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**Re: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo**

1 message

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To:

Mon, May 2, 2022 at 8:42 AM

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Mon, May 2, 2022 at 8:45 AM

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To:

Mon, May 2, 2022 at 9:08 AM

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To:

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On Mon, May 2, 2022 at 12:13 PM Lutz Grubmüller <

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Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners Recreation and Park Commissioners,

NachrichtAls Einwohner von Los Angeles, der sich um das Wohlergehen der Tiere kümmert, und als Unterstützer von In Defense of Animals fordere ich Sie auf, das Leiden der Tiere in Ihrem Bezirk zu beenden, indem Sie den Vertrag des Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo streichen, den Griffith Park durch ein Nicht-Tiermodell ersetzen und alle Tiere in ein Heiligtum schicken. Seit fünf Jahren hat Ihre Behörde Inspektionsberichte für die Konzession übergeben, während der Eigentümer Stephen Weeks gegen den California Health and Safety Code 25998 verstoßen hat. Ältere Ponys und Pferde bei Griffith Park Pony Rides haben Depressionen dokumentiert. Erkennen Sie, dass das Pony Lahmheit hat, aber gezwungen ist, Menschen auf dem Rücken zu tragen. Vor kurzem war ein übergewichtiges Schaf in Not, ohne dass sich ein Arbeiter um ihre Bedürfnisse kümmerte, und viele Pferde und Ponys juckten aufgrund ihrer Halfter, die die ganze Zeit zu sein scheinen. Auch ältere Ponys und Pferde wurden am Wochenende fast achteinhalb Stunden lang geschlagen und gejagt. Keine Besserung wird sicherstellen, dass diese Tiere nicht an Depressionen leiden. Die unabhängige Pferdeexpertin Rachael Sacher DVM, CVA, berichtete von älteren Ponys, die mit Sattelwunden arbeiten, älteren Ponys ohne Zahnbehandlung, ohne Identifizierungsmethoden für eines der Tiere und einem älteren Pony mit Fieber, das durch dieses Zugeständnis nicht entdeckt wurde, während Ihre Abteilung und Stephen Weeks Millionen mit dem Rücken dieser älteren Ponys verdienen. Griffith Park Pony Rides zahlt Recreation and Parks eine Umsatzbeteiligungsgebühr von 25 Prozent ihres Bruttoeinkommens, und als Wähler von Los Angeles lehne ich städtische Gelder ab, die durch Tierquälerei generiert werden. Ponyreiten beuten Tiere zur Unterhaltung und zum Profit aus. Diese Praxis lehrt Kinder die falschen Lektionen über Tiere als Unterhaltungsobjekte, anstatt unsere tierischen Nachbarn als fühlende Wesen zu schätzen. Dieses Zugeständnis stellt auch ein Risiko für Kinder dar. Letztes Jahr wurde Berichten zufolge ein Kind von einem Pony geschleppt, nachdem ihr Sattel verrutscht war, und das Pony fuhr fort, ihren Körper zu schleppen, weil das Pony erschrocken war. Ich bitte respektvoll darum, dass der Ponyrittvertrag gekündigt und nicht verlängert wird. Bitte führen Sie eine Studie durch, um alternative Vorschläge zu prüfen, die aus einem tierversuchsfreien Modell für die Website generiert werden, das Kinder und Familien einbeziehen würde. Schließlich fordere ich Sie auf, alle Tiere in ein Heiligtum zu schicken, das die Befürworter bereits arrangiert und bestätigt haben. Vielen Dank, dass Sie sich um das Wohlergehen der Tiere in unserer Gemeinde kümmern. Bitte treffen Sie mitfühlende Entscheidungen, um die Lebensqualität unserer tierischen Nachbarn zu verbessern.

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**Re: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo**

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To:

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**Re: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo**

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On Tue, May 3, 2022 at 10:09 AM Mars Green <

> wrote:

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You have no compassion?

What is wrong with the city council ?

We need an explanation for your non compassionate response.

Respectfully,  
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&gt; wrote:

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Thank you for reading this. I hope you will take action.

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Sincerely,  
Miss Claire Mulligan

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



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

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**RE: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo**

1 message

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**Judy Simon**

&gt;

Fri, May 6, 2022 at 9:57 AM

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

Great, thank you so much!

A Truly Strong Person

Does Not Need The Approval

Of Others Any More Than A Lion

Needs approval of Sheep

~Vernon Howard

Judy Simon

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**From:** [carolyn.shannon@lacity.org](mailto:carolyn.shannon@lacity.org) <[carolyn.shannon@lacity.org](mailto:carolyn.shannon@lacity.org)> **On Behalf Of** Rap Commissioners**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 12:40 PM**To:** Judy Simon <j >**Subject:** Re: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo

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, May 6, 2022 at 8:30 AM Judy Simon <

&gt; wrote:

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners Recreation and Park Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles resident who cares about the wellbeing of animals and an In Defense of Animals supporter, I urge you to stop animal suffering in your district by eliminating the Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo's contract,

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**Please cancel contract and ban pony rides. Enough is enough!**

1 message

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**Gloria RFesa** < >  
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**MARY VITELLO COLVIN <**

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**Britt Lind** <britt@peopleforreason.org>

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**KURT & ELLEN KRONINGER** <kurtellen@aol.com>

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Kind regards,  
Ellen Kroninger



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1 message

Allie Feldman Taylor < >  
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**ALLIE FELDMAN TAYLOR**

President

Pronouns: she/her

[Donate \\$5](#) to help build political power for animals.





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1 message

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Mars Green <

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Fri, May 6, 2022 at 1:46 PM

To:

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**Al Pelullo** < >  
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**Laurie**  
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**Susan**

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Fri, May 6, 2022 at 2:12 PM

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1 message

James Duff &lt;com&gt; Fri, May 6, 2022 at 2:18 PM

To: "michael.a.shull@lacity.org" <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, "matthew.rudnick@lacity.org" <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>, "rachel.ramos@lacity.org" <rachel.ramos@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, "contactcd4@lacity.org" <contactcd4@lacity.org>, "councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org" <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org" <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, "councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org" <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>, "councilmember.lee@lacity.org" <councilmember.lee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.bonin@lacity.org" <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, "councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org" <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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## Please cancel contract for Griffith Park Pony, and ban pony rides!

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1 message

Marie A. Baker <

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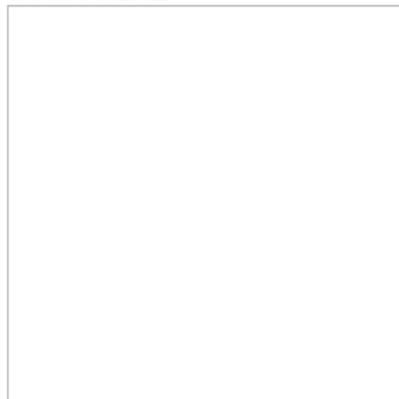
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1 message

**Maria Amaral** <

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councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, rap.commissioners@lacity.org

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1 message

**Leslie Randall**

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anne oliver < > Fri, May 6, 2022 at 4:46 PM

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**Paul Cole Padilla**

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## Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo

1 message

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**EDITH LOBROT** <

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Fri, May 6, 2022 at 5:41 PM

Reply-To:

To: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners Recreation and Park Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles resident who cares about the wellbeing of animals and an In Defense of Animals supporter, I urge you to stop animal suffering in your district by eliminating the Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo's contract, replacing Griffith Park with a non-animal model and sending all of the animals to a sanctuary.

For five years, your agency has passed inspection reports for the concession, while the owner Stephen Weeks has been breaking California Health and Safety Code 25998. Elderly ponies and horses at Griffith Park Pony Rides have documented depression. Spot the pony has lameness, yet is forced to carry people on his back.

Recently an overweight sheep was in distress with no worker attending to her needs, and many horses and ponies were itching due to their halters, which appear to be on all the time. Elderly ponies and horses were also seen being hit and chased for almost eight and half hours on the weekend.

No amount of improvement will ensure that these animals are not suffering from depression. Independent equine expert Rachael Sacher DVM, CVA reported elderly ponies working with saddle sores, elderly ponies with no dental treatment, no identification methods for any of the animals, and an elderly pony with a fever undetected by this concession while your department and Stephen Weeks make millions off the backs of these elderly ponies. Griffith Park Pony Rides pays Recreation and Parks a revenue-sharing fee of 25 percent of their gross income, and as a Los Angeles constituent, I oppose city funds generated from animal abuse.

Pony rides exploit animals for amusement and profit. This practice teaches children the wrong lessons about animals as objects for amusement instead of appreciating our animal neighbors as sentient beings.

This concession also poses a risk to children. Last year, a child was reportedly dragged by a pony after her saddle slipped, and the pony continued dragging her body because the pony was spooked.

I respectfully request that the pony ride contract be canceled rather than renewed. Please undertake a study to consider alternative proposals that are generated from a non-animal model for the site that would engage children and families. Lastly, I urge you to send all of the animals to a sanctuary, which advocates have already arranged and confirmed.

Thank you for considering the well-being of animals in our community. Please make compassionate choices to improve the quality of life for our animal neighbors.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. EDITH LOBROT



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Please cancel contract for Griffith Park Pony, and ban pony rides!

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Ray < > Fri, May 6, 2022 at 6:11 PM

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**Los Angeles Alliance for Animals**

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## Please cancel contract for Griffith Park Pony, and ban pony rides!

1 message

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Stella bridge < > Fri, May 6, 2022 at 6:17 PM

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Renee Ables

Sent from my iPhone



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1 message

**Melanie M Langston-Bazzell**

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In Gratitude,  
Melanie Bazzell



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1 message

**B.J. Hollifield**

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Sincerely,  
BJ Hollifield

Sent from my iPhone



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1 message

**MelissFX** <

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Eternal love and gratitude,

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1 message

**leslie davies**

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Leslie Davies



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1 message

**Rebecca Barath**

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1 message

**Malvina Landau**

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1 message

**Simone Reyes**

Fri, May 6, 2022 at 8:03 PM

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# Re: Please cancel contract for Griffith Park Pony, and ban pony rides!

1 message

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

Tue, May 10, 2022 at 10:03 AM

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On Fri, May 6, 2022 at 8:32 PM Jessica Dacher <> wrote:

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**Re: Please cancel contract for Griffith Park Pony, and ban pony rides!**

1 message

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To: RANDY'S MAIL

Tue, May 10, 2022 at 10:04 AM

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On Fri, May 6, 2022 at 8:59 PM RANDY'S MAIL &lt; &gt; wrote:

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To: Tamar Rosenberg-Walker &lt;

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On Fri, May 6, 2022 at 9:18 PM Tamar Rosenberg-Walker &lt;

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## Re: Can you please stop letting animals suffer at Griffith Part Pony Rides and Petting Zoo?

1 message

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To: Liz Connor &lt;

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On Sat, May 7, 2022 at 12:57 AM Liz Connor &lt; &gt; wrote:

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To: karen elger

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On Sat, May 7, 2022 at 3:12 AM karen elger

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To: Sheryl Becker &lt;

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On Sat, May 7, 2022 at 5:45 AM Sheryl Becker &lt; &gt; wrote:

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On Sat, May 7, 2022 at 7:38 AM Lindsley Allen &lt;&gt; wrote:

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To: Amy Davis &lt;

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# Re: Please cancel contract for Griffith Park Pony, and ban pony rides!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 10, 2022 at 10:07 AM

To: Danielle < >

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On Sat, May 7, 2022 at 4:46 PM Danielle < > wrote:

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To: Emily Black &lt;

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On Sat, May 7, 2022 at 6:15 PM Emily Black &lt;

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**Re: Stop Cruelty in Griffith Park -ban pony rides!**

1 message

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To: Susan Hargreaves < >

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Sent from Susan Hargreaves,

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On Sat, May 7, 2022 at 8:14 PM

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On Sat, May 7, 2022 at 10:34 PM elizabeth brion &lt;

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R Reichert

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**Re: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo**

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To:

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On Sun, May 8, 2022 at 9:45 AM Veronica Christopher &lt; &gt; wrote:

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To: Par D &lt;

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&gt; wrote:

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

Tue, May 10, 2022 at 10:09 AM

To:

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To: Jessica Dacher >

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Sent from my iPhone

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**Liz Smith**

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You have proof. You have videos. You have the power. Shut this place down! What will it take?...

Thank you  
Leslie Randall

Sent from my iPhone



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1 message

Leslie Randall < > Mon, May 9, 2022 at 9:53 AM

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You have proof. You have videos. You have the power. Shut this place down! What will it take?...

Thank you  
Leslie Randall

Sent from my iPhone



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Sam Hirsch <

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Best,  
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**Malvina Landau**

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**Rachel Jessie Ejsmont**

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Shelley Watkins < > Mon, May 9, 2022 at 11:34 AM

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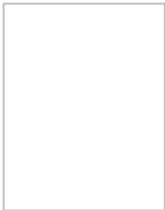
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Patty Shenker & Doug & Julia Stoll

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## Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo

1 message

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**Janet Bennett**

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Mon, May 9, 2022 at 12:37 PM

Reply-To:

To: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners Recreation and Park Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles resident who cares about the wellbeing of animals and an In Defense of Animals supporter, I urge you to stop animal suffering in your district by eliminating the Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo's contract, replacing Griffith Park with a non-animal model and sending all of the animals to a sanctuary.

For five years, your agency has passed inspection reports for the concession, while the owner Stephen Weeks has been breaking California Health and Safety Code 25998. Elderly ponies and horses at Griffith Park Pony Rides have documented depression. Spot the pony has lameness, yet is forced to carry people on his back.

Recently an overweight sheep was in distress with no worker attending to her needs, and many horses and ponies were itching due to their halters, which appear to be on all the time. Elderly ponies and horses were also seen being hit and chased for almost eight and half hours on the weekend.

No amount of improvement will ensure that these animals are not suffering from depression. Independent equine expert Rachael Sacher DVM, CVA reported elderly ponies working with saddle sores, elderly ponies with no dental treatment, no identification methods for any of the animals, and an elderly pony with a fever undetected by this concession while your department and Stephen Weeks make millions off the backs of these elderly ponies. Griffith Park Pony Rides pays Recreation and Parks a revenue-sharing fee of 25 percent of their gross income, and as a Los Angeles constituent, I oppose city funds generated from animal abuse.

Pony rides exploit animals for amusement and profit. This practice teaches children the wrong lessons about animals as objects for amusement instead of appreciating our animal neighbors as sentient beings.

This concession also poses a risk to children. Last year, a child was reportedly dragged by a pony after her saddle slipped, and the pony continued dragging her body because the pony was spooked.

I respectfully request that the pony ride contract be canceled rather than renewed. Please undertake a study to consider alternative proposals that are generated from a non-animal model for the site that would engage children and families. Lastly, I urge you to send all of the animals to a sanctuary, which advocates have already arranged and confirmed.

Thank you for considering the well-being of animals in our community. Please make compassionate choices to improve the quality of life for our animal neighbors.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Janet Bennett



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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1 message

karen elger < > Mon, May 9, 2022 at 12:41 PM

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Susan < > Mon, May 9, 2022 at 12:45 PM

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Last weekend a sheep was seen dealing with heat stress, seen here: <https://youtu.be/N6pdEKL3NAI>. I have personally seen this same sheep distressed over several weekends.

A few weeks before, elderly ponies were providing rides in 98 F, seen here: <https://youtu.be/qqT0nS9Tjmg>

The elderly ponies at this park need to be retired, not forced to work in their senior years: <https://youtu.be/mhUjZttu6jk>

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How many have died over the years under your watch?

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Respectfully,

M Green



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**EDC** > Mon, May 9, 2022 at 1:32 PM

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**ginny**

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I look forward to a well-considered response. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ginny Rankin



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## Please cancel contract for Griffith Park Pony, and ban pony rides!

1 message

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Cathy Ward < > Mon, May 9, 2022 at 2:16 PM

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**Vessela Mulcahy**

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**Erica St John**

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**Arlene Siordia** <

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Sent from beyond!



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**Lee Spitzer**

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**MARY VITELLO COLVIN** <

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Mon, May 9, 2022 at 3:29 PM

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**Linda Middlesworth**

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Marcy Winograd, Organizer of the Campaign to Replace the Pony Ride at the SM Farmer's Market several years ago.



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## Re: CAO has determined parking lots at Westchester Park are not feasible for safe parking or safe camping

1 message

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

Wed, May 4, 2022 at 9:36 AM

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, Apr 29, 2022 at 6:37 AM Debra Huston < > wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners, Mr. Shull, Mr. Kim, Ms. Aguirre, and Ms. Young-Jimenez:

Yesterday, I had occasion to reread a report by the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Los Angeles that determines Westchester Park is infeasible for "Safe Sleep" homeless interventions requested by Mike Bonin last year because the parking lots are needed for pick up and drop off for programming and aquatics. That report is attached.

By way of background, last spring, Mike Bonin filed a motion in City Council (CF 21-0350) asking for a feasibility study by the CAO to determine if Westchester and Mar Vista Parks are feasible for tiny homes, safe camping, or safe parking for people who are homeless.

Months later, in August 2021, the CAO released his report with feasibility determinations. With respect to Westchester Park and Mar Vista Park, the CAO determined these parks are NOT feasible for the following reason:

**Sites Are Not Underutilized: Prior to the pandemic, both Westchester and Mar Vista Parks experienced varied and robust recreational usage. Data from both parks show that on average more than 6,000 youth participants attend and utilize the parks and facilities. The parking lots are needed for pick up and drop off for programming and aquatics.**

Despite this determination by the CAO, and despite the fact that Mr. Bonin is well aware of the CAO's determinations, Mr. Bonin seeks a renewal of the permit to extend the Safe Parking program (25 spaces) in the park. As previously discussed, this Safe Parking program is not heavily used and is not "safe parking" at all because the gates are left open all night. (See photos below.) Mr. Bonin has, within the last month, inquired of RAP about expanding the size of the Safe Parking program in the park. Also, a Safe Parking lot of 50 spaces will be available at LAX within a month or two. (See letter from the FAA, which is attached below.)

In addition, many vehicle campers park in the parking lots of the park, in parking spaces that are not in the fenced "Safe Parking" area, and remain there 24 hours a day, with vehicles surrounded by trash, barbecues, sleeping bags, and other items. (See photos below). Mr. Bonin has resisted any enforcement of park curfews as to these vehicle dwellers.

These parking spots are needed for programming and aquatics, as stated by the CAO in his report after a study of the issue. Westchester Park is not an "underutilized" park, according to the CAO.

In accordance with the determinations by the CAO in the attached report, we ask that RAP deny any request by Mr. Bonin to extend the Safe Parking permit and expand the Safe Parking program in the park. We also ask that enforcement of park curfews commence. Our youth athletes, senior citizens, and all others need to feel safe and be safe in the park.

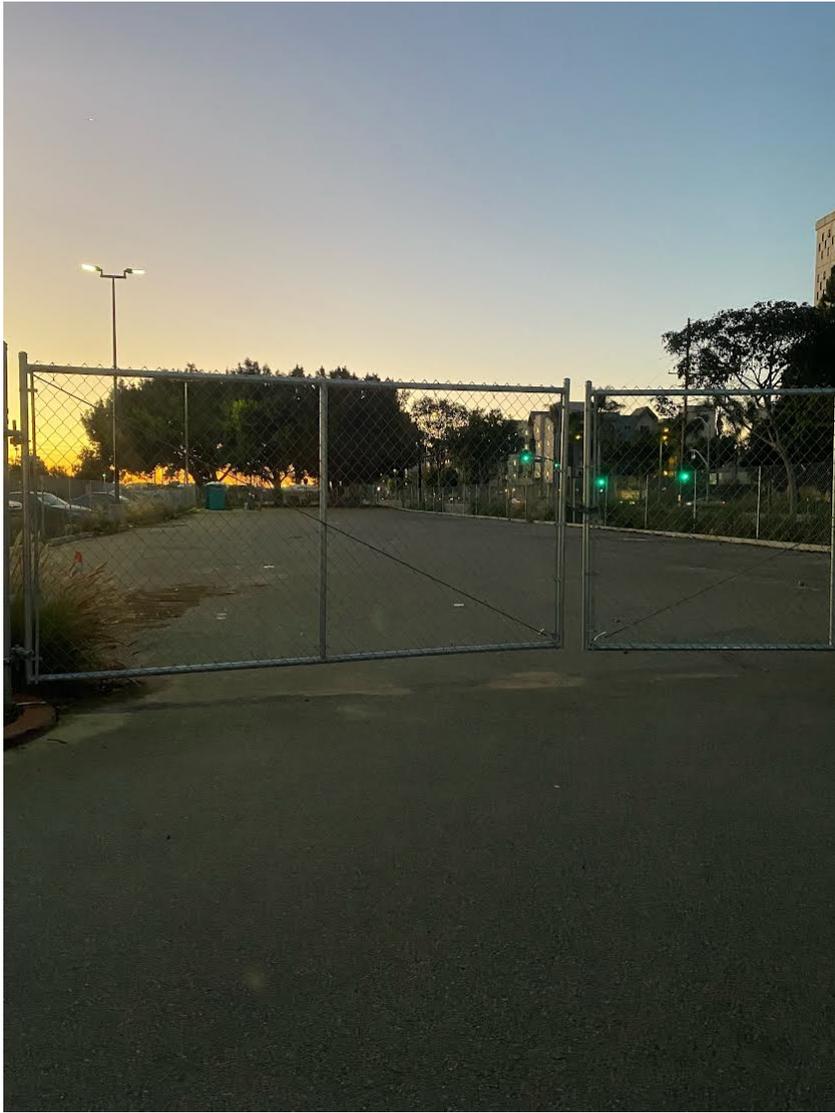
Thank you very much for your consideration, and for all you do to keep parks safe for all users.

Debra Huston











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**REPORT FROM**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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Date: August 10, 2021

CAO File No. 0220-05734-0029

Council File No. 21-0350

Council Districts: 11

To: The City Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Subject: **Report Back on Evaluation of Site Feasibility and Identification of Funding for Potential Homeless Interventions in Council District 11**

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**SUMMARY**

On May 26, 2021 the City Council adopted recommendations from the Homelessness and Poverty Committee relative to a Motion (Bonin - Ridley-Thomas, C.F. 21-0350) instructing the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to evaluate site feasibility and identify funding for potential homeless interventions at various locations in Council District 11. These sites include: Will Rogers State Beach at 17000 CA-1; Dockweiler State Beach at Lot 3, 11999 Vista Del Mar; Dockweiler State Beach RV Park at 12001 Vista Del Mar; Marina del Rey at Lot 2, 13477 Fiji Way; a Culver City owned site; privately-owned land near 5000 Beethoven Avenue; Westchester Park; Mar Vista Park; Los Angeles World Airports land; and the West Los Angeles Municipal Building at 1645 Corinth Avenue.

The CAO followed its feasibility process as outlined in C.F. 20-1351 to assess the proposed sites. The CAO worked with the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), the Department of General Services (GSD), and the public and private owners of the sites to determine feasibility. Based on these assessments, the majority of the sites are not feasible for homeless interventions, mainly due to infrastructure constraints. The Marina del Rey and the Dockweiler State Beach RV Park sites are still under assessment, and the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) is communicating with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) about the feasibility of using airport land for homeless interventions. Finally, the City of Culver City has decided to proceed with a homeless intervention on the site it owns in Council District 5, near the border of Council District 11. Discussions regarding partnering on this effort are ongoing.

Council District 11, like Council Districts 1, 5, 7, and 12, lacks City-owned land that can be used for homeless interventions. For these areas, we should continue to identify privately-owned sites that can be leased for homeless interventions and request that the Los Angeles Housing Department pursue properties under the Project Homekey 2 Program. Most of these districts benefited from Round 1 of Project Homekey. In Council District 11, two motels/hotels were purchased, and are now operating as interim housing.

If the sites under assessment are found to be feasible for homeless interventions, the CAO will

include recommendations for the proposed sites' use and funding in upcoming reports.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council note and file the report as no further action is required at this time.

## DISCUSSION

The following sites were assessed and found to be infeasible for the reasons outlined below.

### 1. State Owned Beach Sites for Tiny Homes, Safe Parking, or Safe Sleep

Will Rogers State Beach and Dockweiler State Beach are owned by the State of California and managed by the County of Los Angeles. The BOE assessment determined that these sites are cost prohibitive for the following reasons:

- *Lack of Infrastructure Capacity*: The beach sites were not built for 24/7 residential use, and thus, the sewer infrastructure is not suitable for homeless housing.
- *Lack of Utility Capacity*: The power capacity would have to be increased at both beaches, and the nearest transformer is located 1,000 feet from the sites.
- *Fire Safety*: There are no fire hydrants near these two beaches, and new hydrants would need to be installed as a requirement for residential use.

### 2. Privately Owned Site near 5000 Beethoven Avenue for Safe Sleep

The site is a peninsula of vacant land located southeast of 5000 Beethoven Avenue and is enclosed by the I-90 Freeway, the Ballona Creek, and the Centinela Creek Channel. The BOE assessment determined this site as infeasible for the following reasons:

- *No Access to Site*: The site has no pedestrian or vehicle access.
- *Lack of Nearby Utilities*: Utilities are situated far from the site, and capacity is uncertain. The closest sewer connection is 500 feet away, the closest water source is 800 feet away, and there is no apparent source for power within 1,000 feet.
- *Expensive to Develop*: The terrain is rough and substantially contoured, which would require considerable grading and soil removal to level the site for access and placement of pallets for administrative purposes, hygiene trailers, and tent spaces.

### 3. City Owned Westchester and Mar Vista Parks for Safe Sleep

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) assessed the proposed sites, and recommended that these parks not be used for the following reasons:

- *Sites Are Not Underutilized*: Prior to the pandemic, both Westchester and Mar Vista Parks experienced varied and robust recreational usage. Data from both parks show that on average more than 6,000 youth participants attend and utilize the parks and facilities. The parking lots are needed for pick up and drop off for programming and aquatics. Both parks returned to normal operations on June 14, 2021, and

programming is planned through the end of the fiscal year. The RAP sites that are being used for homeless interventions are on underutilized park land.

- *Revenue Generating*: These parks generate more than \$500,000 in annual revenue for RAP.

These two parks should be considered for targeted outreach to connect people experiencing homelessness to housing and services through “Encampment to Home” or similar models.

#### **4. City Owned West LA Municipal Building for Temporary Shelter**

The evaluated site at the West LA Municipal Building is an approximately 5,500 square foot vacant office space with 24 enclosed offices on the second floor of the building. The State Emergency Shelter Declaration allows the City to use non-residentially zoned properties for shelter according to alternative health and safety standards. These standards limit shelter sleeping quarters to the ground floor. This standard has also been codified in the Los Angeles Municipal Code § 91.8605.2, 2.E. The Municipal Building is zoned as public facilities, and thus, not feasible for shelter use. Even if the zoning was changed to accommodate shelter, the available space is too small to make an interim housing project viable. An interim housing facility should be a minimum of 13,000 square feet to provide up to 70 beds, administrative offices, hygiene facilities, common space, and storage, to make it financially and programmatically viable.

The following sites are still under assessment.

#### **1. County Owned Marina del Rey Site for Tiny Homes or Safe Sleep**

The proposed Marina del Rey site, located in Lot 2 at 13477 Fiji Way, is an underutilized parking lot owned by the County of Los Angeles adjacent to a boat launch and commercial buildings.

- *Utility Capacity*: BOE’s final assessment and Rough Order of Magnitude is pending a report from the County Department of Public Works on sewer, water, and power capacity.

#### **2. State Owned Dockweiler Beach RV Park for RV Safe Parking**

The proposed site at 12001 Vista Del Mar is still being assessed by BOE.

#### **3. Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Owned Site for Tiny Homes, Safe Parking, or Safe Sleep**

LAWA has identified possible sites for homeless interventions and requested that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) review for approval. The FAA would have to agree to allow the use of airport land for homeless housing and waive the requirement that land purchased with FAA funds be leased at market rate.

**Culver City Owned Site for Tiny Homes or Safe Sleep**

The proposed site is a parking lot in the City of Los Angeles but owned by the City of Culver City in Council District 5, near Council District 11. Culver City is not interested in leasing the site to the City. Instead, Culver City plans to develop the site as a homeless intervention and is open to collaborating with Council Districts 5 and 11 regarding the utilization of the intervention. BOE has provided sample layouts for Tiny Home and Safe Sleep Villages.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no impact to the General Fund at this time.

**FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT**

The recommendations in this report comply with the City Financial Policies.

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January 27, 2022

Justin Erbacci, CEO  
Los Angeles World Airports  
1 World Way  
Los Angeles, California 90045-5803

Dear Mr. Erbacci:

Re: Potential LAWA Sites for Homeless

Thank you for your December 13, 2021, letter in which you detailed the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) land use plan regarding potential homeless sites on LAWA owned property. You provided specific information on two sites that LAWA feels are most feasible to implement in the near future along, with an action plan to accommodate safe parking for the homeless as requested by the City of Los Angeles. The specific request proposed by LAWA is the use of land designated for temporary airport uses for community purposes, at no cost to LAWA and on a limited basis.

In your letter, LAWA identified the following two parcels for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) consideration:

1. The eastern portion of Lot E at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is located at 5455 W. 111th Street, Los Angeles, CA.
2. The northern portion of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY), Airport FlyAway-Overflow Parking located at 7691 Gloria Ave., Los Angeles, CA.

Concerning current/future use of the proposed land uses around LAX and VNY, we understand the following from your letter:

- LAWA does not have plans to use either of the potential LAX Lot E locations for revenue-generating activities in the next five years, outside of current uses. The northernmost of the two locations (Option A), is currently not in use and generates \$0/year. The southernmost location (Option B), currently earns approximately \$5,270/month or \$63,240 per year. However, the plan is to end the use of this lot for paid parking in 2022, thereafter it will generate \$0.

- LAWA believes the community use of LAX Lot E will not impact the aeronautical use of the airport and will significantly enhance positive community relations in support of the airport. The request is supported by the fact that the property is not needed for aeronautical purposes.
- The recommended location at VNY is currently used only when overflow parking is necessary for the Van Nuys FlyAway parking garage – which is typically only needed during holiday periods. Additionally, film production companies can rent the overflow parking lot for vehicle parking/staging. It is anticipated that if the portion of the lot recommended for Safe Parking was to be used, LAWA could lose up to \$40,000 in revenue per year. There are no plans for any changes to the use of this lot within the next five years.

Finally, concerning LAWA’s action plan for the proposed Safe Parking Program, we understand the following from your letter:

- The Safe Parking Program will be administered by The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The Los Angeles City Council will be responsible for identifying funding for the Safe Parking Program and all cost associated with the program. LAWA will also coordinate with the local Council District Office on setting up the program.
- LAWA plans to enter into a contract with LAHSA, and LAWA will not have any liability or cost associated with the program. The contract will include specific provisions to ensure a safe, secure, hygienic, and well-maintained area under clearly defined hours of operation and guarantee the hours of Safe Parking are strictly enforced. The initial contract term will be one year with the option to extend, and LAWA will have the ability to terminate the contract for any reason within 30-days.
- The Safe Parking Program participants must be enrolled in a full case management program with the goal to provide assistance in finding stable housing. All vehicles under the Safe Parking Program must be working properly and fully registered. No daytime parking will be allowed, and all vehicles must vacate by a set time each morning.
- LAHSA Safe Parking sites prohibit the use of tents, camping equipment, and any type of cooking equipment, and the sites will be staffed at all times of operation with onsite security.

FAA concurs with the temporary use of the two sites proposed by LAWA with the following conditions:

- a. LAWA affords the FAA the ability to review any contract it proposes with an outside party for purposes of implementing the proposed Safe Parking Program before signing the contract(s). FAA’s review of the contract will be limited to ensuring consistency with LAWA’s grant assurances.

- b. LAWA ensures that LAHSA and any Safe Parking Program participants are made aware that the LAX location is within the 65 DNL and the VNY location is less than 2,000 feet from the runway and adjacent to the historically sensitive noise-sensitive area and that these areas are incompatible for residential use. FAA suggests that LAWA consider having the participants sign a disclaimer ensuring that they understand that the land is incompatible for residential uses.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark A. McClardy  
Director, Airports Division  
Office of Airports, Western-Pacific Region

cc: Cathryn Cason, Manager, Los Angeles Airport District Office



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**Re: Valley Glen park**

1 message

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

Wed, May 4, 2022 at 11:17 AM

To: Lyne Alan &lt;

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Good Morning,

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On Tue, May 3, 2022 at 1:16 PM Lyne Alan &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Commissioners,

I realize that this may not seem to be to urgent for you, but the issues that I brought up are still occurring. The weeds are still being whacked spreading seed everywhere certain areas are getting watered while others haven't seen a drop. The granite areas are overgrown with weeds and the bark areas are the same. I understand that the local supervisor is currently off. So who has taken over? The drought is here and the the DG and barked areas will be in further jeopardy.

Alan Young

Sent from my iPad

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## **SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065**

1 message

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**Garcia IncaREAL**  
To:

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Mon, May 9, 2022 at 10:04 AM

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Council member Gill Cedillo  
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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>

Mon, May 9, 2022 at 12:14 PM

To: Garcia Incareal <

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Cc:

yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Got it, thanks!

On Mon, May 9, 2022, 10:05 AM Garcia Incareal <incareal@juno.com> wrote:

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**Re: Poinsettia park Tennis courts**

1 message

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

Thu, May 12, 2022 at 3:51 PM

To: "JesusRicardo C." < >

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, May 12, 2022 at 8:04 AM JesusRicardo C. < > wrote:

Please remove the trainer using the courts from 12-5pm charging 100\$ a lesson and waiting in the courts for clients and refusing to leave isn't fear that we can't use the courts .Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

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