Since 1961, the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) has operated the Watts Towers Arts Center Campus, and the later-built Charles Mingus Youth Arts Center. The Center is located in the heart of Watts on a campus that includes Simon Rodia's Watts Towers, and provides programs designed for cultural enrichment, including classes for both teachers and students in painting, sculpture, photography, music, dance, gardening, tiling, and other multi-media arts. In addition, tours, and lectures, as well as permanent and changing exhibitions by outstanding local and international artists, are offered year-round.

Recently, it has come to the attention of DCA that the property owner of the property located at 1701-1703 E. 107<sup>th</sup> Street, a privately-owned property located within the Watts Towers Art Center Campus, may be interested in selling their property to the City. This is an opportunity for the City to acquire a vital piece of property in the Watts Towers Arts Center Campus, and this acquisition would enable DCA to enhance the visitor experience.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services (GSD), with the assistance of the City Attorney and Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA), BE INSTRUCTED to negotiate a purchase and sale agreement with the owner(s) of the real property located at 1701-1703 E. 107<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90002, APN No. 6065-034-019, and to report to the Council with the purchase price and other terms and conditions of this acquisition.

I FURTHER MOVE that GSD and DCA BE INSTRUCTED to conduct all required due diligence, including but not limited to, a Class "A" appraisal of this property.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer BE INSTRUCTED to identify and recommend potential sources of funds for this acquisition.

PRESENTED BY:



JOE BUSCAINO  
Councilmember, 15<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



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**MOTION**

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in major disruptions across the nation's supply chain.

There are currently dozens of cargo ships docked off the coast of Southern California, waiting for available berths at the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach, which, collectively, handle 40% of the nation's imports.

This vessel traffic jam has the potential to negatively impact air quality for local communities, further exacerbate supply chain disruptions, and tarnish the Port's reputation with retailers and shippers.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Harbor Department be REQUESTED to report on the backlog of container vessels waiting to enter the Port of Los Angeles, including the causes, environmental impacts, and actions the Port is taking to address the issue.

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

SECONDED BY: Paul Pena

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## MOTION

The Los Angeles City Council recently took the historic step in adopting CF 21-0352 (Krekorian-O'Farrell), which commits our city to reaching a 100% clean energy grid by 2035. The City's "LA100" plan is based on the most rigorous study of its kind, which shows that in order to reach this goal, the utility must add 5.9 GW of solar and storage. The Department of Water and Power (DWP) will soon launch its Strategic Long Term Resource Plan which identifies ways to achieve this goal as it seeks new power sources to meet customer demand.

Los Angeles has led the way by already reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 49% below 1990 levels and achieving a 32% renewable portfolio by 2018. Further, Los Angeles has been ranked as the number one solar city in the United States in six out of the last seven years, achieving over 1,100 MW of utility-scale solar and over 400 MW of customer-generated solar, including the expansion of the solar incentive, feed-in tariff, and feed-in tariff plus programs.

There is also a great opportunity for the City to lead by example -- and benefit from deployment of solar and storage -- at its own facilities. The LA Sustainability Plan established a goal of installing 3 MW of solar at City facilities by 2025. Solar and storage at municipal facilities often leverage net energy metering, which allows power generated onsite to save taxpayers money on municipal utility expenses and for the City to reinvest savings into city services and programs.

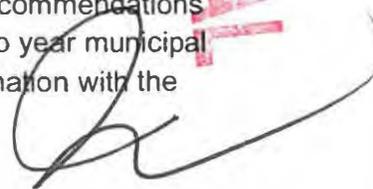
Where possible, clean energy projects should be added onto existing City infrastructure projects, such as adding solar and storage over parking lots and while repairing or replacing roofs. Innovative partnerships with the DWP should be explored, and could emulate the Green Meadows microgrid project model, where solar is developed by DWP for use by its customers on City-owned land, with a portion of the solar benefiting city operations as well. Solar paired with storage provides resiliency, which can guarantee critical life safety functions during a disaster or power outages at firehouses, police stations, cooling centers, and other municipal facilities.

The City's 2021-2022 budget includes historic levels of investment in municipal facilities and the City's clean energy future. The budget includes \$30 million for solar PV and storage systems at City facilities, \$4 million for electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and the restoration of an energy efficiency unit. Additionally, the budget includes \$95 million in investments at Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) facilities, much of which affords opportunity for further solar development. In order to make sure these one-time funds are invested strategically and impactfully, a focused program that engages all relevant City departments should be created to plan and implement solar, storage, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure and to ensure that Los Angeles reaches its near and long-term zero-carbon energy goals.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the CAO and CLA report back within 60 days with recommendations to create a coordinated interdepartmental process to create a sustainable year to year municipal solar and storage program, including staffing and maintenance needs, in coordination with the DWP and the following Departments:

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## HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

## MOTION

As homelessness in Los Angeles has grown, we have repeatedly been faced with a harsh reality: shelter and housing are the only solutions to street homelessness, and yet our city does not have either in sufficient numbers to confront the crisis before us. However, when these resources have been funded and made available to people experiencing homelessness—especially when combined with intensive outreach—the results have been transformative.

This summer, we saw the results of a location-based outreach and housing operation in Venice, where the Encampment to Home Program on Ocean Front Walk helped place almost 200 people experiencing homelessness into non-congregate shelter. Since then, more than 180 of these individuals have been matched with permanent housing subsidies.

Working with The People Concern, one of Los Angeles County's largest social services agencies and a leading provider of evidence-based solutions to homelessness, Council District 4 staff have developed a budget and plan for an encampment to home program modeled on the Ocean Front Walk program that will navigate as many as 150 individuals—many of them chronically homeless—into shelter and connect them to permanent housing options.

Mayor Garcetti and this Council have made significant investments in homelessness solutions in the FY 2021-22 budget, including \$80 million in the General City Purposes Fund for Homeless Services. Approximately \$3.86 million of this budget allocation will adequately fund this multi-site encampment to home program, focusing on the following high-priority locations:

- Coldwater Canyon Ave and the 101 Freeway;
- Van Nuys Blvd and Hazeltine Ave;
- Ventura Blvd and Stern Ave;
- Los Angeles River bike path between Los Feliz Blvd and Chevy Chase Dr;
- Riverside Drive under Hyperion Blvd;
- Hollywood Boulevard and Rodney Dr/Lyman Pl;
- Sunset Blvd and La Brea Blvd/Sycamore Ave;
- Sunset Blvd and Detroit St (Durant Branch Library);
- Sunset Blvd and Martel Ave/Fuller Ave;
- Franklin Ave and Highland Ave;
- Cahuenga Blvd and the 101 Freeway/Bella Vista Way;
- 10th St and Gramercy Pl;
- Pan Pacific Park;
- Moorpark St and the 101 Freeway;
- Vineland Ave and the 101/134 Freeway; and
- 10610 Bluffside Dr.

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**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council APPROVE \$3,861,565 from the Additional Homeless Services General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000931 for a Council District 4 Encampment to Home Program;

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council INSTRUCT the Controller to establish a new account in Los Angeles Housing Department Fund No. 10A/43, 43VXXX, titled "CD 4 Encampment to Home" and to transfer \$3,861,565 from the Additional Homeless Services General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000931 to the new account established in 10A/43 for this purpose;

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council INSTRUCT the General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing Department, or designee, to amend the City's 2021-22 General Fund contract with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, C-138630, to increase funding by \$3,861,565 for a "Council District 4 Encampment to Home Program"; and

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council REQUEST that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority execute a new or amend an existing sole source subcontract with The People Concern for an amount of \$3,861,565 for the term of October 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 to implement the Council District 4 Encampment to Home Program.

PRESENTED BY:



NITHYA RAMAN  
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



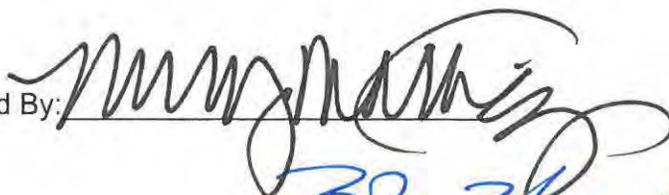
- Department of General Services (GSD)
- Bureau of Engineering (BOE)
- Bureau of Street Services (BSS)
- Los Angeles Police Department
- Los Angeles Fire Department
- Department of Transportation
- Los Angeles Public Library Department
- Department of Recreation and Parks
- Emergency Management Department
- Los Angeles Zoo

I FURTHER MOVE that the BOE and GSD, with the assistance of the CAO and CLA, and in coordination with RAP, commission one or multiple vendors from the City's pre-qualified list of solar vendors to assist in preparing a report to Council within 60 days assessing the solar generation potential of municipal facilities under their purview and identifying up to 25 facilities per department that are strong candidates for net metered energy projects and that offer a high degree of solar generation efficiency, high community value (e.g. resilience, cooling centers, city services, etc.), project "shovel-readiness," and opportunities for multiple clean energy interventions, giving special priority to buildings in disadvantaged communities in Los Angeles. The report from BOE and GSD should leverage existing energy audits and physical needs assessments and pursue more comprehensive projects where feasible. The report should address opportunities for cost efficiency and time efficiency through strategies such as bundling of projects, and a funding plan for expeditiously spending these FY21-22 funds.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO and CLA, with the assistance of the DWP, BOE, GSD, RAP, and BSS report within 60 days outlining the staffing, training needs, project management, vendor coordination, routine system maintenance and monitoring for construction and maintenance of these investments. Staffing needs may be for implementation of Net Energy Metered, Resiliency Generation Systems, and Grid Connected Systems at City owned facilities. The report should indicate if the departments have existing position vacancies that could fulfill the above mentioned roles, and, if they were used for the municipal solar and storage program, how they might impact other citywide goals.

Presented By:   
 Mitch O'Farrell  
 Councilmember, 13th District

  
 Paul Krekorian  
 Councilmember, 2nd District

Seconded By:   






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**Re: LaBonge Panorama -- GPAB support letter**

1 message

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

Tue, Sep 28, 2021 at 12:38 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Mon, Sep 20, 2021 at 7:11 PM Jason Greenwald

> wrote:

Hello Commissioners,

The Griffith Park Advisory Board enthusiastically supports the RAP staff proposal for the LaBonge Panorama atop Mt. Hollywood.

Please see the attached support letter for details.

Sincerely,

Jason Greenwald  
Chair, GPAB

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## **Griffith Park Advisory Board**

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Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles

[www.laparks.org/griffithpark/advisory](http://www.laparks.org/griffithpark/advisory)

September 20, 2021

Los Angeles Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

In the 125 years since its founding, Griffith Park has had few champions like Tom LaBonge. It is therefore fitting to honor him atop Mt. Hollywood, with its commanding views of the Griffith Observatory, the Hollywood Sign, the trails and the city skyline.

We write in unanimous and enthusiastic support of the LaBonge Panorama proposal prepared by Recreation & Parks staff, which was revised in response to community input. The resulting design is both an honor to a man who loved and supported this park like few others, and a destination for legions of hikers, walkers, equestrians and others who reach the summit.

Again, we support this proposal wholeheartedly.

Sincerely,

Jason Greenwald  
Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

cc: Mike Shull  
AP Diaz  
Cathie Santo Domingo  
Matt Rudnick  
Darryl Ford  
Stefanie Smith  
Tracy James  
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Re: Boyle Heights Sports Center

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Sep 23, 2021 at 1:00 PM

To: robert banuelos >

Cc: Councilmember de Leon <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>

Good Afternoon and apologies for the delayed response. Yes, you are correct - construction of the new gym is not fully funded at this time. You may register to receive Agendas of upcoming RAP meetings, at the link below, to see if there are items of interest for you.

<https://www.laparks.org/commissioners/ens>

On Wed, Sep 22, 2021 at 1:52 PM robert banuelos <rbanuelos@lacity.org> wrote:

Thank you for your prompt response. I have read the attached report. Just to confirm my understanding, demolition was funded and approved to start Spring 2021, but construction of the new gym is not funded nor scheduled to begin. Thank you again for the information i look forward to seeing the new facility and a more welcome Boyle Heights Sports Center.

regards

Robert Banuelos

On Tue, Sep 21, 2021 at 4:31 PM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office. Please note that the Boyle Heights Gymnasium is in the process of being demolished and a new one will be built. See the report linked below that authorized the demolition and has some background information on the construction of the future sports center.

<https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/pdf/commissioner/2021/apr01/21-058.pdf>

On Tue, Sep 21, 2021 at 1:09 PM robert banuelos <rbanuelos@lacity.org> wrote:

Greetings

As a longtime Boyle Heights resident, I would like to express my concern with the neglect of Boyle Height Sports Center. After the athletic field was renovated several years ago, a chain link fence was put around the field. While preserving the synthetic grass field, it also has made the park less accessible to residents. This inaccessibility compounds neglect of abandoned maintenance buildings. These buildings which once housed park maintenance equipment and workers now sit empty. This has attracted homeless residents, but has also been the site of fires and a transient death.

This park should be a neighborhood jewel, it location is perfect for serving the community. It is surrounded by a preschool, childcare facility, an elementary school, a parochial k-8 grade school and a high school. Yet I doubt the kids and family's that attend these schools spend much time at Boyle Heights Sports Center. Because just like my family the find the facility too inhospitable.

I see on social media that their are new/ renovated playgrounds and facilities opening throughout the city. I see that just down the street their is a park played for the new 6th Street bridge project. However , I am left to wonder if these facilities will eventually just face the same neglect.

As new facilities are built I ask that you invest in maintenance of current facilities.

At Boyle Heights Sports Center maybe the former maintenance building can be replaced by new playground, the current playground is ancient. The sports center is surrounded by schools and families it should be welcoming to them.

regards

Robert Banuelos

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