

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

March 17, 2022

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> |
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| 1) Comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride | #9054aaa- #9054zz | Referred to General Manager |
| 2) Tizoc Brenes comments regarding Wings of Mexico | #9087a | Referred to General Manager |
| 3) Peggy Lee Kennedy comments regarding Venice Medium Fencing | #9090 | Referred to General Manager |
| 4) Rick Garvey comments regarding Venice Medium Fencing | #9090a | Referred to General Manager |
| 5) Christine O'Brien comments regarding Hollywoodland Gifted Park | #9091 | Referred to General Manager |
| 6) Francesca Padilla comments regarding Westminster Park | #9092 | Referred to General Manager |
| 7) Carl Lieberman comments regarding Westminster Park | #9092a | Referred to General Manager |
| 8) John Betz comments regarding Westminster Park | #9092b | Referred to General Manager |
| 9) Juri Koll comments regarding Westminster Park | #9092c | Referred to General Manager |
| 10) Josh Romano comments regarding Westminster Park | #9092d | Referred to General Manager |
| 11) Marie Hammond comments regarding Westminster Park | #9092e | Referred to General Manager |

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| 12) Kim Gordon comments regarding Westminster Park | #9092f | Referred to General Manager |
| 13) Howard Giller comments regarding Westminster Park | #9092g | Referred to General Manager |
| 14) Sue Choi comments regarding Westminster Park | #9092h | Referred to General Manager |
| 15) Jerome Puttler comments regarding his 3/3/22 Public Comment | #9093 | Referred to General Manager |
| 16) Debra Huston comments regarding Westchester Park Safe Parking | #9094 | Referred to General Manager |
| 17) Debra Huston Huston comments regarding Westchester Park | #9094a | Referred to General Manager |
| 18) Eric Beckerman comments regarding Westchester Park | #9094b | Referred to General Manager |
| 19) Savannah Allmin comments regarding Pershing Square Dog Park | #9095 | Referred to General Manager |

Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 10:43 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 8:20 PM Paula Meza < > wrote:

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles constituent I am respectfully urging you to cancel the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo and ensure that it is not renewed due to animal abuse and neglect.

Please use your influence to send the animals to a sanctuary, and replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

Thank you for everything that you do in our community!

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Please cancel contract, and replace park with non-animal model!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 10:44 AM

To: Jessica Dacher <

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 9:14 PM Jessica Dacher <

wrote:

Dear Commissioners and Michael Shull,

Griffith Park and Pony Rides shall pay Rec and Park a revenue-sharing fee of 25 % their of gross income. City funds should not be generated from animal abuse.

Animal abuse is tying a pony for almost seven hours a day on a turnstile, plodding around in endless circles.

Pony rides regardless of who is operating them, are no longer acceptable in these modern times when we reject the exploitation of animals for amusement and profit. The institution, itself, the pony rides are problematic because they inevitably teach children the wrong lessons about animals, that they are not sentient beings but objects for amusement.

I request that you recommend to the Arts and Park Committee that the pony ride contract not be renewed and that a study be undertaken to consider alternative proposals for the site that would engage children and families, that are generated from a non-animal model.

Best Wishes,
Jessica Dacher

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To: Kathy Cullen < >

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 9:27 PM Kathy Cullen < > wrote:
Dear Commissioners and Michael Shull,

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Sincerely,
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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 9:31 PM < > wrote:

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Melanie Ross
Sent from my iPhone

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To: Stella bridge <

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 9:50 PM Stella bridge <

> wrote:

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 10:07 PM Elvia Sedano <

> wrote:

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To: Pauline doucet <

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 10:48 PM Pauline doucet <

> wrote:

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Thank you for your attention,

Pauline Doucet

Sent from my iPad

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To: David Tang <

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 11:13 PM David Tang <

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To: lynn freudenberg <

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Good morning,

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 11:58 PM lynn freudenberg <

> wrote:

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To: Shemirah Brachah <

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Good morning,

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

On Sun, Mar 6, 2022 at 5:53 AM Shemirah Brachah < > wrote:
Dear Commissioners and Michael Shull,

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Thank you for your consideration and the exercise of compassion for all living beings.

Shemirah Brachah

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Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 10:46 AM

To: karen elger < >

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 3:10 AM karen elger < > wrote:

Dear Commissioners and Michael Shull,

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To: Alexandra McCardell <

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Good morning,

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 6:32 AM Alexandra McCardell <

> wrote:

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To: leslie davies <

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Good morning,

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

On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 6:46 AM leslie davies <

> wrote:

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Sincerely,

Leslie Davies

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To: Sam Hirsch

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 8:22 AM Sam Hirsch <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners and Michael Shull,

Griffith Park and Pony Rides shall pay Rec and Park a revenue-sharing fee of 25 % their of gross income, and as a LA constituent (91324) I do not want city funds generated from animal abuse, nor should the city.

Animal abuse is tying a pony for almost seven hours a day on a turnstile, plodding around in endless circles.

Animal abuse is poking, prodding, chasing, frightening these beings.

Animal abuse is lack of rest, lack of water breaks and forcing psychologically and physically compromised ponies to work as robots and machines in order to generate profits for the city and concessionaire.

Many California equine minimum standards are not being met for these ponies, which constitutes violations that are not being enforced by Animal Services or any other agency.

Pony rides regardless of who is operating them, are no longer acceptable in these modern times when we reject the exploitation of animals for amusement and profit. The institution, itself, the pony rides are problematic because they inevitably teach children the wrong lessons about animals, that they are not sentient beings but objects just to be used and for amusement.

I request that you recommend to the Arts and Park Committee that the pony ride contract not be renewed and that a study be undertaken to consider alternative proposals for the site that would engage children and families, that are generated from a non-animal model.

Please act with urgency, as the ponies are silently suffering while inaction continues.

Sent from my iPhone

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I request that you recommend to the Arts and Park Committee that the pony ride contract not be renewed and that a study be undertaken to consider alternative proposals for the site that would engage children and families, that are generated from a non-animal model. There are many creative ideas for child enrichment that would be infinitely better than sitting on a horse, riding around for a few moments and never looking the animal in the face or saying "Thank you". How will our society ever evolve if we don't begin teaching our youth how to be good people?

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 9:29 AM Susan Hirsch <

> wrote:

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Please look inside your hearts and open your eyes to the truth and end this cruelty. Please let these ponies go to sanctuaries to live out the rest of their lives.

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 9:51 AM Fia Perera < > wrote:

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Thanks so much!

Fia Perera

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Please cancel contract, and replace park with non-animal model!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 10:52 AM

To: Chris Tarzan Hayward <

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 10:27 AM Chris Tarzan Hayward <

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To: Skyler Odom <

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 10:38 AM Skyler Odom < > wrote:
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To: mark owen >

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 10:45 AM mark owen < > wrote:

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Yours Sincerely. Mr M. Owen ().

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 11:04 AM karen elger < > wrote:

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To: Allie Feldman Taylor <

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 11:28 AM Allie Feldman Taylor < > wrote:
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To: Nancy Goodwin <

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 11:29 AM Nancy Goodwin < > wrote:
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To: Their Turn <

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 11:30 AM Their Turn <

wrote:

Dear Commissioners and Michael Shull,

Horses are prey animals, not predators. When they spook and bolt, they become weapons. This concession puts the horses and people, especially, the children in harm's way. Also, horses are grazing animals, and they don't even have a green pasture for turnout in Griffith Park. These pony rides are unsafe and inhumane.

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Donny Moss

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: KURT & ELLEN KRONINGER < >

Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 10:55 AM

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Kind regards,
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Marcy Winograd <

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Thank you,

Marcy Winograd
Lead Organizer, Campaign to Free the Ponies in Santa Monica (contract not renewed in 2016)

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To: Par D < >

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To: Elizabeth Porcheddu <

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To: Maria Amaral <

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 11:46 AM Maria Amaral <

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Re: Please Replace Pony Ride with Non-Animal Model

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Please show how empathetic and compassionate Los Angeles really is toward animals. Do not renew this contract and, instead, move forward with non animal forms of entertainment.

Thank you.
Leslie Randall

Sent from my iPhone

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1 message

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Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 10:56 AM

To: Rose Beemer <

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To: Shelley Watkins <

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 1:03 PM Danielle Charney < > wrote:
Dear Commissioners and Michael Shull,

In 2015 I was one of the people objecting to the pony rides and petting zoo at Santa Monica Farmer's Market.
I was sued for it. I cannot express enough how awful this entire industry is to animals and for children and others to see - growing up seeing animals as entertainment while ignoring their misery.

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Thank you for seeing animals as important sentient beings who deserve our care - not our wrongdoings.

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Santa Monica

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To: Mars Green <

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 1:26 PM Mars Green <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners and Michael Shull,

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These animals are depressed, there's no enjoyment in their lives at all.

Tying a pony for almost seven hours a day on a turnstile, plodding around in endless circles is abuse and close to torture since they can die from exhaustion with no water available or proper care.

Regardless of who is operating them, they are no longer acceptable in these modern times. We reject the exploitation of animals for amusement and profit when they are being abused and neglected. These pony rides are problematic and inevitably teach children/parents, that abuse and neglect are acceptable. Animal lives don't matter and they are not sentient beings but objects abuse for amusement.

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Respectfully,
Mars Green

I'm also requesting a response to my concerns.

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CA Penal 597: ponies being over worked.

CA Health and Safety Code 25988: Equines shall be supplied with clean water: children placing their hands in the water jug, rusty chains seen in water source contaminating water source.

Appaloosa pony with lameness, providing rides.

Your investigation provided no violations for California Penal Code 597 overworking ponies, pushing ponies to perform rides in extreme hot temperatures, not providing water to ponies for almost seven hours in 90 F on turnstile, and no water for petting zoo animals.

As a California constituent I want my tax payer dollars allocated to enforcing animal welfare laws, thus I want to submit a welfare check with your agency.

Thank you for everything that you do in the community.

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Re: Please cancel contract, and replace park with non-animal model!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 11:00 AM

To: Kamal Prasad <

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 3:01 PM Kamal Prasad <

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To: Cheryl Travers <

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 5:14 PM Cheryl Travers <

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: "M. Raquel Rivera" <

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 5:15 PM M. Raquel Rivera < > wrote:
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Do what's right.

Sincerely,

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To: Carrie Coppernoll <>

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 7:09 PM Carrie Coppernoll <> wrote:
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The ponies look sad. There are so many other choices available that do not hurt animals.
Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
Carrie Coppernoll

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To: Mars Green <

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Teaching children, ponies are not sentient beings but objects for amusement, to be mistreated and abused.

Instead, this could be a venue for children to learn about equine and how to properly care for them.

These animals are suffering now.

I'm pleading, that you recommend to the Arts and Park Committee, to not renew the pony ride contract.

Consider alternative proposals for the site that engages to educate children and families, by generating from a non-animal model or non abusive event, to learning about proper animal care, kindness and compassion.

Please don't support this animal abuse and neglect.

Respectfully,

Mars Green

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To: JoAnn Cave <

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On Sat, Mar 5, 2022 at 6:05 AM JoAnn Cave <

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To: KURT & ELLEN KRONINGER < >

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On Sat, Mar 5, 2022 at 11:12 AM KURT & ELLEN KRONINGER < > wrote:
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Re: Please cancel contract & end the illegal animal abuse!

1 message

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To: Dave Santucci <

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On Sat, Mar 5, 2022 at 11:40 AM Dave Santucci <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners and Michael Shull,

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To: Shemirah Brachah <

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On Sun, Mar 6, 2022 at 5:53 AM Shemirah Brachah <

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Shemirah Brachah

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Re: Elderly animals

1 message

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

Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 11:03 AM

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On Sun, Mar 6, 2022 at 4:34 PM BETSY BURMEISTER <

> wrote:

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

From: BETSY BURMEISTER < >
To: "rap.commissioner@lacity.org" <rap.commissioner@lacity.org>
Date: 03/06/2022 6:56 PM
Subject: Elderly animals

Dear Commissioners,

I respectfully ask you to not renew the contract for the Pony rides at Griffith Park.

please, consider the emotional health and well being of these elderly ponies. How would you feel in their place?

They are forced to walk in circles day after day, month after month, year after year. Looking at the ground for hours on end.

They have a right to have joy and freedom and live at a Sanctuary. They have suffered enough at the hands of humans. They are living, feeling beings!!! It's 2022! Not 1953! For Gods sake release them from this hell.

These ponies arw are at the end of their lives. What kind of humans are we to continue to exploit and abuse animals for our financial gain? I realize that this concession brings in hundreds of thousands of dollars and that most people value money above all else but I am asking you to please put your heart and your conscience about the almighty dollar.
This is just plain cruelty.

At the end of your life, when you look back at this moment will you feel good about yourself and know that you did the right thing? The most compassionate thing? Please, think of the most innocent, the most vulnerable, those who cannot speak for themselves or defend themselves, please do the right thing. Free these elderly ponies to a Sanctuary.

Have the man who owns the concession start a Go Cart business or another entertainment business that doesn't include living, breathing, feeling animals.

Thank you,

Respectfully,

Betsy Burmeister

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City of Los Angeles



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: 1 minute of elderly pony

1 message

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

Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 11:04 AM

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On Sun, Mar 6, 2022 at 7:25 PM Betsy Burmeister < > wrote:
Dear Commissioners,

Please, take a minute and watch this very brief clip of one of the ponies.

The way we treat animals is a direct reflection of us as moral beings.

Please, keep in mind that a pony weighs 200 pounds. They are not allowed to carry more than 20 percent of their weight.

Therefore, a rider must not weigh more than 40 pounds. This child looks to weigh much more than 40 pounds(the average weight of a 4 year old child).

<https://youtu.be/A5iyMdbJ-Lk>

Thank you,

Respectfully,
Betsy Burmeister

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Optimal stalking conditions for horses re Griffith Park Pony Rides

1 message

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

Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 3:24 PM

Good afternoon,

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 8:41 AM Sabrina Silver < > wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

With the debate about the Griffith Park Pony Rides and animal welfare issues, I am sending you this link to an article in equestrian magazine in favor of communal stabling backed by scientific study.

<https://equusmagazine.com/horse-care/rethinking-the-box-stall/>

Best,
Sabrina Silver

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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Re: Please, I would like to submit a welfare check

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 9, 2022 at 11:14 AM

Good morning,

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On Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 7:04 PM Kimberley King <> wrote:
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Re: Griffith Park Ponies

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To: Mars Green <>

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On Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 11:55 AM Mars Green <> wrote:
Good afternoon,

Does this pony appear happy and healthy to you ?
Have you ever seen a healthy, happy pony ?
It's unfortunate this event is all about the \$\$\$ and not about the well being of these innocent animals !

We know there's an agenda to improve the conditions but how did no one monitor them for years !
Dental should be at least every 9-12 months! These ponies haven't had dental since 2018, not to mention the conditions they are forced to live in !
This could be an educational learning experience for the public/children but instead you're teaching them it's ok to neglect and abuse animals !
When do the improvements begin?

Respectfully,
M Green

Sent from my iPad

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Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 2:46 PM

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On Wed, Mar 9, 2022 at 3:05 PM Kimberley King < > wrote:
Dear RAP,

Thank you for taking my concerns seriously, and thank you for all of your hard work to protecting our animals.

On February 21 st a Appaloosa pony was seen providing rides to children at approximately 12. This pony doesn't appear well, and has lameness.

On February 27 th the pony ride concession was met with long lines, and the elderly ponies on the turnstile were not provided with adequate breaks. On the same day rusty chains (the chains that tether the ponies under the water troughs was inside the black water jugs) contaminating the water source. This occurred at approximately 3 pm.

Thank you in advance - I and the ponies appreciate it!

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Kim

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Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 9:21 AM

To: emek echo <e

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Good morning,

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On Sat, Feb 26, 2022 at 9:57 AM emek echo < > wrote:

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles constituent I am respectfully urging you to cancel the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo and ensure that it is not renewed due to animal abuse and neglect.

Please use your influence to send the animals to a sanctuary, and replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

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Re: Please share this correspondence with the Commission

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 9:26 AM

To: Christine OBrien <

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Good morning,

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On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 7:40 AM <h

> wrote:

Hello. Below is a correspondence I sent to the RAP GM and various associated colleagues. To date there has been no response. Since these issues also relate to your charge I am also sharing with you. Please include and save this in the public file. I look forward to your comments and actions. In addition, please see the trespassers observed on 2/27/22 at around 2:00 PM. This demonstrates you are allowing breach of the space affecting the public safety of all Angelenos (MT. LEE).

Email sent to RAP GM

“I wanted to clarify the 1572 person population count for Lake Hollywood Estates and Hollywoodland. This information was identified through an EIR project showing data within a 1 mile radius from the Main Communication Tower at Mt. Lee. That population number gives us insight as to what type of auto traffic we should expect based on the population living here and paying taxes. It is clear we are imposed on at the expense of the entities that choose to promote the area without any skin in the game. Reflecting on the recent RAM use, I wondered why the Chamber and sign trust were part of the decision making body for allowing RAM. The sign’s jurisdiction is under the RAP Commission and the Department. The city owns the sign and land and carries the liability associated with it. The Chamber is not directly involved at all. Their ownership of the servicemark really has nothing to do with the physical 9 letters. The trust’s purpose is to care for the sign, maintain it. All this is so very odd and clearly does not follow proper process. Relative to the unauthorized agreement to maintaining the sign, what criteria do you list as maintenance? Would you please share the expectations your department has identified and what type of maintenance schedule the trust presents annually to the department?

In addition, the Significant Ecological Area that the sign, Innsdale and all the open space bordering Hollywoodland (the Hollywoodland Gifted Park) should be protected not promoted. If the department understood that we would not need to look for money. RAP should be on that side of the issue, not in the business of creating an amusement park.

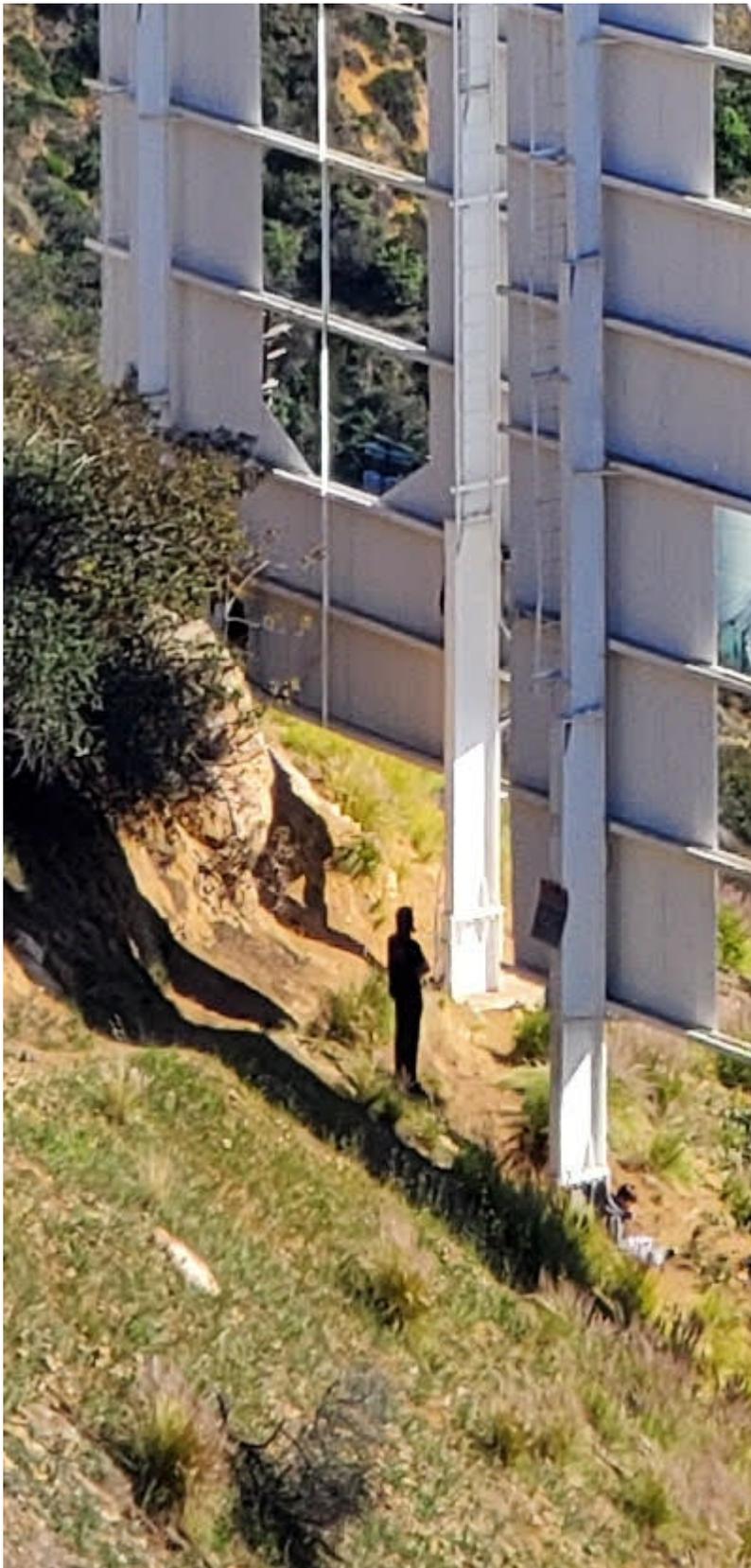
I know we go back and forth on Canyon Lake Drive, but I understand it to be a park road since it went through the Sherman donation. A park road can be shut down and does not follow state laws. I am basing my understanding of the park road on the RAP Commission files I have researched.

And of course my final question is: when will the department issue a contract concessionaires agreement for the sign?

I also have numerous files relating to the Chamber’s history relative to the sign.

Looking forward to your response in explaining the process of the sign its use, its maintenance schedule and any contract you intend to create.”

Christine O’Brien, Hollywoodland



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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: I would like to submit a welfare check

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Kathleen Cullen <1 >

Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 7:27 AM

Good morning,

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On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 12:35 PM Kathleen Cullen < > wrote:
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Kathy Cullen

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Re: Animals are neglected and abused at Griffith Park. Please file charges ASAP

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Re: I would like to submit a welfare check

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 7:28 AM

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On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 1:26 PM Mike Fujimori <mfujimori@lacity.org> > wrote:
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 7:29 AM

To: karen elger <

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Good morning,

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On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 1:38 PM karen elger <kaelger@gmail.com> wrote:

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To: Mars Green <>

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On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 2:49 PM Mars Green <marsgreen7@gmail.com> wrote:

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To: Wendy Minovitz <

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On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 3:09 PM Wendy Minovitz <

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Please use California tax payer dollars allocated to enforcing animal welfare law by doing a welfare check through your agency.

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Wendy Hollis

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Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 7:36 AM

To: Ali Van Zee <

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To: Ellen D <>

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Respectfully,

Ellen Dent

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To: Mechelle Bollon <

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On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 4:35 PM Mechelle Bollon <

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To: Javier Marrufo <>

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On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 4:51 PM Javier Marrufo <> wrote:
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Very best regards,

Javier Marrufo

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To: James Duff >

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Sincerely James Duff

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On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 5:41 PM Arlene Siordia <

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On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 6:30 PM Mary Pierce <> wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: I would like to submit a welfare check

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 7:58 AM

To: J S

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Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 8:01 AM

To: "amano.whiskerstails" < >

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To: Joanna Gatto <

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On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 7:35 AM Joanna Gatto <

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Re: Asking for a welfare check

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 8:03 AM

To: KJett <

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On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 7:39 AM KJett <

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To: nazilahi <

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To: Helen Carlisle <

Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 3:07 PM

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On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 8:56 AM Helen Carlisle <

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Thank you very much for your help and we have observed this cruelty since last year and I will forward some information to you in another email along with some footages.

Channel 7 News filmed the cruelty on November 29, 2021, World Animal News wrote an article on November 16, 2021, and many others have spoken out with regards to this issue.

We appreciate anything you can do to help as these geriatric horses are suffering and because so many are lame along with other health issues, this could be a serious liability for the city as well. Last year, in July, a young girl fell off and was seriously hurt.

These ponies need to be retired and we know of sanctuaries who will take them. We would like the city to please replace them with non-animal rides and teach children respect for animals instead of accepting this abuse.

The address is: 4400 Crystal Springs Drive, LA, 90027

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Sincerely,
Susan and Sam Hirsch



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 3:08 PM

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 10:11 AM Sam Hirsch <

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

Re: I would like to request a welfare check

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 3:09 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 11:35 AM Matt Braun < > wrote:
Hi Lieutenant Peregrina,

Legal violations by Griffith Park and Pony Rides were documented this week by caring citizens:

CA Penal 597: ponies being overworked.

CA Health and Safety Code 25988: Equines shall be supplied with clean water: children placing their hands in the water jug, rusty chains seen in water source contaminating water source.

The citizens also witnessed an Appaloosa pony with lameness, providing rides.

Can you explain why your recent investigation into Griffith Park and Pony Rides claimed the company was not in violation of California Penal Code 597 but every customer, passerby, and common citizen can plainly see that ponies are being overworked and forced to perform rides in extremely hot temperatures? My friends spent the day at the park monitoring these ponies and witnessed that Griffith Park and Pony Rides failed to provide water to ponies on the turnstile for almost seven hours in 90 F heat.

As an LA County resident and voter, I want my tax payer dollars allocated to enforcing animal welfare laws, thus I want to request a follow-up welfare check from your agency.

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: I would like to submit a welfare check

1 message

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

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On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 12:18 PM Noel Lopez <noel.lopez@lacity.org> wrote:
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Re: I would like to submit a welfare check

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 3:09 PM

To: Theresa Elizabeth

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On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 12:31 PM Theresa Elizabeth <

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Re: Welfare Check Necessary

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 3:09 PM

To: Aimie Billon <

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On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 3:42 PM <

> wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: I would like to submit a welfare check

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 3:31 PM

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On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 5:07 PM Dru Dowd < > wrote:
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Re: I would like to submit a welfare check

1 message

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

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On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 6:19 PM Cheryl Travers < > wrote:
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To: Rubi Ramirez <

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To: Aylam Orian < >

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Re: I would like to submit a welfare check

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 3:32 PM

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On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 9:22 PM Janet Martinez <
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Vanessa Marsot

Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 3:33 PM

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On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 6:41 AM Vanessa Marsot <v.marsot@lacity.org> wrote:
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Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 3:33 PM

To: Chris Tarzan Hayward <

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Re: From Dr Armaiti May: I would like to submit a welfare check

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 3:33 PM

Good afternoon,

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On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 1:46 PM Armaiti May < > wrote:
Hi Lieutenant Peregrina,

I am a practicing veterinarian in Los Angeles and wish to voice my objections to the animal welfare violations occurring at Griffith Park's Pony Rides.

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: I would like to submit a welfare check

1 message

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

Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 10:43 AM

Good morning,

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On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 4:50 PM Angela Fischetti <

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Letter of Support for Wings of Mexico

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 3:20 PM

To: Tizoc Brenes <

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Cc: Councilmember Raman <contactCD4@lacity.org>, xanthe.scheps@lacity.org, mashael.majid@lacity.org, AP Diaz <ap.diaz@lacity.org>

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On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 5:50 PM Tizoc Brenes <

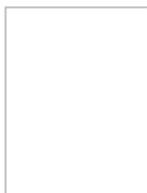
> wrote:

Good Evening,

I am attaching a letter of support for the Wings of Mexico installation being considered for Griffith Park. Please do review and consider this when making your decision.

Best,

Tizoc Brenes

**Tizoc Brenes**

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To:

Recreation and Parks Commission

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Councilmember Nithya Raman

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Department of Recreation and Parks

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Dear Parks Commission, Councilmember Raman, and Department of RAP,

As a native of Los Angeles and regular visitor to Griffith Park for over 40 years, I want to express my full support for the installation of Wings of Mexico near the Griffith Observatory. This art would enhance the already incredible site. And, the installation would reflect the backgrounds of the many Mexican and Latino the residents of Los Angeles and visitors to the park. It would celebrate the diverse and multicultural city that we all enjoy.

Finally, as the Principal of a public high school in Los Angeles, I would feel so much pride in walking our students (mostly Latino) up to this monument and to see the joy and pride in their eyes as they realize someone from Mexico created that work of art. Each year, we take students on outdoors excursions, which sometimes include the Griffith Park Observatory. This installation would give me yet another reason to bring students to this incredible and iconic park.

I hope you consider approving this installation.

Sincerely,

Tizoc Brenes



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Fencing is Anti-homeless Architecture

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 9:21 AM

To: Peggy Lee Kennedy <

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Good morning,

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

On Sat, Feb 26, 2022 at 10:38 AM Peggy Lee Kennedy <

> wrote:

Dear Mike, CD11 Staff Members, and Park Commission

At the 25-Feb-2022 VeniceBid Board meeting, Isabella Dennis of CD11 was talking about fencing the park on the Venice Blvd median by the Venice library (the City calls it Centennial Park).

The fence would be used to keep unhoused people out and close the space off. Likely this would happen just after a displacement sweep, because that is how its usually done.

I would also note that a displacement sweep (the City calls it "comprehensive cleaning") was announced for this park, happening 07-Mar-2022, at this same VeniceBID meeting.

I am, my organization is, and many others are extremely opposed to using displacement sweeps and homeless-hostile architecture to remove unhoused people from public space.

If you have never seen it, these are the guiding principles for Services Not Sweeps, which we support:

<https://servicesnotsweeps.com/guiding-principles>

A thoughtful group of Los Angeles organization leaders wrote this together. Please read it all, especially #6 which pertains directly to the methodology that includes law enforcement and closing public space.

I was personally present at this Centennial park on 17-Feb-2022 when LAPD, under the color of law, was there to tell unhoused people to leave the park and the VeniceBID was there to throw away belongings people couldn't carry.

There was no notice. Just LAPD and VeniceBID working together. When I arrived at approximately 2pm law enforcement was getting an unhoused man to leave the park, surrender his belongings so VeniceBID could haul it off and then say it's trash.

I understand that there are extremely active NIMBY emailers and callers in Venice. Unfortunately, there has not been much of a stern shaming from our local city representatives over the years for all the lies and mean spirited negativity. Not to mention the obstruction waged against homeless solutions by these people. But now is the time.

Now is the time for standing for humane solutions, not placating the negatively and lies with fences and harmful sweeps.

It's not time for putting in temporary fencing for any reason, including some ill-conceived child installation promoted by people with an anti-homeless agenda, like Ms Murez.

This has been a virtually unused park, since developed, located on the median between a somewhat heavily traveled Venice Blvd. It's much much better and safer than a cold sidewalk, which is what some of these people will be faced with.

The average life span for our chronically unhoused community is 47 years old and I can attest that a cold sidewalk contributes to these early, extremely sad deaths.

Furthermore, the Venice heritage museum is planning this park for its home in July 2023. There is no need for fencing and displacement of unhoused people at this time. It is a cruel waste of funds that could otherwise go to real solutions.

Peggy Lee Kennedy

Venice Justice Committee
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Re: The Venice median encampment

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 9:24 AM

To: Rick Garvey <

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Good morning,

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On Sun, Feb 27, 2022 at 7:51 PM Rick Garvey <

> wrote:

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The proposed fence would be used to keep unhoused people out and close the space off. I am concerned about the effect this would have on the dozens of people currently on a waiting list for housing who are set up there. I have personally spoken with many of these people in the course of my work as a Survey Coordinator on the LA LEADS project and I know this to be as clean and orderly an encampment as I have seen anywhere in the City.

I saw disturbing video of the LAPD action on 17-Feb-2022 when they sent armed officers there to tell unhoused people to leave the park and the VeniceBID was there to throw away belongings people couldn't carry. This action was carried out without the proper notice which would have given people the opportunity to plan ahead.

In addition, I understand that notice for a displacement sweep by the City was announced for this park, happening 07-Mar-2022, at this same VeniceBID meeting. I am extremely opposed to using displacement sweeps and homeless-hostile architecture to remove unhoused people from public space. I have seen these tactics used throughout the City and know that they only lead to displacement of homeless people who have nowhere else to go. This terrible policy makes it harder for social service providers to follow-up with them, and makes them even more vulnerable to attacks in unfamiliar areas.

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<https://servicesnotsweeps.com/guiding-principles>

Venice has seen a remarkable reduction in the number of homeless people camping over the past year and I am hopeful that the successful strategy of targeted and sustained outreach leading to various housing options will prevail over the sweeps and hostile architecture policies pursued in other parts of the City. Now is the time to stand for humane and positive solutions, not fences and harmful sweeps.

There is no need for fencing and displacement of unhoused people at this time. It is a cruel waste of funds that could otherwise go to real solutions.

Thanks for your consideration,

Rick Garvey

Senior Survey Coordinator

RAND Survey Research Group

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Re: Please share this correspondence with the Commission

1 message

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Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 9:26 AM

To: Christine OBrien <

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Good morning,

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On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 7:40 AM <

> wrote:

Hello. Below is a correspondence I sent to the RAP GM and various associated colleagues. To date there has been no response. Since these issues also relate to your charge I am also sharing with you . Please include and save this in the public file. I look forward to your comments and actions. In addition, please see the trespassers observed on 2/27/22 at around 2:00 PM. This demonstrates you are allowing breach of the space affecting the public safety of all Angelenos (MT. LEE).

Email sent to RAP GM

“I wanted to clarify the 1572 person population count for Lake Hollywood Estates and Hollywoodland. This information was identified through an EIR project showing data within a 1 mile radius from the Main Communication Tower at Mt. Lee. That population number gives us insight as to what type of auto traffic we should expect based on the population living here and paying taxes. It is clear we are imposed on at the expense of the entities that choose to promote the area without any skin in the game. Reflecting on the recent RAM use, I wondered why the Chamber and sign trust were part of the decision making body for allowing RAM. The sign’s jurisdiction is under the RAP Commission and the Department. The city owns the sign and land and carries the liability associated with it. The Chamber is not directly involved at all. Their ownership of the servicemark really has nothing to do with the physical 9 letters. The trust’s purpose is to care for the sign, maintain it. All this is so very odd and clearly does not follow proper process. Relative to the unauthorized agreement to maintaining the sign, what criteria do you list as maintenance? Would you please share the expectations your department has identified and what type of maintenance schedule the trust presents annually to the department?

In addition, the Significant Ecological Area that the sign, Innsdale and all the open space bordering Hollywoodland (the Hollywoodland Gifted Park) should be protected not promoted. If the department understood that we would not need to look for money. RAP should be on that side of the issue, not in the business of creating an amusement park.

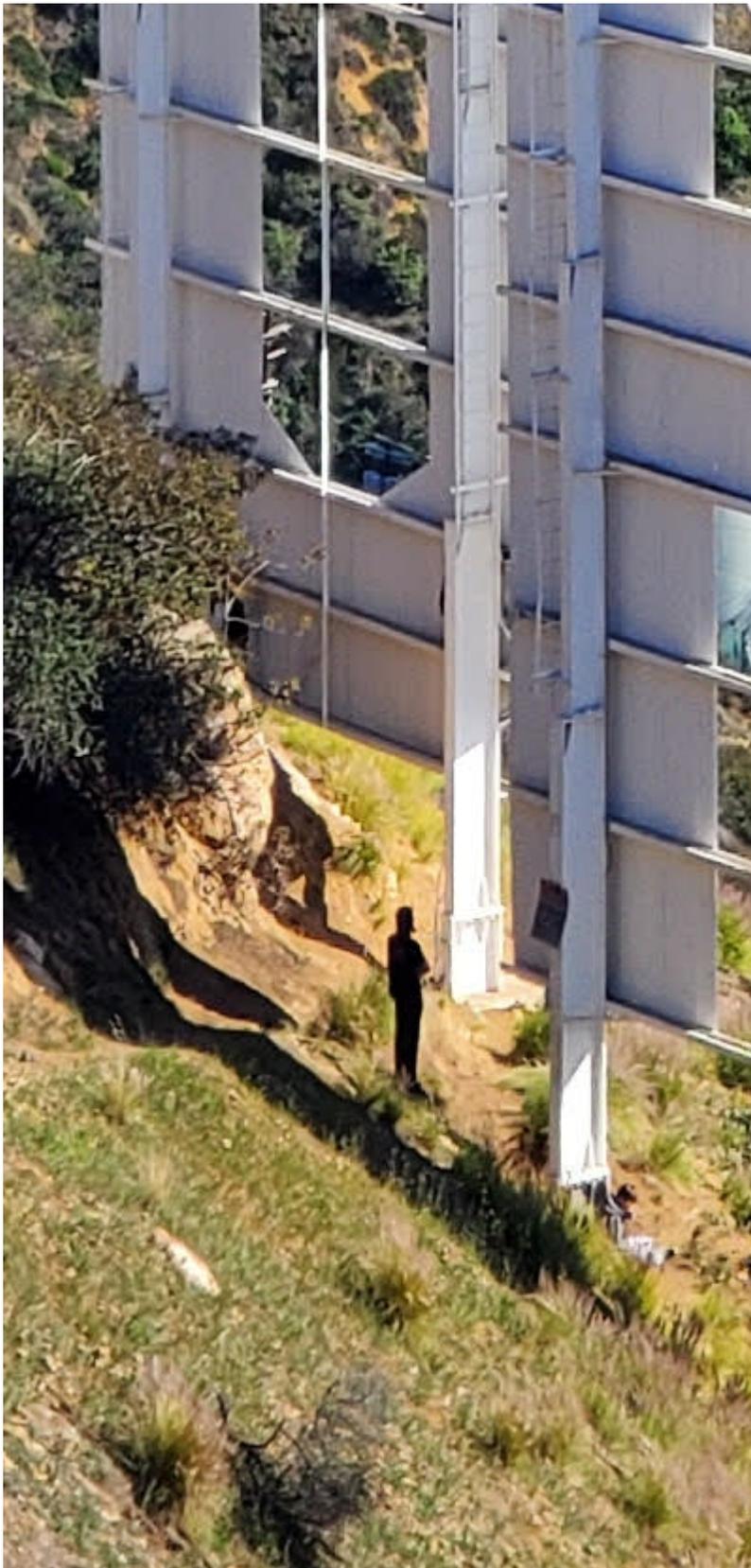
I know we go back and forth on Canyon Lake Drive, but I understand it to be a park road since it went through the Sherman donation. A park road can be shut down and does not follow state laws. I am basing my understanding of the park road on the RAP Commission files I have researched.

And of course my final question is: when will the department issue a contract concessionaires agreement for the sign?

I also have numerous files relating to the Chamber’s history relative to the sign.

Looking forward to your response in explaining the process of the sign its use, its maintenance schedule and any contract you intend to create.”

Christine O’Brien, Hollywoodland



Sent from my iPad

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Re: Encampment Fire across from Westminster Elementary & Preschool in Venice 3-2-22

1 message

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

Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 3:25 PM

Good afternoon,

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 10:18 AM Francesca Padilla < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

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It is clear to me that the streets of our neighborhood are unsafe for the children of Westminster Elementary, the residents of the area, and the unhoused living in the encampments around the park. I say this in part because the back unit of the property where I live went up in flames 1 year ago, killing our neighbor's dog. Frankly, there are too many examples of the unsafe conditions in our neighborhood for me to list here. In fact, according to an article appeared in LA times in November 2020, LAPD claims that violent crime went up by 88% since early 2020 in the area surrounding our house, when the mayor's office designated it a Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zone.



Signage will be installed throughout the SECZ as notice to the community.

What are the enhanced services?

The Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zone (SECZ) around the ABH will include enhanced services to ensure safer and cleaner streets, and LAMC 56.11 compliance.

- To enhance public safety:** a dedicated LAPD footbeat detail is assigned to the SECZ
- To enhance public health:** LASAN provides five days a week of sanitation resources; 4 days of trash and bulky item pick up and 1 day of comprehensive cleaning
- To increase service connections:** LAHSA outreach teams increase their presence throughout the SECZ

Mayor Garcetti, maybe you could clarify the following for me: Do you still support Councilman Bonin's decision not to designate school zones as sensitive sites? And does your support still stand even if that

particular school also lies within a SECZ?

Francesca Padilla

From: Francesca Padilla <>
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 12:59 PM
To: Tristen Marler <tristen.marler@lacity.org>; Morgan Bostic <morgan.bostic@lacity.org>; 40122@lapd.online <40122@lapd.online>; Mike Bonin <mike.bonin@lacity.org>; Board of Rec and Parks <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>; Steve Zimmer <

Subject: Safety of Westminster Elementary & Preschool in Venice

Dear Bonin and Deputy Marler,

I am emailing you on the behalf of the extended neighborhood beyond the Westminster Dog Park and Westminster Elementary school in Venice. We were just informed that Bonin's office will be putting showers and bathrooms at the Westminster dog park for the unhoused in this area.

I find it very disheartening and lacking in judgement to allow this to happen right across the street from a school that has close to 500 children under the age of 10. While other councilman are putting together lists of sensitive sites, prioritizing the safety of the children of their community, you are actively attracting potentially tens of hundreds of unhoused people, mostly of which are mentally unstable and with drug addiction problems to a park directly across from this school?!

This area has already experienced an incredible amount of crime, arson (including the burning down of a house and killing of a dog that attracted national news), drug overdoses, and violence due to the lack of this district's involvement in protecting the area around this school.

I think this community deserves an answer for why you think this location makes sense?

Francesca Padilla









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Re: Encampment Fire across from Westminster Elementary & Preschool in Venice 3-2-22

1 message

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

Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 3:29 PM

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 12:02 PM Carl Lieberman < > wrote:

Dear LA City Officials,

I second this report by Francesca Padilla. How are you letting this happen next to an elementary school? Have you lost any sense of judgement? Who is it that you represent?

Carl Lieberman

On Thursday, March 3, 2022, 10:17:25 AM PST, Francesca Padilla < > wrote:

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Re: Westminster Park is spinning out of control

1 message

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To: John Betz <>

Good afternoon,

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 3:16 PM John Betz <> wrote:

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Status of the park:

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Until tomorrow.

John Betz

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Thank you.

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On Mar 2, 2022, at 11:50 AM, John Betz < > wrote:

Mr, Martinez, [et.al](#),

The situation that is developing in Westminster Park in Venice is rapidly spinning out of control. When we met last week there were 5 or 6 vehicles parked in the Westminster parking lot. And the mood is changing. When we met, the people living in their cars in the park were keeping a low profile. Now, it is turning into a major scofflaw party. More tents going up, personal property and trash strewn on the sidewalk, awnings, barbecues, furniture, stolen bikes, drinking and drug use. All open and notoriously conducted right under the noses of the senior center building. Apparently there was a fight that broke out late last night in the parking lot. This is rapidly becoming a full-blown City sponsored disaster, just like we warned you that it would. And all just one block from an elementary school. Those of us who have watched these "trainwreck" events occur in our park in very little time to lose control of the park, then months of hard work to correct the problem. This is headed towards becoming another black eye for the mayor - another community set on fire by yet another ill-conceived City plan.

I talked with Urban Alchemy folk about the problem and they told me to call the police. I called the LAPD and they told me that it is the mayor's office that has directed them to stand and refuse to respond to my calls. They cited COVID protocols put in place by the mayor. I remind you, that reasoning does not resonate well with the community. We are all back at work soon to expire. Life is returning to normal, but our politicians and police tell us that COVID prevents them from forcing someone to move out of the park (despite the fact that they on park!) Telling us that only sounds like more lies. Such excuse making does not pass the red-faced test - it sounds ridiculous. No one in our community believes it.

Right now, City-implemented policies are importing a significant safety problem into our neighborhood, park, right next to an elementary school. City-implemented policies are threatening children. I do not need to remind you that these concerns are real. Less than a year ago a house across the street from the park was intentionally set on fire. It was a total loss. A city despite neighbors' attempts to save it.

Please do not sacrifice one community while implementing unproven methodologies to help another. It is not an acceptable solution to address one problem by creating another even worse problem. We have already severely damaged the community around the Venice Bridge Home Shelter and achieved only marginal results (shelter never fully utilized, tents still on street, etc.). Please do not make a mistake in the Westminster Park neighborhood. Please do not import a problem into our community.

Please do the right thing. Either Urban Alchemy must be charged with keeping the park and surrounding neighborhood cleared, or the program at the Westminster Senior Center must be terminated.

John Betz

On Mar 1, 2022, at 2:16 PM, John Betz < > wrote:

Ryan,

Have you noticed the recent uptick in the growing encampment in the Westminster Senior Center Parking lot? Since Urban Alchemy moved into the senior center along with the program, the condition of the park has been declining rapidly. Today there are 10 "live-aboard" vehicles permanently parked in the parking lot, night and day. There are at least 10 vehicles permanently pitched in the park or along the perimeter sidewalk. This is growing every day as more and more people are moving into the parking lot and park. I am certain that Urban Alchemy and the CIRCLE program being located in the Senior Center building. The situation today is way worse than yesterday. They are setting up awnings, barbecues, hanging their laundry, and the sidewalk is littered with personal possessions and trash. Our beloved park is rapidly spinning out of control. As we knew it would anytime the City services at the Senior Center.

I have been calling LAPD for the past several days and reporting the growing problem. They have done nothing. Today I spoke to a 911 supervisor and she told me the follow-up criteria for dispatching officers to calls that report people living in their vehicles. This means they will not dispatch officers. The 911 dispatcher told me this is due to a directive from the Mayor's office. That directive, originally dated June 2020, revised Dec 2, 2020, according to her, instructed LAPD to stand down and allow people to continue dwelling in tents. People experiencing homelessness are exempt from any form of enforcement. No towing, no removal, no nothing. So it is the Mayor's office that is allowing this to happen.

Right now the park is spinning out of control - worse every day. We need to do something and we need to do it quickly. Urban Alchemy/CIRCLE and the Police are just referring and neither organization will do anything. It is the old "empty chair syndrome." Just blame the person who is not in the room. As we knew and have been telling everyone, all services in the Westminster Senior Center will attract encampments to the Park - it is already happening at an alarming rate - and will destroy the safety of our neighborhood. even without the decompression center/shelter. The mere presence of Urban Alchemy and CIRCLE is apparently sufficient to destroy our park. So the conversation is no longer about decompression is OK in the park. It is obvious that the relevant conversation is whether UA/CIRCLE is OK in the park. Me thinks not. The parking lot is already untenable. A city follow.

We need to get together and figure out next steps. Organize? Raise money again? Or, maybe we need to call the Sheriff?

John Betz



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Re: Westminster Park is spinning out of control

1 message

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To: Juri Koll < >

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 3:30 PM Juri Koll < > wrote:

We concur with Mr. Betz and the community surrounding the park.

In addition, we find no benefit for CIRCLE in this endeavor to clean up the park situation. That being said, having met them, we are open to discussions of how to collaborate with mutual re:

In addition, we'd like some clarification regarding how calls are "deployed" from 911.

Best,
Juri Koll

Sent from my iPhone

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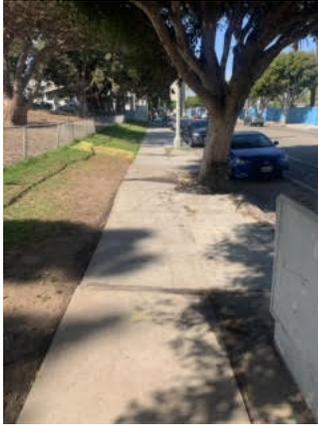




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Re: Westminster Park is spinning out of control

1 message

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 5:25 PM Josh Romano <> wrote:

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LA City folk, he is speaking loud and clear for blocks and blocks of tax paying residents. We are all at wits end and sincerely appreciate any steps that are being taken to get this situation up more than enough human feces from my driveway for one year.

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Thanks - josh

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Re: Westminster Park is spinning out of control

1 message

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 6:41 PM Marie Hammond <

> wrote:

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Venice residents need to know just what is going on and how to respond to homeless situations.

I hope to hear from you on this matter.

Sincerely,

Marie Hammond

35 year Venice resident

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

From: John Betz <

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To: jose.m.ramirez@lacity.org; ashley.acero@lacity.org; sofia.peralta@lacity.org; lakesha.williams@lacity.org; ana.gomez@lacity.org; Eric Garcetti <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>; MICHEL MC <michel.moore@lapd.lacity.org>

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Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 3:51 PM

To: kimconcha <

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On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 11:55 AM kimconcha <

> wrote:

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kim gordon



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3/7/22, 3:43 PM

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Et all :

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The city dwellers are ruining any conceivable definition of "environment " in our neighborhoods. Human feces on sidewalks and alleys, irrational behavior. The meth crisis is worse as junkies shoot up as we pass them, not caring at all, with orange tipped needles from the beach to Lincoln blvd.

Take a lesson from Ukraine. We Venetians love our community and our neighbors. Our city and local councilman Bonin are like Putin, not aligned with the locals, creating policies to destroy our way of life.

With the end of the masking policy, the LADP MUST GET BACK TO WORK! Stop being so unresponsive.

There has never been as much suffering amongst residents and families and children in Venice in my history of living there.

Would any of you prefer to exit your home and be met by a junkie with a machete, or take a trip to Rite Aid on Lincoln to have an encounter with a transient loading up her stolen goods and threatening everyone in the store with a pick axe?

WHY DON't YOU, Garcetti and other council members , take a good look in the mirror and learn from your mistakes, admit them, and take a new approach?? Is your ego that big, at the taxpayers expense, that you cannot look for another way to skin a cat?

The only words I have for our local LA politicians bear a resemblance to the comments made by the Ukrainians guarding a fort in front of the Russian submarine.

Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Westminster Park is spinning out of control

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 3:52 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 1:06 PM Coherent Body <> wrote:

I was just going to reach out myself. I walk directly down Westminster to get to the beach and can no longer walk there and feel safe. In broad daylight. A man who I was avoiding because of public urination followed me to the beach, as I kept changing my path to avoid him.

All the people who come to enjoy the beach take that street. They park in the Westminster school lot - that is the most direct path to the beach. As the weather warms up and the pandemic restrictions are lifted, you are setting conditions for tourists to be victims. They are not on high alert as we residents are.

Our warnings to you should be addressed NOW, not after a tragedy.

You've gathered the most psychotically vulnerable in the area into one place: right next to a school and a tourist hotspot.

If I need to walk my dog at night by myself, I take my phone to make sure I can call the private security we hired to respond to our calls in case I need emergency help. I carry a whistle and will now carry mace.

The blue covering you put on the west fence of the Westminster School is a disgrace. Is THAT your strategy to manage this center?!

Sue Choi
Venice resident

From: John Betz <>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 11:50 AM
To: jose.m.ramirez@lacity.org <jose.m.ramirez@lacity.org>; ashley.acero@lacity.org <ashley.acero@lacity.org>; sofia.peralta@lacity.org <sofia.peralta@lacity.org>; lakesha.williams@lacity.org <lakesha.williams@lacity.org>; ana.gomez@lacity.org <ana.gomez@lacity.org>; Eric Garcetti <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>; MICHEL MOORE <michel.moore@lapd.lacity.org>
Cc: Deihl, Penny M. <>; Ryan Nichols <>; HEIDI ROBERTS <>; Rap Commissioners <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>; Mike Feuer <mike.n.feuer@lacity.org>; Joe Buscaino <>; Westminster Senior Center <Westminster.SeniorCenter@lacity.org>
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Follow up on Todays public comment

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 3:31 PM

To:

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 2:04 PM <

wrote:

Good afternoon

I have attached a document titled "**RAP PC Mar. 3, 2022**", which is pretty much the transcript of this morning's Public Comment.

Recognition by the RAP Management that the incident should have been handled differently would have brought a resolution to this matter long ago.

However, rather than look at the incident objectively and acting appropriately, the RAP Management has been only interested in protecting the unjustifiable and unlawful conduct of Chief Ranger Losorelli.

The RAP Commission should have great concern not only with the Chief Ranger and Officer Pompa, but also the top Management and Harold Fujita who was given the task by the Commission to investigate the incident and chose to purposely mislead the Commission with his vague and dis-honest conclusion.

I am also very concerned with the fact that Captain Joyce did accept or investigate the Complaint that I filed in Marh of 2021. I was advised by the CD4 that filing the complaint with the Ranger Department was the proper procedure, unfortunately, the complaint was not accepted, because Captain Joyce said the incident was already investigated by HR.

My criminal jeopardy ended when the City Attorney dismissed the charge against me on or about June 10th, of 2021 pursuant to 1385 of the CA Penal Code.

However, in Sept. of 2021, I filed a complaint with the LA County D.A.s office and in Nov of 2021, I was told it was had logged in for review on Sept 29th 2021. Then after a few communications, I was told by the Attorney who is handling my complaint, that an investigator from the D.A.s office will further contact me. In order for a complaint to go forward there must be evidence of crimes committed and the ability to prove it beyond reasonable doubt. Therefore, based on the evidence and information I have provided to the LA County D.A., they are investigating the incident and therefore the Chief Ranger for criminal behavior.

I have just a few questions that hopefully can be answered

1. Was the Commission aware of the Criminal Complaint and Investigation?
2. Are they willing to re-examine the issue and have Captain Joyce accept my complaint and perform a real investigation and have it kept on file as it should have been last year?

Thank you

Sincerely,

Jerome Puttler

Good morning!

Here is the latest update and a review of the unjustifiable and unlawful behavior by Chief Ranger Losorelli on March 23, 2020.

Even though **RAP Management** and **others** have attempted to **cover-up his actions** the **matter is not over**, due to a **complaint** that I **filed late last year** with the **LA County D.A.** Based on the **most recent communication** I received from the **D.As. Office**, it **appears** the **Chief** is under **investigation** for **criminal mis-conduct, committed** during the **incident**.

At this time, I am not sure if you **are aware** of the **D.A.s investigation** and I **don't know** if **charges** will be **filed** against the **Chief**, but it is important that **"You"**, the **Commission**, and the **Residents of Los Angeles** be **made aware** of the **most recent events**.

The criminal behavior and possible charges include:

- *A false arrest,**
- *Committing an assault,**
- *Using excessive force**
- *Being involved in the False Arrest Report by Ranger Pompa.**

Throughout the incident, he violated numerous **department policies, the law, common sense**, as well as **wasting valuable resources** on a **personal vendetta**. He had **5 Officers** and **4 vehicles invade** a **residential neighborhood** even though, **HE KNEW**, He had not **observed a crime!** There is absolutely **zero evidence** that **supports the false narrative** that I was **observed putting up the Fliers**, as is stated in the **False Arrest Report by Ranger Pompa**.

The facts are,

He **recklessly swerved** and **stopped suddenly** in a **residential neighborhood** to **remove fliers** that were **already posted**. Then escalated to **unlawful behavior**, once he **noticed me** and **decided to detain me**, after I had **come down the driveway**, after **hearing the reckless driving**.

I **ended up being detained, handcuffed, investigated, arrested and cited** on my own property by the **Chief** who did not **observe a crime** and now he is being **investigated** for that **unlawful conduct**.

Thank you



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Westchester Park Safe Parking *resending*

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> Wed, Mar 9, 2022 at 11:23 AM
To: Debra Huston < >
Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <Sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Paula Gerez < >, Julie Ross < >, Tom Brewster < >, Lucy Han < >, Beth O'Rourke < >, Dan Mohler < >, Chip Mallek < >, DeAndre Parks < >, Alexandra Reynolds < >, Eric Beckerman < >, Sue Pascoe < >, Jamie Paige < >, Rory Kaclik < >, Garrett Smith < >, Theresa Torrance < >, Jamie Paige < >, dan thomason < >

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On Wed, Mar 9, 2022 at 10:28 AM Debra Huston < > wrote:

Dear Mr. Shull and RAP Commissioners:

Last year, the Safe Parking program at Westchester Park was moved to the parking lot that serves the ball fields, and a permit was issued to increase that program from five or six to 25 parking spots. No notice of these permit requests or approvals were given to the community or the Neighborhood Council, and the community was therefore prevented from giving any input into that process or participating in it in any way. (See https://www.westsidecurrent.com/news/westchester-residents-not-consulted-about-safe-parking/article_e96728ae-740c-11ec-95b8-a70604d45c25.html.)

We understand the permit for Safe Parking will expire June 30, 2022. We request notice of any requests for extension of that permit and any other Safe Parking requests pertaining to that program relating to Westchester Park.

Westchester Park has not recovered from the homeless occupation of the park for two years during covid shutdowns. We still have many vehicle dwellers, in RVs and cars, living in the parking lots of the park. (See photos below for a few examples--there are many others.) Many Safe Parking users, maybe most of them, simply move from the Safe Parking lot to other parking spots during the daytime. Thus, they are full-time vehicle dwellers in the park.

The ball fields are now being renovated, and we expect the fields will be ready for use in June. Our Senior Center has reopened. However, few seniors are willing to go to the Senior Center because they are frightened and feel unsafe because of the vehicle dwellers in the parking lot outside the Senior Center. Parents, league presidents, coaches, and children are all very concerned about homeless people using Safe Parking in the lot closest to the ball fields because many of the people using the Safe Parking simply move to other parking spaces in the parking lot during the day so they are there all the time. At least two children have been physically attacked by homeless people in the public restrooms of the park while trying to participate in sports. A recent PRA request of LAPD shows calls to those two parking lots in the past few months--after tent dwellers left the park and only the vehicle dwellers remain.

Also, the Safe Parking program next to the lot closest to the ball fields uses 25 parking spaces. There is no parking on Lincoln Avenue, which runs alongside the park where the ballfields are located. Lincoln Avenue is seven lanes wide and cars drive at freeway speeds. The street is also dark during much of the year when children are playing sports in the park after 5 p.m. It is unsafe for children and families to park on the other side of Lincoln and attempt to cross the street.

LA is a "park poor" city and Westchester Park is used almost equally by children and youth of African-American, Latino, and Caucasion groups. At least two leagues, Westchester Vikings Pop Warner Football and LAX Youth Baseball, provided scholarships, transportation, and other services to children and youth from east of the 405. We have a young LAPD officer who is in the process of starting a football league in the park for boys and girls from South Central and also for youth close to the park, but cannot do so until the park is safe. League presidents and coaches in general do not feel comfortable about having their players, for whom they are responsible, exposed to the risk. The park should be safe and have adequate parking as a matter of racial and social equity. Girls have been the most frequent targets of

harassment, incidents of indecent exposure, and attacks by homeless people in the park and are at greater risk by being in the park. Therefore, safety in the park is a matter of gender equity. (See https://www.westsidecurrent.com/news/westchester-versus-pacific-palisades-field-permits-and-the-safe-parking-program/article_a489d7da-72d7-11ec-a63f-4bf990dbf4c2.html.)

Westchester Park will not be safe for children and seniors until the parking lots are safe for them to use and until they have an adequate number of parking spots to safely accommodate them.

While we support Safe Parking, we ask that it be moved to a location other than the park. We are informed that there are 430 City parks in LA, and Westchester Park is the only one of those parks with a Safe Parking program. We believe this is likely a reflection of the fact that Safe Parking programs and park uses by children and youth are not considered to be compatible uses, and the fact that other locations for Safe Parking should be used.

We also note that the Safe Parking lot is not heavily used (see first photo below), yet it is fenced and the 25 spaces cannot be used by park users. (See <https://www.circlingthenews.com/safe-parking-effectiveness/>.) Undoubtedly, there are parking lots of government buildings that can be used for Safe Parking, instead of using a park. For example, we have heard that LADOT is considering the use of their parking lots for Safe Parking.

We also request notice of any requests to extend the Safe Parking program, change the number of parking spots in the program, or have a Safe Parking program in another parking lot of the park, such as the one outside Council Member Bonin's office, because that parking lot is shared by people who use the senior center (see last four photos below taken in the senior center and senior center parking lot). The remaining parking lot in the park is used by adults and children using the Recreation Center, the skate park, and the tennis courts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Debra Huston









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Re: Pershing Square Dog Park Closure during Events

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 4:05 PM

To: S Allmin <

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Cc: cesar.valera@lacity.org

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 1:33 PM S Allmin <

> wrote:

Hello Cesar,

CC Commissioners board

My name is Savannah, and I am a resident of the immediate neighborhood surrounding Pershing Square. I've lived here for the past 2.5 years and use the dog park at Pershing daily.

I'm contacting you today out of immense frustration. Every time an event is thrown at the park, the dog park- an absolute essential service- gets taken away from the residents. This to me seems completely unnecessary and is a huge negative consequence to us residents. The added frustration is that you never post within the park ahead of time when this service will be taken from us. In a one block radius of the park, there are 7 completely residential apartment buildings. We're looking at approximately 1000 people. How many dogs do you think are owned by this many people? Hundreds, at a minimum. We all use the Pershing Square dog park.

I spoke with the park hired security today, who told me to speak with Stephanie and Cesar in the office upstairs regarding my concerns. I then went up to the Hill St side of the park that had an open area of the sand and let my dog do her business. Then the event hired security (his name was something like Trayvon- picture attached) came over and threatened to call the police over me doing this? Are you joking? Do you condone this kind of treatment to the public by your vendors? Treating me like I'm destroying property or something... power hungry- child like behavior, that is wildly unnecessary. At this point I went to the office to have my conversation but it was blocked off by the event gates. So I had to go back to the park security and they were kind enough to get Stephanie for me to speak to her. Unfortunately this conversation was equally as frustrating as Stephanie basically said you guys have no accountability surrounding this matter and she clearly didn't care at all. She said that the vendors rent out the entire park, and the residents and it's needs completely cease to exist. The only thing beneficial to me from the conversation was getting your contact, Cesar.

This problem, as mentioned, affects hundreds of residents. We need this dog park and it doesn't need to be taken away- ever. The design of that part of the park could easily be blocked off on the park side of the walkway completely leaving the dog area accessible for use. The minor difference in area to the vendor would mean you could still charge the same price for rental- then everybody wins.

This situation feels very much like the city cares more about profits over people. Is that the case here? You have an opportunity here to make things better for the people of LA. How can I expect you to take action on this? I'd very much like to hear back from you and what the next steps can and will be. I will also be distributing your contact info to the residents of the neighborhood so they can also weigh in on the matter. Do you care about people? Or just profits? Thank you in advance.

Kind regards,
Savannah

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