

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

March 07, 2024

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager *J/K*
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>
Griffith Park Pony Ride comments		Referred to General Manager
1) Stephanie Landregan comments regarding Augustus Hawkins Park Director	#9568	Referred to General Manager
2) Honorable Jan Perry (retired) letter regarding Augustus Hawkins Park Director	#9568a	Referred to General Manager
3) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park Graffiti	#9569	Referred to General Manager
4) Nancy Freedman comments regarding Brentwood Community Council	#9570	Referred to General Manager
5) Tristan Dennison comments regarding posted sign	#9571	Referred to General Manager
6) Ethan Greenspan comments regarding resurfacing at Penmar tennis courts	#9572	Referred to General Manager
7) Jakob Shaw letter regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride	#9573	Referred to General Manager
8) Zohra Fahim comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Rides	#9573a	Referred to General Manager

9) Imani Higgins comments regarding Celebrating Teen Success event	#9574	Referred to General Manager
10) Donna Burkons comments regarding Pickleball	#9575	Referred to General Manager
11) Sean P. Uray comments regarding Media Park	#9576	Referred to General Manager
12) Laura Ceballos comments regarding Oakwood Park Name Change in Venice	#9577	Referred to General Manager
13) Michael Maslin comments regarding Golfing Bots	#9578	Referred to General Manager
14) Patricia Bates comments regarding Sepulveda Garden Center Park Advisory Board	#9579	Referred to General Manager
15) Sean Moir comments regarding Ukrainian Protest / Skyline Festival	#9580	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Augustus Hawkins Park Director and the future of the Nature Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 9:13 AM

To: "Landregan, Stephanie" < >

Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Feb 9, 2024 at 3:52 PM Landregan, Stephanie <

> wrote:

February 9, 2024

City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Commission

Dear Board President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez, and Board member Marie Lloyd, Fiona Hutton and Benny Tran,

I am on the Augustus Hawkins Park Advisory Board serving as the Vice Chair, and we received the news that Recreation and Parks is transferring Park Director Damon Hooks, and that the director's position will not be filled.

First, why transfer Damon Hooks? Director Hooks has almost single-handedly provided events for the South Los Angeles Community and created wonderful relationships with the Natural History Museum, and other naturalists within Los Angeles. With a small team, he has put on movie nights, holiday giveaways, and gathered the Parks Advisory Board to work on ways to upgrade and improve the park.

Second, at one of our Parks Board meetings, we asked why there wasn't a park ranger. We heard there are NO park rangers below the 10 Freeway. When Damon wanted to have a junior ranger program, he gathered kids from the neighborhood, and the Park Rangers waived their fee. The lack of Damon's supervisors to respond to requests for improvements and repairs is concerning.

Third, Damon was informed that the recent city hiring freeze was the reason that the director position would not be filled. So why would you transfer Damon? The South Los Angeles parks are underserved, and understaffed and now you are proposing to leave this park, which Damon was working to make better despite lack of help from your supervisors, without a director? As a PAB member I want to understand why this park is being abandoned!

This park was built by the MRCA and I was the landscape architect. The public funds used require the city or whoever operates the park to keep it open to the public! The MRCA created a jewel in South Los Angeles, and Recreation and Parks has failed to keep up the park.

Our board believes that Damon should stay in the director position. This community deserves the same respect and funds as other parks, would a park in any other neighborhood NORTH OF THE 10 FREEWAY be treated this way? Augustus Hawkins Nature Park is an urban oasis, a natural park, it is not a preserve. It is for the community, in the same way that Griffith Park serves the community.

Our PAB requests that you help us keep director Damon Hooks and address the failures of the Recreation and Parks Department in upkeep, funding, staffing and in honoring the nature-based intent of the Augustus Hawkins Nature Park.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Landregan, FASLA, LEED B,D, and C

Augustus Hawkins Nature Park Parks Advisory Board

Vice-Chair

CC: Jimmy Kim; PAB members

Stephanie V. Landregan, FASLA, MSPM, LEED® AP BD+C

CA Landscape Architecture license #4093

Winter enrollment opens Nov. 6!

Program Director, Landscape Architecture Program and

Horticulture and Gardening Program

UCLA Extension, Department of the Arts

UCLA Extension Mission: "To provide knowledge and connections for people to achieve their personal and professional goals"

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HON. JAN PERRY (Ret.)

Telephone:

February 14, 2024

Hon. Curren Price, Los Angeles City Council
City of Los Angeles Recreation & Parks Commission
Renata Simiril, President of the Commission
Jimmy Kim, General Manager

Re: Damon Hooks

Ladies & Gentlemen:

I have written this letter to be entered into the official record of the Commission's meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2024, at El Sereno Park. I have great concern regarding the status of one of your employees, Damon Hooks, who has done outstanding work at Augustus Hawkins Park in the Ninth Council District in South Los Angeles.

You may not be aware that Augustus Hawkins Park was formerly a Department of Water and Power pipe yard located at the intersection of Slauson Avenue and Compton Boulevard. The former Councilwoman for the Ninth District, Rita Walters, approached Mayor Richard Riordan and asked him to convey the property jointly to the State of California and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for redevelopment into a passive community park with man-made wetlands. The Conservancy and the State developed the park expeditiously and conveyed it back to the City of Los Angeles during Councilwoman Walters's tenure.

I was elected Councilwoman for the Ninth District in 2001 and served through 2013. Upon my election, I immediately began working to complete the wetlands inside the Augustus Hawkins Nature Park, and also began work to acquire property at 54th Street and Avalon from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to build a second, much larger wetlands with Proposition O Clean Water Bond Funds.

I also created an escrow account with the assistance of the City Attorney at the time, Pete Echiverria, to create a long-term strategy to raise funds and create a dedicated stream of revenue to pay for deferred maintenance and the future growth of the park and the wetlands. I termed out of office in 2013, and I suspect that escrow account no longer exists. Nevertheless, I have always believed that both parks need

to have a support system, with adequate funding, in place for the care and upkeep, as they are unique parks featuring man-made wetlands in dense urban areas.

The good news is that Damon Hooks came to Augustus Hawkins Nature Park and activated this unique green space beyond my wildest dreams. This park is a great source of joy and pride to the community and the City of Los Angeles at large. Whenever I attend an event organized by Mr. Hooks, it is wonderful to see how engaged the community is, as evidenced by large turnouts and enthusiastic support. Damon is not just another employee. He recognizes and fully understands that he serves the community through this unique park. He has created educational and wellness events, and is focused on long term strategies to fund and rebuild the park's infrastructure. Mr. Hooks also has been reaching out for grant money in the private and philanthropic sector to support, maintain and improve the park.

It would be devastating to the community and the park to remove the funding for his position and deprive them of the valuable asset and advocate Damon Hooks has become. Please consider supporting him in his effort to get funding and restore the waterfall, aerators in the wetland, children's garden and other improvements. This park deserves to be a jewel in the crown for the community of South Los Angeles.

It is my understanding that you want to bring on an ecologist to run Augustus Hawkins Nature Park. While at first glance that might seem to be the correct course, I believe it misses the point. If you want to create a broad ecological park experience, you should instead focus on the "Jan Perry" wetlands located at 54th Street and Avalon. That is the second wetlands that I developed, and my City Council colleagues at the time named it for me when I termed out of office. If you visit there, you will find that an enormous amount of work needs to be done. There is a 53,000 square foot, poured concrete building under the control of the City Department of Recreation and Parks. This building and the park, including the wetlands, could be wholly activated as a wellness and technology center for the community.

In conclusion, please do your best to retain Damon Hooks at Augustus Hawkins Nature Park. He has transformed that park for the benefit of the entire community, and the momentum he has created should be supported and encouraged.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JP', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Hon. Jan Perry (Ret.)



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: GANG GRAFFITI SYCAMORE GROVE PARK CD1

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 9:16 AM

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

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. You may also visit the MyLA311 website to create a service request at: <https://lacity.gov/myla311>

On Mon, Feb 12, 2024 at 10:47 AM Garcia Incareal <> wrote:
FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Council member Eunisses Hernandez

The Sycamore Grove Park has gang graffiti
Attach pictures
Mauro Garcia

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Re: GANG GRAFFITI SYCAMORE GROVE PARK CD1

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 9:20 AM

Thank you!

On Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 8:27 AM Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org> wrote:
The job orders have been submitted. JO# 24-5406.

Best Regards

On Mon, Feb 12, 2024 at 10:47 AM Garcia Incareal > wrote:
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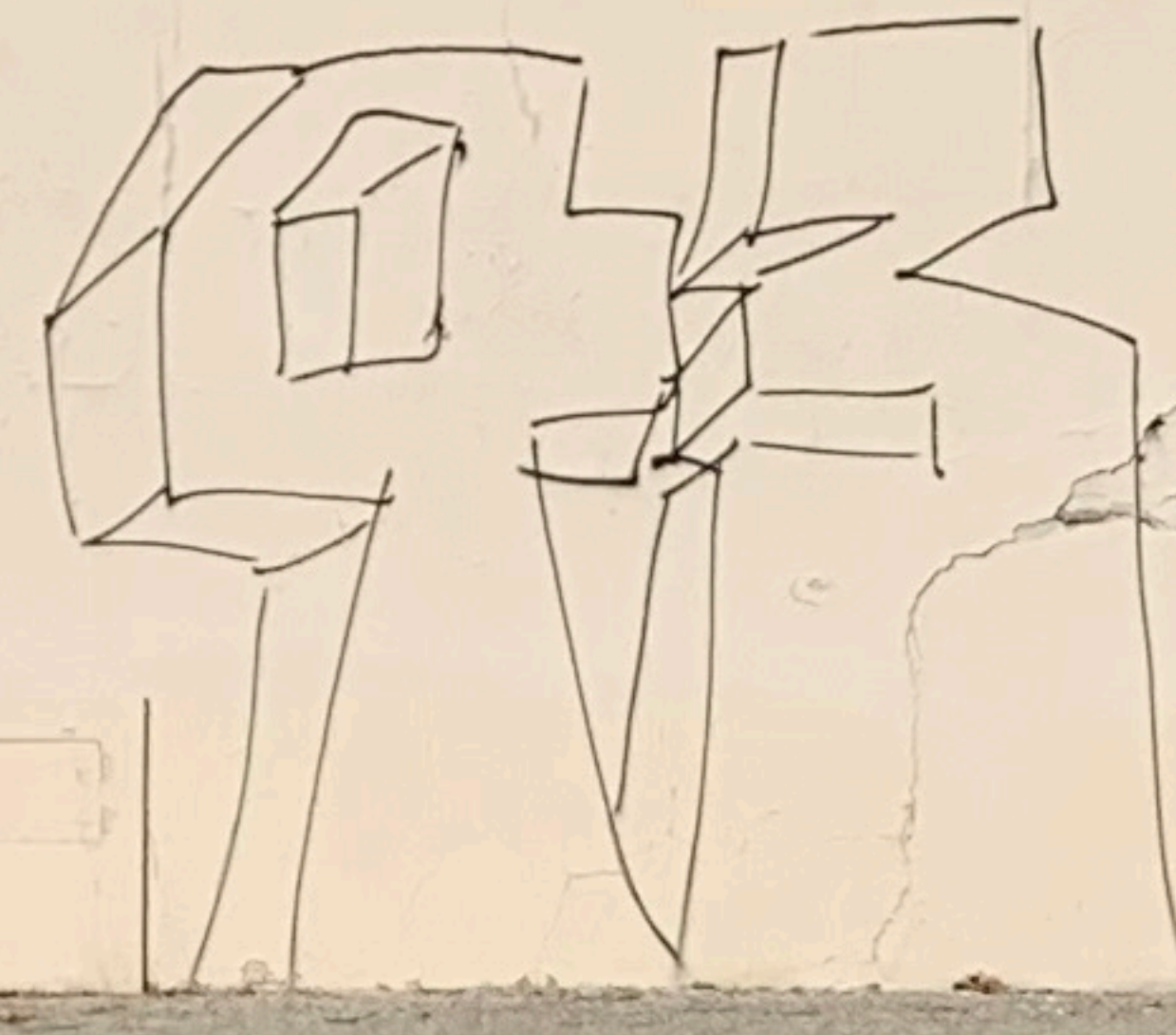




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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: RAP Commissioner meetings

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Feb 9, 2024 at 2:26 PM

To: Nancy Freedman >

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. Please note, this is the correct email address for RAP commissioners.

You may visit our site for meeting information: <https://www.laparks.org/commissioners/agendas-minutes-reports/2024>

You may also register at the attached link for meeting notifications: <https://www.laparks.org/commissioners/ens>

Thank you.

On Fri, Feb 9, 2024 at 12:37 PM Nancy Freedman < > wrote:

Hello, I am on the Brentwood Community Council and would like to receive emails from RAP at .

I would also like to know how to get in touch with the Commissioner who represents CD11 or Brentwood area.

Thank you,
Nancy Freedman

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Sign ownership question

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 9:51 AM

Good morning,

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

According to the Construction Supervisor and Rangers and staff we consulted with these signs are not posted by us but by LAFD.

On Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 2:44 PM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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

From: **Tristan Dennison** >
Date: Tue, Feb 6, 2024 at 3:23 PM
Subject: Sign ownership question
To: RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>
Cc: Kristie Le < >, Permitting West >

To whom it may concern,

My name is Tristan, and I am with Tilson Technology Management Inc. I am reaching out to see if a sign located at the address below is owned by the city of LA's Recs and Parks department. Please let me know if you have any questions about the information below or the pictures above.

Sign address: 3160 1/2 N. CANYON LAKE DR.

Latitude: 34.12713890

Longitude: -118.32650000

Thank you,

Tristan Dennison



Tristan Dennison | Permit Specialist I



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SIGN LOCATION

Lake Hollywood Park
Grassy area with views of Hollywood sign

BRUSH AREA
NO SMOKING
ALLOWED
NO DISCARDING
OF ANY
BURNING OBJECTS
FINES \$1000.00





Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Penmar tennis courts

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 4:17 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 11:28 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:
Hello,

Please see the forwarded email below.

Thank you,

Caro

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

From: **Ethan Greenspan, ohb.** < >
Date: Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 4:43 AM
Subject: Penmar tennis courts
To: councilperson park <councilmember.park@lacity.org>
Cc: Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>, Christina Saman <christina.saman@lacity.org>, L. A. City Parks & Rec. <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>, councilperson park <councilmember.park@lacity.org>, Ethan Greenspan < >

Dahhhhhh 🙄🙄🙄

Good morning 🌞 Los Angeles:

- Aren't you ashamed 🙄🙄 that Culver City can resurface and paint their courts in four weeks and LACity has taken over a year to try and do the same at Penmar with no success???
- Penmar Park is still closed and ABANDONED by the non-performing contractor and Parks and Rec.!!
- It should be Wreck, not "Rec"!!

Dahhhhhh 🙄🙄

Begin forwarded message:

From: City of Culver City <culvercity@public.govdelivery.com>
Date: February 11, 2024 at 8:53:18 AM PST
To:
Subject: City of Culver City Weekly Digest Bulletin



Veterans Memorial Park Basketball and Handball Courts Closed for Resurfacing Starting February 12, 2024

01/30/2024



Veterans Memorial Park Basketball and Handball Courts Closed for Resurfacing and Repainting Starting February 12, 2024

Starting Monday, February 12, 2024, the basketball and handball courts at Veterans Memorial Park will be closed for resurfacing and repainting. This project is expected to take four weeks, weather permitting. For more information, please contact the PRCS Department at (310) 253-6650 or by email at info.recreation@culvercity.org.

Looking for a place to hoop or play handball during the closure? Check out one of our other great courts!

Handball Courts: [Culver West Alexander Park](#) and [El Marino Park](#)

Basketball Courts: [Blanco Park](#), [Culver City Park](#), [Culver West Alexander Park](#), [El Marino Park](#), [Fox Hills Park](#), [Lindberg Park](#), and [Syd Kronenthal Park](#)

Say hello to Spring! Culver City Living Spring 2024 Recreation Guide – Out Now

01/30/2024





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Culver City Living Spring Recreation Guide – Out Now!

The new edition of [Culver City Living](#) is out now! Registration for Culver City's Parks, Recreation & Community Services (PRCS) spring recreation programs and classes begins Monday, February 5, 2024!

Culver City offers recreation programs and classes for all ages, interests and skill levels. Please join us for some spring time fun!

This season's [Culver City Living](#) contains information about special events including Parent's Night Out, Spring Egg-stravaganza, Community Water Safety Day and Mother's Day Tea.

Check out our recreation class information for something new to experience - we offer various classes from ballet and tap for tiny tots and youth to yoga for adults! [Spring Camp information](#) for Just4Kids, SKATESIDE and YSE can be found on pages 16 and 17.

[Participants can register by going online](#) or visiting the Registration Office ([4117 Overland Avenue](#)). The Registration Office is open Monday through Friday, from 8 AM to 7 PM, and Saturday and Sunday, from 9 AM to 5 PM.

Spring session classes are offered between March and May. Registration begins Monday, February 5, 2024.

[Check out the Culver City Living - Spring 2024 Edition today!](#)

If you have any questions, call the PRCS Department team at (310) 253-6650 or [email the PRCS Registration Office](#).

Make 2024 Greener and Protect Culver City!

02/01/2024



Winter 2024 Newsletter

Make 2024 a Green New Year! Together, we can make Culver City more sustainable and a better place to live.



Put Your Waste to Work

Are you a landscaper or work at a multi-family dwelling? Don't throw away your organic waste! Garden waste, lawn clippings, and food scraps should be placed in the green cart or composted. A little effort goes a long way!

Plant Sustainable Roots Today

You got a green thumb? Let's make it even greener! Swap pesticides for compost. Mix compost with topsoil or another gardening fill to help plants thrive. For best growing results, a 60/40 split (60% topsoil and 40% compost) is recommended.



Upcoming E-Waste Collection & Paper Shredding Event

Dispose of your old electronics in a socially and ecologically responsible way on Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 09:00 AM - 01:00 PM. Drive up, drop off, and drive away...we'll remove the items from your car.

And the Winner is...Culver City!

Culver City won American Public Works Association's BEST award for the Mesmer Low Flow Diversion Project. This project improves water quality by capturing dry-weather runoff from Centinela Creek and diverts the water to Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant to reuse as recycled water.



Party Like There's No Tomorrow

Culver City Public Works is practicing what we preach. We hosted a Zero Waste holiday party with reusable utensils, dishware, and drinkware. The party demonstrated that joyful occasions can be both festive and environmentally conscious. This year, let's strive to minimize our ecological footprint and promote sustainable lifestyles.

Your Input is Important!

The City needs your feedback on the Syd Kronenthal Park Stormwater Capture project! The goal of the project is to create a water storage system below the park ballfields. Click on the button below for a short and simple survey to let us know how the collected water should be used.



Take our short survey!



Save the Date: SB1383 Virtual Meeting for Multi-Family Buildings

Scan or click the QR code to sign up for a virtual meeting on March 5, 2024 to discuss the City's Organics Recycling program for multi-family dwellings! Want to represent your property? Send an email to sustainability@culvercity.org and let us know!

Employee Spotlight

Richard Smith

Job Motivation – Taking care of my family

Favorite thing about Culver City – Easy access and small, friendly city that has a strong impact

Comfort meal – Chef salad

Hero/Heroine – My dad



Francisco Olague

Job Motivation – Satisfied customers

Favorite thing about Culver City – Beautiful city with clean streets

Comfort meal – Juicy cheeseburger

Hero/Heroine – My parents (taught me to work hard)

Culver City Updates and Reminders as Rainy Weather Arrives in Area

02/01/2024





Updates, Reminders, and Resources during Rainy Weather

A significant amount of rainfall is in the forecast for Culver City and the surrounding area. We want our community to be prepared and informed of what the City will be doing during this time.

What to Expect

- Multiple rainstorms are expected over the next several days.
- Heaviest rains (1 to 3 inches) are expected on Thursday, February 1st.
- Winds are also expected. Gusts of 35 to 55 mph spreading through area Thursday and Friday, February 2nd.
- Potential for flooded roads, downed utility wires, trees, and power outages.

Next week's rainfall has potential to be even more impactful with more rain beginning on Sunday, February 4th, and continuing into the week.

In preparation for the upcoming storms, Culver City first responders are taking multiple steps to ensure safety and ongoing preparation. The Culver City Fire Department has sand and sandbags available at Fire Station One in downtown Culver City. Sandbags are available to residents, 10 per household, at our headquarters fire station location at 9505 Culver Blvd. They are self-serve and can be found to the rear of the fire station. Sandbags are also still available for free at the City Yard on Jefferson Boulevard. They will continue to monitor for significant property damage.

The Culver City Police Department is working with the Housing and Human Services team, patrolling flood channels to ensure there aren't any unhoused residents affected by the rainstorms. The Public Works Department is monitoring and will clear major debris throughout the City. You are also

encouraged to help staff with trash pickup by placing your bins 12 inches from the curb.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for the City's alert system [Everbridge](#) to stay informed of the very latest news about the storm.

[You can also find useful resources on the Culver City Fire Department's website.](#)

Important Phone Numbers

- Immediate Emergency Assistance: For life-threatening situations, [call 911](#).
- Visit the City's [Homeless Services](#) webpage for help if you become unhoused.
- Adults or families seeking emergency winter shelter should call Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority at [\(800\) 548-6047](#). You can also call [211](#) or visit [211LA's website](#) for more information.
- City of Culver City Office of Emergency Management [\(310\) 253-5900](#)
- City of Culver City Department of Public Works, Maintenance Operations, [\(310\) 253-6420](#)
- [You can find contacts for utilities by visiting the Culver City website.](#)

City of Culver City Wins 3 Awards in Financial Excellence

02/01/2024



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

February 1, 2024

Contact:

Lisa Soghor, Chief Financial Officer

lisa.soghor@culvercity.org

(310) 253-6016

City Earns Awards for Financial Excellence by Government Finance Officers Association

The City of Culver City is pleased to announce it has won three awards for excellence by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022.

Among the awards, the City earned the award for **Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting**. For Fiscal Year 2021-22, the new Popular Annual Financial Report was added to make the City's financial statements more accessible to the public.

"The dedicated staff of our City's Finance Department's work every day to ensure that we are not only compliant, but maintain fiscal responsibility and we are proud of their achievement and recognition," said Mayor Yasmine-Imani McMorris. "I look forward to continue working with them to ensure that we remain a city that is transparent with taxpayer money and how we use it across Culver City."

The City also received its 38th consecutive annual **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for Fiscal Year 2021-22 from GFOA. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

"We pride ourselves on being fiscally responsible and transparent with taxpayer dollars," said Lisa Soghor, Culver City's Chief Financial Officer. "Not only is the City maintaining the highest level of financial reporting as it has done for over 30 years. This new report will serve as a point of entry for people not accustomed to reading dense financial documents. The City is thrilled that this first ever effort received an award from GFOA."

The City also earned the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget making the City a GFOA Triple Crown Award Winner.

About Culver City

[Culver City](#) is a five-square-mile, urban community of 40,779 residents surrounded mostly by the City of Los Angeles but also shares a border with unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. It is centrally located on the Westside near Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, and Los Angeles International Airport. Culver City is particularly known for its well-run public school system, "small town" charm, growing high-tech and creative economies, and a dynamic downtown that is regionally known as a destination for restaurants, live theater, and art galleries.

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Photo of Culver City's City Hall

Agenda Now Available for the PRCS Commission Regular Meeting on February 6, 2024

02/01/2024



Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Regular Meeting



MEETING DETAILS:

When

Tuesday, February 6, 2024
at 7:00 PM

Where

**Attend In-Person or Utilize
the Courtesy Virtual Option**

Mike Balkman Council Chambers, City Hall - First Floor
9770 Culver Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232

Indoor masking is highly recommended, but not required.

The Agenda and related items are currently available.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEETING PARTICIPATION:

*****The public may attend this meeting in person or via video conference.***** Virtual attendance is offered as a courtesy. Technical difficulties shall not require meeting postponement.

How to Submit Written Public Comment Prior to the Meeting:

Find the active eComment link to the right of the agenda date, then choose the agenda item and add your comment. Watch a video tutorial on [How to Make an eComment](#). Email comments to public.comment@culvercity.org or city.clerk@culvercity.org, or mail comments to City Clerk c/o City Clerk's Office, 9770 Culver Blvd, Culver City, CA 90232, specifically identifying the meeting date.

Comments must be received at least 3 hours in advance of the meeting. Written comments WILL NOT be read aloud during the meeting.

How to Attend the Meeting:

Attend In-Person: Face masks are strongly recommended but not required. [Learn about the Coronavirus and the City's response, recommendations, and requirements.](#)

Join Online via Webex: Once the meeting has started, [find the meeting link under "Attend a Meeting Remotely" on the City's website.](#) Registration is no longer required.

How to Provide Verbal Public Comment In-Person or Online: *New Process*****

Find the meeting link under "Request to speak at a Meeting" on the City's website. Complete and submit the online form. Indicate if you are attending in-person or online and select all the items on which you wish to make a verbal comment. A QR code to the online form will be provided on site for in-person attendees. Verbal public comments are taken at the time the particular agenda item is considered. Requests to speak must be submitted before the start of the public comment period for each agenda item or will not be considered. Whenever reasonable, speakers will be called in chronological order based on when they registered to speak. Each speaker may address the members of the body for up to three minutes.

Any person needing reasonable accommodation related to disabilities, including assisted listening devices, is welcome to contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 253-5851 or via email at city.clerk@culvercity.org.

Get Ready for the Presidential Primary Election on March 5th!

02/02/2024



Make your plan to vote in the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election.

Visit LAVOTE.GOV >



The Presidential Primary Election will take place on March 5, 2024. For information on your voter registration status, early voting locations, vote by mail options and more, visit the LA County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk's Office's [YOUR Election Information Webpage](#).

There are no City ballot measures scheduled for this election. However, there is a Culver City School District (CCUSD) measure.

Once available, you may [review what is on your ballot](#) and make your plan to vote!


If you are a no party preference voter, [review your options for voting for a Presidential Candidate](#).

As a reminder, you may vote at ANY vote center in Los Angeles County. For convenience, Culver City will have an 11-Day Vote Center at City Hall's Pataccia Room, at 9770 Culver Blvd., beginning February 24th. Please review [directions](#) to free parking for one hour below City Hall or consider using [CulverCityBus](#).

If you have any questions, you may reach the City Clerk's Office at (310) 253-5851 or by email to city.clerk@culvercity.org.

General Plan and Zoning Code Updates at Upcoming Planning Commission and City Council Meetings

02/02/2024



GENERAL PLAN & ZONING CODE UPDATES @ PLANNING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMISSION:
FEBRUARY 14TH, 2024 @ 7PM

CITY COUNCIL:
FEBRUARY 26TH, 2024 @ 7PM

**General
Plan 2045**
Culver CITY

Updates on the 2045 General Plan and associated Zoning Code Amendments will be presented to the Planning Commission on February 14th, 2024, at 7pm and to the City Council at their regular meeting on February 26th, 2024, at 7pm.

The General Plan consultant team and City staff will provide updates on the process and detail the next steps for the ongoing General Plan Update, including outcomes from the Public Draft Plan review period and outreach meetings in fall of 2023. The Public Draft Plan and outreach summary are available to view at [on the project website](#).

The Zoning Code Update consultant team and City staff will present the Draft Zoning Code Framework, including development standards and lists of allowable uses for each new zone, and the Draft Zoning Map. The Draft Framework and Map will be available for review online prior to the Planning Commission meeting.

Learn more about the General Plan and Zoning Code [on the project website](#) or contact Advance Planning staff at (310) 253-5740 or advance.planning@culvercity.org.

Culver City: Updated Forecast from National Weather Service

02/04/2024



Updates, Reminders, and Resources during Rainy Weather

Rainfall has been limited the past few days, and the National Weather Service is providing updated forecasts for the storms expected to impact Culver City and the surrounding areas this week. We want our community to be prepared and informed of the City's storm prep plan. Below is the latest update.

What to Expect (Updated)

- Beginning at 12 p.m. on Sunday through Tuesday night, the National Weather Service says to expect heavy to very heavy rains.

- Peak rain rates could reach .5 to 1 inch per hour.
- There are significant flood warnings and potential for flash flooding throughout the county because of the excessive rain.
- Rain will significantly impact the morning commute. We can expect flooded roadways and freeways.
- NWS is advising people to stay home, if possible, in order to help keep people off the roadways.
- Peak gust winds are also a concern, with gusts peaking from 1 p.m. Sunday to 1 a.m. Monday. High winds could cause downed trees and power outages.
- LAX may also be affected by the weather.

Culver City first responders continue to take multiple steps to ensure safety and ongoing preparation. The Culver City Fire Department has sand and sandbags available at Fire Station One in downtown Culver City. Sandbags are available to residents, 10 per household, at our headquarters fire station location at 9600 Culver Blvd. They are self-serve and can be found at the back of the fire station. Sandbags are also still available for free at the City Yard at 9505 Jefferson Boulevard.

The Culver City Police Department is working with the Housing and Human Services team, patrolling flood channels to ensure there aren't any unhoused residents affected by the rainstorms. The Public Works Department is monitoring storm impacts and will clear major debris throughout the City. The public is also encouraged to help staff with trash pickup by placing bins 1 foot from the curb.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for the City's alert system [Everbridge](#) to stay informed of the very latest news about the storm.

[You can also find useful resources on the Culver City Fire Department's website.](#)

Important Phone Numbers

- Immediate Emergency Assistance: For life-threatening situations, [call 911](#).
- Visit the City's [Homeless Services](#) webpage for help if you become unhoused.
- Adults or families seeking emergency winter shelter should call Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority at [\(800\) 548-6047](#). You can also call [211](#) or visit [211LA's website](#) for more information.
- City of Culver City Office of Emergency Management [\(310\) 253-5900](#)
- City of Culver City Department of Public Works, Maintenance Operations, [\(310\) 253-6420](#)
- [You can find contacts for utilities by visiting the Culver City website.](#)

Culver City Officials Recommend Residents Take Precautions Due to Concerns of Potential Mudslide Risks

02/05/2024

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Press Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

February 5, 2024

Contact:

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Culver City Officials Recommend Culver Crest Residents Take Precautions Due to Concerns of Potential Mudslide Risks

In response to the ongoing inclement weather conditions and the increased risk of mudslides, Culver City is [recommending residents take precautions](#).

Mud flows have been reported behind two homes along Cranks Road and one home along Flaxton Street. Due to the continuing rain, the City is asking residents who live above, below, or adjacent to a hillside in or below the Upper Crest neighborhood, including the following streets to take extra precaution as the situation develops:

- Cranks Road
- Flaxton Street
- Youngworth Road
- Ranch Road
- Drakewood Avenue
- Lugo Way
- Tellefson Road
- Stubbs Lane
- Esterina Way
- Linda Way
- St. James Drive
- Hill Road
- Culview Street
- Molony Road
- Stephon Terrace
- Bernardo Road

[Recommendations from Ready.Gov for landslide preparedness include monitoring your property for signs of landslides.](#) Residents should seek advice from a geotechnical expert for evaluating landslide hazards or designing corrective techniques to reduce landslide risk. A professional can advise you of the best ways to prevent or reduce landslide risk, without creating further hazard. If an immediate, dangerous situation is observed, please call 9-1-1. If you have questions or non-urgent concerns, please call Public Works Maintenance Operations at [\(310\) 253-6420](tel:3102536420).

The National Weather Service has forecasted continued heavy rainfall in the region through Tuesday, leading to concerns about the stability of the terrain in the area. The City, along with the Culver City Fire Department and Public Works, is evaluating the situation and will provide additional recommendations when available.

Residents are urged to stay informed about the latest updates through official channels, including local news outlets and Culver City's official communication channels. For real-time information and updates, residents are encouraged to follow Culver City's official social media accounts and sign up for [Everbridge, the City's alert platform for updates to your phone](#).

[You can also find useful resources on the Culver City Fire Department's website.](#)

The City of Culver City appreciates the cooperation and understanding of residents during this challenging time and is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of the community.

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Photo of mud forming behind homes on Cranks Road.



Photo of rainy conditions causing mudflow issues behind homes on Cranks Road.

Culver City Declares Local Emergency, Issues Evacuation Warning for Residents of Culver Crest Area

02/05/2024


 Culver
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Press Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
February 5, 2024

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Culver City Declares Local Emergency, Issues Evacuation Warning for Residents of Culver Crest Area

In response to the ongoing inclement weather conditions and the increased risk of mudslides, Culver City has declared a local emergency and issued an evacuation warning for certain areas of the Culver Crest neighborhood.

Difference Between Evacuation Warning and Evacuation Order

- **An evacuation warning** means that it is time to prepare to leave your home and the area, gather your family, pets, basic needs and important paperwork and listen for instructions from local officials.
- **An evacuation order** means you must leave your home or business immediately. Failure to follow an evacuation order may endanger your life and the lives of others and may result in injury or death. Once you have left the area, you will not be able to return until local authorities lift the evacuation order. The City has **not** issued an evacuation order at this time.

Earlier on Monday, mud flows were reported behind two homes along Cranks Road and one home along Flaxton Street.

Evacuation Warnings have been issued for areas of Culver City's Upper Crest area due to potential mud or debris flows. **All evacuation warnings are currently in effect from 3 p.m. on Monday, February 5th through 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6th.**

- Cranks Road (Tellefson Road to St James Drive) (10600 and 10700 blocks)
- Tellefson Road (Cranks Road to Stubbs Lane) (5712 – 5825)
- Ranch Road (Tellefson Road to Cranks Road) (10600 and 10700 blocks)
- Stubbs Lane (entirety) (10700 block)
- Lugo Way (entirety) (10700 block)
- Youngworth Road (Ranch Road to Flaxton Street) (10600 block)

- Flaxton Street (Youngworth Road to Drakewood Ave) (10600 block)
- Drakewood Avenue (Ranch Road to Northgate Street) (10600 block)
- Bernardo Road (Tellefson Road to terminus) (10800 block)

Those in the Evacuation Warning areas should listen to any instructions from emergency responders and take steps now to gather family, pets, basic needs supplies, medications and important paperwork to "GET SET" in the event that an Evacuation Order is issued.

**An emergency shelter is available at:
Veterans Memorial Complex - Multipurpose Room
4117 Overland Avenue
Culver City, CA 90232**

[You can read the proclamation of local emergency in full.](#)

More Information & Resources

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Culver City Extends Evacuation Warning for Residents of Culver Crest Area

02/06/2024


 Culver
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Press Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
February 6, 2024

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Culver City Extends Evacuation Warning for Residents of Culver Crest Area

As the rain continued to fall throughout Tuesday, Culver City extended its evacuation warning for certain areas of the Culver Crest neighborhood out of an abundance of caution.

Difference Between Evacuation Warning and Evacuation Order

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On Monday, mud flows were reported behind two homes along Cranks Road and one home along Flaxton Street.

Evacuation warnings have been extended for same areas of Culver City's Upper Crest area due to potential mud or debris flows. **All evacuation warnings remain in effect through 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7th.**

- Cranks Road (Tellefson Road to St James Drive) (10600 and 10700 blocks)
- Tellefson Road (Cranks Road to Stubbs Lane) (5712 – 5825)
- Ranch Road (Tellefson Road to Cranks Road) (10600 and 10700 blocks)
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- Youngworth Road (Ranch Road to Flaxton Street) (10600 block)
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The rainfall in the region has created concerns about the stability of the terrain in the area. The City, along with the Culver City Fire Department and Public Works, continues to evaluate the situation and will provide additional recommendations when available.

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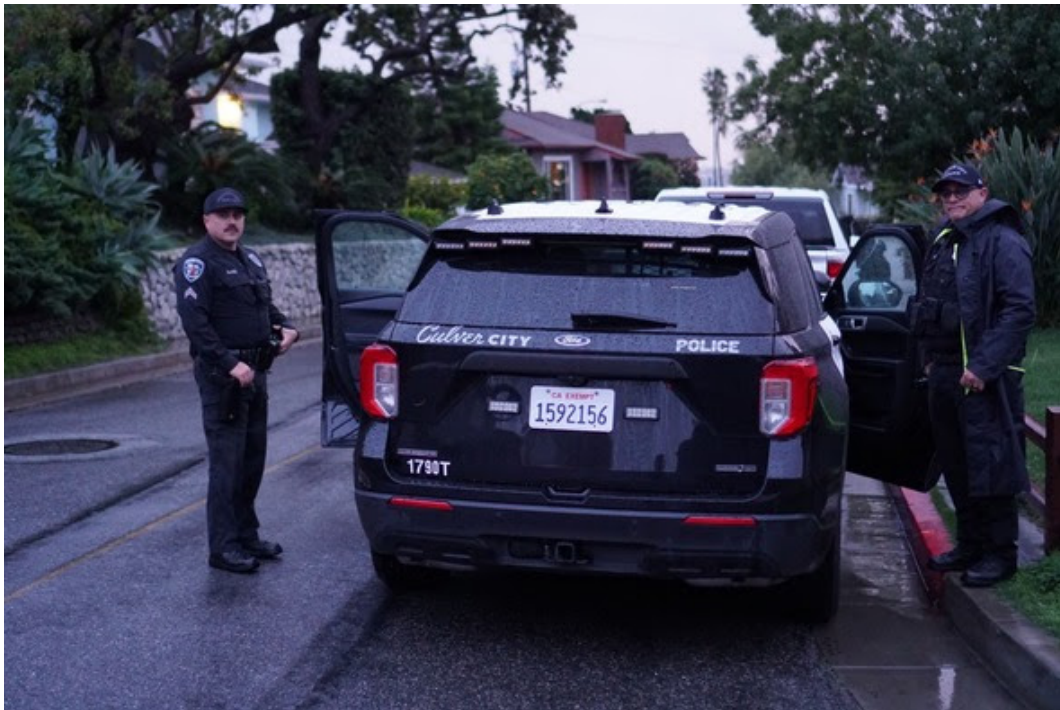
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Culver City Police, along with Culver City Fire, went door to door to alert residents of the extended warning.

Special Events Grant Program - February 20th Pre-Application Meeting Announced

02/07/2024



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
February 7, 2024

Contact:
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Special Events Grant Program February 20th, 2024 Pre-Application Meeting Announced

The [Culver City Special Events Grant Program](#) provides a centralized process for sponsorship and funding requests for local events. New and returning applicants are required to attend the online Pre-Application Meeting on February 20th, 2024 at 7 PM.

The City of Culver City recognizes the community and economic benefits associated with special events. We welcome the opportunity to partner with individuals and groups to bring a variety of quality activities to the community.

The virtual mandatory meeting is on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, from 7 PM to 8 PM. [Registration for the mandatory meeting is required](#). Once registered, attendees will be sent a link for the meeting. The 2024-25 Special Event Grant Program application period opens on Monday, February 21st, 2024. The deadline to apply is 11:59 PM on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024.

Smaller community or charitable events with a recreational, cultural, or social benefit to residents are eligible. Larger-scale events that promote Culver City regionally are also considered. Other eligibility requirements for events seeking sponsorship include:

- Must be open to the general public.
- Must take place in Culver City or immediately adjacent.
- Must take place between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025.
- Grant funding is not available to individuals or for events that serve a political purpose or are sponsored by political organizations.

For more information, please contact Edgar Varela at by [email](#) or [\(310\) 253-5752](#).

About Culver City

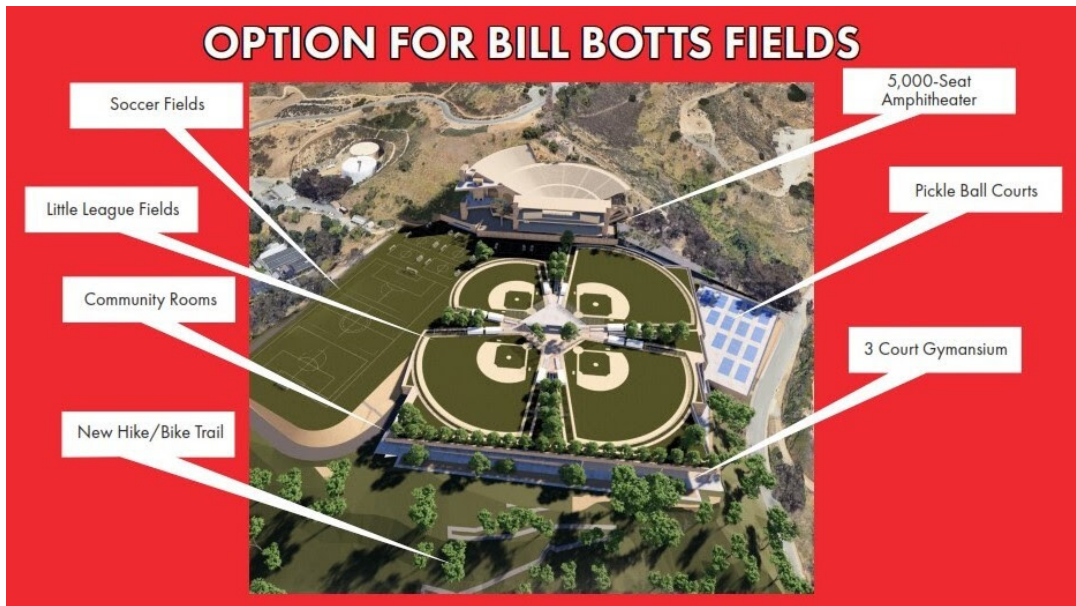
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February 8th FINAL Community Meeting on Veterans Memorial Park and Bill Botts Fields

02/07/2024



FINAL Community Meeting Thursday, February 8th from 6 PM-8 PM

The City is envisioning the future for Bill Botts Fields and Veterans Memorial Park, and we want to hear from you! The comprehensive visioning project will determine how these two parks will accommodate the community's 21st century needs for indoor and outdoor recreational, community meeting, event and cultural facilities.

Community meetings and a community survey will help determine the needs and priorities for Bill Botts Fields and Veterans Memorial Park.

IN-PERSON COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Thursday, February 8, 2024, 6-8PM

The community meeting will be held at Veterans Memorial Building located at 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230. Free parking is available onsite. To avoid parking challenges, attendees are encouraged to take alternative transportation including Culver CityBus or to walk, bike and ride to the event. Veterans Memorial is served by Culver CityBus Lines 1, 3 and 7 as well as the Line 1C1 Circulator with frequent service to and from the Art's District. Please contact Culver CityBus to plan your visit at [CulverCityBus website](#) or [\(310\) 253-6500](#).

ONLINE COMMUNITY MEETINGS

To attend the above community meeting virtually, please visit the [Project Website](#) and click on the virtual meeting link.

For more information about the visioning project for Bill Botts Fields and Veterans Memorial Park, please visit the [Project Website](#) with past community meeting minutes, past presentations, and meeting board displays.

Equity and Human Relations Award Nominations are NOW OPEN!

02/08/2024



The City of Culver City
**Equity and Human Relations
Advisory Committee's**

**Equity and Human
Relations Awards**

**Nominations
Now Open**

The Culver City Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee created the Equity and Human Relations Award to honor outstanding individuals for their contributions to equity and human relations in Culver City.

Recipients will be individuals and/or organizations who embody inclusiveness, altruism, and giving through volunteerism and public service to make Culver City a better place for all people to live.

Each honoree will be presented a medallion by the Culver City, City Council during a Council meeting.

Award Categories

An award will be presented to no more than one individual in each category:

- A Culver City resident or a person employed in Culver City
- A student attending any CCUSD school or West Los Angeles College
- A Culver City business owner
- The president or executive director of a non-profit organization serving the Culver City area

Who May Nominate

Any Culver City resident, business owner, student, or person employed in the city may nominate an individual who embodies the attributes described above.

Deadline

Nominations for the 2024 Awards must be received [online](#) or by mail no later than **Thursday, February 29, 2024**. (A mailed nomination form postmarked February 29, 2024, will be acceptable.)

How To Submit Nominations

- [Submit the online award nomination form](#)
- [Download the form here](#), complete, and mail in the nomination form.

Completed nomination forms can be mailed to:

City of Culver City
Human Resources Department
9770 Culver Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90232

[Visit the Equity and Human Relations Award webpage for more information.](#)



Agenda Now Available for the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of February 14, 2024

02/08/2024



PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING

Attend In-person or virtually Via Webex



MEETING DETAILS:

When

Wednesday, February 14, 2024
at 7 PM

Where

Mike Balkman Council Chambers
9770 Culver Blvd., Culver City, First Floor
(Courtesy option to attend virtually via Webex)

**** Indoor masking is highly recommended, but not required, at City Council, Commission, Board and Committee meetings.**

The meeting agendas and related items are currently available on the [City website](#).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEETING PARTICIPATION:

*****The public may attend this meeting in person or via video conference.*****

Virtual attendance is offered as a courtesy. Technical difficulties shall not require meeting postponement.

How to Submit a Written Public Comment Prior to the Meeting: Once the agenda is published: [Find the active eComment link to the right of the agenda date](#), then choose the agenda item

and add your comment. Watch a video tutorial on How to make an eComment.

Comments must be received at least 4 hours in advance of the meeting. Written comments WILL NOT be read aloud during the meeting.

How to Attend the Meeting:

- *In-Person:* Face masks are strongly recommended but not required. [Learn about the Coronavirus and the City's response, recommendations, and requirements.](#)
- *How to Join the Meeting Online via Webex:* Once the meeting has started, [find the meeting link under "Attend a Meeting Remotely" on the City's website.](#) Registration is no longer required.

How to Provide Verbal Public Comment In-Person or Online: *New Process*****

- [Find the meeting link under "Request to speak at a Meeting" on the City's website.](#) Complete and submit the online form. Indicate if you are attending in-person or online and select all the items on which you wish to make a verbal comment. It is highly recommended that you register to speak prior to the meeting's start time, regardless if you are attending in-person or online. A QR code to the online form will be provided on site for in-person attendees. Verbal public comments are taken at the time the particular agenda item is considered. Requests to speak must be submitted before the start of the public comment period for each agenda item or will not be considered. Whenever reasonable, speakers will be called in chronological order based on when they registered to speak. Each speaker may address the members of the body for up to three minutes.

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PEOPLE FOR
THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS

February 14, 2024

Jimmy Kim, General Manager
Commissioners
City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

Via e-mail: jimmy.kim@lacity.org; rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Dear Mr. Kim and Commissioners:

On behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and our more than 40,000 members and supporters in Los Angeles, I urge you to recommend that the city consider only non-animal business models in Griffith Park.

Manipulating animals against their will for ticket sales shows a lack of concern for their well-being and best interests. Forcing ponies to plod along in endless circles while carrying riders and subjecting sheep and other animals in petting zoos to constant interactions with strange, noisy crowds teach children the harmful lesson that animals are ours to dominate and treat like carnival equipment or toys. L.A. Animal Services is in the midst of a crisis. Shelters are over capacity, and calls for assistance are pouring in and often going unanswered. The city doesn't have the time or resources to monitor the treatment of more animals at one of its municipal parks. This situation was evident in the case of Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo, where a lack of oversight caused the geriatric ponies to suffer from untreated urgent dental problems, hoof ailments, saddle sores, and lameness, yet they were still forced to work. L.A. took an important stand by shutting down this exhibitor, but now the city needs to commit to providing only animal-free entertainment.

Enclosed is a partial list of our supporters who urged the city through e-mail to commit to a business model that doesn't rely on animals, which is the only way to ensure that no more animals will be neglected or exploited in the park. We will be closely monitoring this issue.

Sincerely,

Jakob Shaw

Jakob Shaw
Special Projects Manager
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

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Los Angeles, CA 90026
323-644-PETA

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Norfolk, VA 23510
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David	Gallardo	Alhambra	CA
Karen	Espanol	Culver City	CA
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Justine	Arteta	Los Angeles	CA
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Jill	Henderlight	Los Angeles	CA
Pauline	Doucet	Pasadena	CA
Lauren	Palazzolo	Los Angeles	CA
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Anna	Amirjanian	GLENDALE	CA
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Tracy	Reiman	Pasadena	CA
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Caterina	Janacua	Sherman Oaks	CA
Valerie	Barrie	Beverly Hills	CA
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Lisa	Kamins	Playa Vista	CA
Jordan	Gold	Pacific Palisades	CA
Paul	Kolar	Pasadena	CA
Ana Maria	Geraldino	Sherman Oaks	CA
Ma	Nadir	Glendale	CA
Alice	Chien	Long Beach	CA

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Carol	Becker	Sherman Oaks	CA
Maryfrances	Careccia	Los Angeles	CA
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Colin	Nico	pacific palisades	CA
Elizabeth	Brion	Los Angeles	CA
Rita	Thio	Toluca Lake	CA
Sahaja	Aram	Los Angeles	CA
Matthew	Braun	West Hollywood	CA
Aarati	Joly	Venice	CA
Stephanie	Nunez	Van Nuys	CA
Frederique	Joly	Venice	CA
Nancy	Gowani	Woodland Hills	CA
Kerry	Kuwata	Pasadena	CA
Andres	Echeverria	Los Angeles	CA
Sandy	Banks	Playa Del Rey	CA
Jeroen	de Wit	Valley Village	CA
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Luna	Gooding	Los Angeles	CA
Mabelle R.	Pou	San Dimas	CA
Henry	Weinberg	Beverly Hills	CA
Barbara	Cunningham	Glendale	CA
Sandra	Bell	Tarzana	CA
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Donye	Sacco	Los Angeles	CA
Alexa	Lynne	Los Angeles	CA
John	Delander	North Hollywood	CA
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Naomi	Taniguchi	West Hills	CA
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Oliver	Gruber	Inglewood	CA
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Maria	Villicana	Pacoima	CA
Kim	Rusnak	Los Angeles	CA
Fred	Licht	Glendale	CA
Khai	Hang	Baldwin Park	CA
Skip	Nicholson	Los Angeles	CA
Gary	Jones	San Marino	CA
Samuel	Popailo	Los Angeles	CA
Alysa	Brennan	Manhattan Beach	CA
Tanya	Trabanino	Los Angeles	CA
Michael	Springthorpe	Burbank	CA
Racey	Cohn	Los Angeles	CA
Alison	Taylor	West Hollywood	CA
Rosiris	Paniagua	Altadena	CA
Barbara	Poland	La Crescenta	CA
Silvia	Rocha	Azusa	CA
Andrew	Jaimez	Los Angeles	CA
Gina	Goff	West Hollywood	CA
Leigh	Platte	Topanga	CA
Marlo	Wamsganz	Los Angeles	CA
Joseph	Dadgari	Los Angeles	CA
Catherine	Beauchamp	Pasadena	CA
Amanda	Sauceda	Norwalk	CA
Brooke	Johnson	Los Angeles	CA
Tracy	Silverman	Los Angeles	CA
Lindsay	Garcia	San Gabriel	CA
Margarita	Perez	SYLMAR	CA
Anthony	Palesano	La Puente	CA
Christina	Babst	West Hollywood	CA
JASON	NAKAGAWA	Los Angeles	CA
Karen	McCaw	Los Angeles	CA
Victor	Rendon	Long Beach	CA
Chris	Taylor	Beverly Hills	CA

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Brenda	Street	DOWNEY	CA
Erfin	Hartojo	Walnut	CA
Tony	Mendoza	Los Angeles	CA
Ginger	Winn	COVINA	CA
Jordan	Gold	Pacific Palisades	CA
Emek	Echo	Los Angeles	CA
Paula	Rufener	Torrance	CA
Dana	Hamilton	Los Angeles	CA
D.	Rowe	Santa Monica	CA
Shawn	Kyles	San Pedro	CA
Alice	Weston	Valley Village	CA
Therese	Ryan	Palmdale	CA
Jackie	Samallo	Walnut	CA
Donna	H.	Los Angeles	CA
Axel	Parseghian	West Hollywood	CA
Sabrina	Pasztor	Glendale	CA
Rebecca	Maness	Los Angeles	CA
Sherry	Sclafani	Torrance	CA
Arax	Maksoudian	San Dimas	CA
Jeremy	Benjamin	Los Angeles	CA
Constance	Franklin	Los Angeles	CA
Karen	Guardado	PACOIMA	CA
Corinna	Fernandez	SANTA MONICA	CA
Rosa	Strayer	Whittier	CA
Bianca	Paradis	Beverly Hills	CA
Kelly	Wood	Pasadena	CA
Sue	Mattson	Los Angeles	CA
Kelly	Wood	Pasadena	CA
Lance	Cameron	Covina	CA
Sheila	Wasserman	Sherman Oaks	CA
Nikhil	Jayaram	Van Nuys	CA
Joyce	Partise	Los Angeles	CA
Laurie	Paladino	W Hollywood	CA
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Megan	Young	Los Angeles	CA

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Dana	Peer-Levis	Pasadena	CA
Andrea	Kaye	Los Angeles	CA
Jamie	Jamison	Los Angeles	CA
Ingrid	Kukuljan	Santa Monica	CA
John	Barsky	Los Angeles	CA
Roger	Hollander	Tarzana	CA
Susan	Hathaway	Pico Rivera	CA
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Steven	Adler	Los Angeles	CA
Lucy	Hart	Encino	CA
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Adriana	Nunez	Van Nuys	CA
Valerie	Apple	Los Angeles	CA
Patty	McCollim	Los Angeles	CA
Kelly	Logan	Los Angeles	CA
Susan	Marx	Gardena	CA
Kate	Valdez	Pomona	CA
Desiree	Martinez	Lancaster	CA
Brenda	Ramirez	Van Nuys	CA
Kathy	Cullen	Occidental	CA
Dana	Quintana	Palmdale	CA
Druana	Dowd	Granada Hills	CA
Stephanie	nava	Los Angeles	CA
Kevin	Cody	Los Angeles	CA
Lindsey	Hirway	Los Angeles	CA
Karin	Bennett	Long Beach	CA
Robert	Hussey	Castaic	CA
Cynthia	Moore	Los Angeles	CA
Hector	Rivera	Whittier	CA
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Erica	Nielsen	Los Angeles	CA
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Ava	Stanko	Redondo Beach	CA
Shelley	Zagars	Torrance	CA
Casey	Patrick	Van Nuys	CA
Tamia	Frick	Los Angeles	CA
Carrie	Covell	Los Angeles	CA
Liuba	Kazakevic	Los Angeles	CA
Julie	Hrebec	North Hollywood	CA
Reanna	Flores	Los Angeles	CA
Dale	Ferrari	Santa Clarita	CA
Diana	Kliche	Long Beach	CA
Suzanne	Kelly	Redondo Beach	CA
Robyn	Polashuk	Los Angeles	CA
Stephanie	Picard	Canoga Park	CA
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Christine	Sirias	Alhambra	CA
Nazila	Mahgereteh	Manhattan Beach	CA
Judi	Hochman	Los Angeles	CA
Kim	Santell	Pasadena	CA
Edgar	Alcala	San Dimas	CA
Deborah	Ebersold	West Hollywood	CA
Randy	Brion	Los Angeles	CA
Helene	Jaeger	Los Angeles	CA
Felicia	Tidy-Coyle	Compton	CA
Amber	Keggler	Los Angeles	CA
Jeanne	Schuster	West Covina	CA
Bri	Badias	Los Angeles	CA
Elva	LVillanueva	LOS ANGELES	CA
Robert	Drummond	Los Angeles	CA
Nuria	Cervantes	Pomona	CA
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Dale	E.	Beverly Hills	CA
Ashley	Craig	Long Beach	CA
Natasha	Jacobs	Los Angeles	CA
Carol	Hernandez	CALABASAS	CA
Kathy	Bayley	Los Angeles	CA
Sharman	Warner	Duarte	CA
Jane	Schall	MARINA DEL REY	CA
Marta	Quiroba	Santa Monica	CA
Debbie	St John	Woodland Hills	CA
Katy	Jafari	West Hills	CA
Lynne	Weiske	Los Angeles	CA
Mary	Romanek	Santa Monica	CA
Richard	Garrett	Winnetka	CA
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Al	Valenzuela	LOS ANGELES	CA
Paul	Youngblood	North Hills	CA
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Craig	Tyron	Los Angeles	CA
Mark	Stannard	Los Angeles	CA
Nia	Wong	San Gabriel	CA
Brad	Blaseck	Valencia	CA
Nareg	Keshishian	Woodland Hills	CA
DIANE	Cantwell	Tujunga	CA
Abbie	Bernstein	West Hollywood	CA
Lionel	Friedberg	Woodland Hills	CA
Eileen	Spiropoulos	Burbank	CA
Jerrilyn	Miller	Valley Village	CA
Stephen	Stone	Los Angeles	CA
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Stuart	Baumblatt	Valley Village	CA
Tanya	Guchi	Sherman Oaks	CA
Cynthia	Moore	Los Angeles	CA
Karen	Spiegel	Burbank	CA
Linda	Webb	Rancho Palos Verdes	CA
Scott	Rubel	Los Angeles	CA
Deysi	Sierra	Reseda	CA
John	Lamb	Sierra Madre	CA
Janet	Laur	Van Nuys	CA
Robert	Bursick	Los Angeles	CA
Marcel	Ansorena	Encino	CA
Mike	Reyes	Los Angeles	CA
Cass	Cayne	Palm Desert	CA
Yazmin	Gonzalez	Bellflower	CA
Serena	Rasmussen	Playa Del Rey	CA
Paulette	Doulatshahi	Playa Del Rey	CA
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Martha	Burr	Los Angeles	CA
Mara	O.	Baldwin Park	CA
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Azita	Massoud	Sherman Oaks	CA
Deborah	Collodel	Malibu	CA
Karla	Morales	Sherman Oaks	CA
Linda	Klein	El Segundo	CA
Ada	Saei	Sun Valley	CA
Casee	Maxfield	Los Angeles	CA
Diana	Zimmerman	Los Angeles	CA
Dennis	Lyday	Los Angeles	CA
Bellanira	Tiguila	PASADENA	CA
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Ann	Bein	Los Angeles	CA
John	DesJardin	Los Angeles	CA
Nowa	Strata	Santa Monica	CA

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Jessica	Choi	Los Angeles	CA
Kirsten	Milaney	Chatsworth	CA
Jennifer	Beckman	Redondo Beach	CA
maryan	infield	Los Angeles	CA
Joey	Amini	Malibu	CA
Jeff	Fromberg	Los Angeles	CA
Carolyn	Garcia	Torrance	CA
Sam	Lavi	Studio City	CA
Andrea	Tenerelli	Los Angeles	CA
Barbara	Park	Pasadena	CA
Jan	Contreras	Lake Balboa	CA
Julia	Sanford	Los Angeles	CA
Madeleine	Fisher Kern	Los Angeles	CA
Candace	Rocha	Los Angeles	CA
Maria	Amaral	Valley Village	CA
Hilarey	Benda	Sherman Oaks	CA
Brenda	Ramirez	Van Nuys	CA
Claudia	Zamora	Downey	CA
Carol	Royce-Wilder	Venice	CA
Linda	Abbott	Torrance	CA
Jesse	Calderon	Baldwin Park	CA
Sima	Sadafi	Porter Ranch	CA
Michelle	Geil	Marina Del Rey	CA
Marianne	Kai	Sherman Oaks	CA
Melanie	Ross	San Diego	CA
Marlene	Licitra	Sunland	CA
Batsheva	Kasdan	Los Angeles	CA
KATE	PREVOST	Glendale	CA
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Daniel	Simms	Long Beach	CA
John	Garvin	Whittier	CA
Elizabeth	Limebrook	Aliso Viejo	CA
Michelle	Fox	Downey	CA
James	Castaldi	Palmdale	CA
Yesenia	Fonseca	Whittier	CA
Deborah	Maguire	Manhattan Beach	CA
Sandra	Gold	Poway	CA
Carol	Hewitt	Signal Hill	CA
Ana	Martinez	Los Angeles	CA
Leslie	Gonzales	Lancaster	CA
Michele	Le Bleu	Glendale	CA
Cordi	Koga	Rancho Palos Verdes	CA
Tom	Atha	Alhambra	CA
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Karleena	Hawes	San Pedro	CA
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Jeanette	Baldonado	DUARTE	CA
Kristine	Spicer	Pasadena	CA
Diego	Vega	West Hollywood	CA
Brianna	Brann	Santa Clarita	CA
Mo	Solo	Toluca Lake	CA
Doreen	Firouzi	Santa Monica	CA
Roy	Zia	Los Angeles	CA
Nn	Day	Los Angeles	CA
Candice	Barnett	Lancaster	CA
Celina	Martinez	Reseda	CA
Zohra	Fahim	Vista	CA
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Raffaele	Vesco	Los Angeles	CA
Justin	Ketrinчек	Los Angeles	CA
sophia	galano	El Segundo	CA
Nikola	Zegarac	Long Beach	CA
Lucy	Hart	Los Angeles	CA
Sevara	Alimova	Culver City	CA
Veronica	Sanchez	Huntington Park	CA
Davina	Dobrovech	Burbank	CA
Mariana	Jimenez	Panorama City	CA
Jami	Tolpin	Sherman Oaks	CA
Sasha	Bosio	San Diego	CA
Mele	Liss	Pacific Palisades	CA
Dennis	Landi	Bellflower	CA
Linda	Skorheim	Temple City	CA
Sandra	Noah	Los Angeles	CA
Tatianna	Wraskaia	West Hollywood	CA
Trabuco	Canyon	Trabuco Canyon	CA
Teresa	Guillen	South Gate	CA
Giselle	Rossin	Santa Clarita	CA
Jon	Benneian	Los Angeles	CA
John	Howard	Venice	CA
Nuria	Cervantes	Pomona	CA
JENNIFER	PARKER	Los Angeles	CA
Joseph	Gualtieri	Studio City	CA
Roxana	Mandel	Los Angeles	CA
Hannah	Telle	Los Angeles	CA
Christine	Weiss	West Hollywood	CA
Vanessa	Lim	Los Angeles	CA
Danny	Prater	Los Angeles	CA



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Re: Fw: Griffith Park Pony Rides welfare check 12/11 at 3:00 pm

1 message

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

Fri, Feb 16, 2024 at 7:44 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 10:09 PM Zohra Fahim <

> wrote:

On Sunday August 21 st, 2022,**Concern:**

- SPOT was in full working condition on August 21 st, 2022 while her head was bobbing. As you witness the inexperienced workers kept her on the turnstile. They didn't even check her to see if she was okay. It was because of activist that complained to the Rangers who then spoke to the workers. I unfortunately cannot be there 24/7 to ensure that all animals are in full working condition.

Her head bobbing here: <https://youtu.be/WwCCVvpayZY>And also here: <https://youtu.be/xsi23hDaKcw>

On Monday, September 26th, 2022, I had a scheduled inspection of the GPPR facility where I met with owner/operator and his staff. At that time, I examined each of the individual animals

#24) Spot (open lesion on withers) –currently under medical care and no longer in work per records. Patient should remain out of work until condition is completely resolved and cleared by regular attending veterinarian.

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Re: Fw: Griffith Park Pony Rides welfare check 12/11 at 3:00 pm

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Feb 16, 2024 at 7:43 AM

To: Zohra Fahim <

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Good morning,

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

On Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 9:03 PM Zohra Fahim <

> wrote:

Zohra Fahim

President and Founder of Los Angeles Alliance for Animals

"Strength does not come from physical capacity, it comes from an indomitable will" -Gandhi

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Zohra Fahim <

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To: [Ani.nocfield@lacity.org](mailto:ani.nocfield@lacity.org) <ani.nocfield@lacity.org>; Oscar.peregrina@lacity.org <[oscar.peregrina@lacity.org](mailto:Oscar.peregrina@lacity.org)>; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>; annette.ramirez@lacity.org <annette.ramirez@lacity.org>;

< rap.commissioners@lacity.org <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>; michael.a.shull@lacity.org <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>

Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 11:10:17 AM PST

Subject: Griffith Park Pony Rides welfare check 12/11 at 3:00 pm

Hi Lieutenant Peregrina,

Thank you for your hard work and dedication towards the protection of our animals. I understand your plate is full, so I thank you in advance for attention on this issue.

I would like to kindly submit a welfare check to the below items:

- On Saturday 12/11, the horses and ponies at Griffith Park and Pony Ride were being overworked.
- On Saturday 12/11 a pony at Griffith Park and Pony Ride, a pony was elevating both of its back hooves simultaneous. A patron walking by and I expressed our concern, and one of the workers tried checking the hooves but was unsuccessful. We requested that their "direct equine veterinarian" examine this pony. The manager did not respond to this request or our concerns, and we were met with her laughing. I know that you're the expert thus I wanted to submit this issue to you, and ask you if this is normal (picture attached), and to please have an equine veterinarian ensure that this pony does not have any issues? I apologize as I do not have a video for you to capture full scope, however will provide to you moving forward.

I am **respectfully urging you** to please enforce the following law:

Penal Code 597

((b) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (a) or (c), every person who overdrives, overloads, drives when overloaded, overworks, tortures, torments, deprives of necessary sustenance, drink, or shelter, cruelly beats, mutilates, or cruelly kills any animal, or causes or procures any animal to be so overdriven, overloaded, driven when overloaded, overworked, tortured, tormented, deprived of necessary sustenance, drink, shelter, or to be cruelly beaten, mutilated, or cruelly killed; and whoever, having the charge or custody of any animal, either as owner or otherwise, subjects any animal to needless suffering, or inflicts unnecessary cruelty upon the animal, or in any manner abuses any animal, or fails to provide the animal with proper food, drink, or shelter or protection from the weather, or who drives, rides, or otherwise uses the animal when unfit for labor, is, for each offense, guilty of a crime punishable pursuant to subdivision (d).

I **respectfully am urging you** to advocate for the retirement of the Appaloosa pony that has lameness, and should not be working. I am **respectfully urging you** to have animal cruelty charges filed against this concessionaire for allowing a Appaloosa pony to work for almost seven hours (on multiple days while having workers chase after this animal), when this horse has gait issues.

- Appaloosa pony spotted with lameness, appeared to be fatigued, chased by workers for almost seven hours on this day. I understand that you're still investigating, however I have observed this horse to be working, and this horse should not be working, rather be resting. This issue is garnering national attention, (please refer to letter below from horse expert who trains law enforcement agencies on proper handling of equines and investigating equine abuse).

Dear Michael Shull,

I **respectfully am urging you** to exercise default provisions towards the operator Griffith Park and Pony Rides, Stephen Weeks for not upholding the contract. Placing a child on a unstable pony to provide rides poses a huge safety risk to children, and this can cause an injury to a child. This can also poses a huge lawsuit against the city if a child is injured. In addition, allowing for a horse to be overworked with no water for almost seven hours in 90 F is endangering livestock.

Please refer to below of the contract:

R. Care of Livestock

CONCESSIONAIRE shall strictly observe all requirements and directives of the Department of Animal Services of the City of Los Angeles. If CONCESSIONAIRE or his employees appear to have mistreated or endangered any livestock, after a review by a licensed equine veterinarian, the DEPARTMENT may immediately exercise default provisions.

A child was injured on July, 2021 of this year (please refer to video below), as I have deep concern for the children that visit this park as we have observed the saddle to continue to slip.

[Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo: Girl trampled and dragged when saddle slips. July 2021](#)

Thank you for all the hard work you do in our community. It is greatly appreciated.
All my best to you,

Zohra

Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

Nov 24 at 5:34 PM

Scott Beckstead < >To: michael.a.shull@lacity.org, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Dear Michael,

I am a lifelong horse owner and an expert in equine care and welfare. As part of my work I provide training to law enforcement agencies on proper handling of equines and investigating equine abuse and neglect. I am also an adjunct professor of law at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, where I teach classes in animal law.

I have observed video of the conditions under which the ponies are expected to work at the Griffith Park pony ride attraction. Based on those observations it is clear to me that the owner of that facility is not attending to the basic welfare needs of the animals in his or her care. I am particularly concerned about a small spotted white pony with an irregular gait that could indicate either pronounced musculoskeletal injuries or neurological disease, such as stringhalt. This animal must be immediately removed from work and put under the care of an equine veterinarian. I am also concerned that the animals appeared to be working on hot summer days where they were clearly fatigued and sluggish in their movements.

Because these appear to be chronic and ongoing problems, I would expect immediate action by the city, including revoking the facility's permit and shutting it down so the animals can be placed in more humane living conditions.

Thank you for considering my views and please advise if you have any questions or I can be of further assistance.

Scott Beckstead

Sutherlin, Oregon

Zohra Fahim

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Re: Request to Host mental health & suicide prevention Event at a City Location

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 8:37 AM

To: Celebrating Teen Success <

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Good morning,

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

On Mon, Feb 19, 2024 at 10:08 PM Celebrating Teen Success <

> wrote:

Dear City Of Los Angeles,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to you today to request your support and partnership in hosting a mental health and suicide prevention pop up event and by Celebrating Teen Success I LUV ME Movement within the city of Los Angeles as an engaged community member deeply concerned about the well-being of our city's teens and young adults, I believe that organizing such an event can play a vital role in saving lives and fostering a supportive environment for those in need. Suicide rates have been on the rise in recent years, and it is crucial that we take proactive steps to address this public health issue. By hosting a mental health and suicide prevention pop up event, we aim to provide a safe and nurturing space for individuals, especially teenagers and young adults, who may be struggling with mental health challenges or contemplating self-harm.

The pop up primary objective is to raise awareness about suicide prevention, promote mental health education, and empower participants with coping strategies, support networks, and resources. We plan to collaborate with mental health professionals, counselors, and volunteers to facilitate workshops, group discussions, outdoor activities, and therapeutic sessions. In light of the above, I kindly request that City Of Los Angeles consider donating one of your designated locations for hosting the suicide prevention pop up event and permits to host such event. We are open to discussing potential sites that would be suitable for this purpose, such as community centers, parks, or recreational facilities, taking into account their accessibility and appropriateness for the activities planned we would like to plan for this event to happen on

September 14, 2024 Suicide Prevention Week.

By leveraging the city's resources and infrastructure, we can ensure the success of this initiative and maximize its positive impact on our community. We would greatly appreciate any logistical support you can provide, including the provision of a suitable venue, basic amenities, and assistance with promoting the camp within the local community. Furthermore, I am confident that this collaboration would reflect the city of Sacramento commitment to the well-being of its residents and its dedication to creating a supportive environment for all. Hosting a suicide prevention pop up aligns with the City's values of compassion, inclusion, and proactive community engagement.

I am more than willing to meet in person or discuss the details further to address any concerns or questions you may have. Please feel free to contact me at 213-696-2394 or via email at info@celebratingteensuccess.org together, we can make a difference and save lives. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important request. I eagerly await your positive response and the opportunity to work together in creating a safer and more resilient city.

sincerely,

Imani Higgins

Celebrating Teen Success

<https://www.celebratingteensuccess.org>

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Re: Pacific Palisades RAP Meeting March 21

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 12:31 PM

To: donna burkons <

Cc: " <j > , " < >

Good afternoon,

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

On Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 11:50 AM donna burkons < > wrote:

Hello,

I would like to request/create a board report for the RAP Meeting on March 21 @ Pacific Palisades Rec at 9 am.

Pacific Palisades is a "pickleball desert" south of Mulholland Dr, West of the 405 , east of Topanga Blvd and north Santa Monica and the 10 freeway.

Approximately 70,000+ residents live in the area and between Palisades Rec, Rustic Canyon and Brentwood, there are 14 tennis courts. As a contrast, Granada Hills has 50,000 residents and has at least 4 Pickleball courts available at Petit Park.

There are a total of 804 available hours of court play per week between Rustic and PP. Pickleball has 0% of those hours. We USED to have 12 hours per week or just 1.4% of court time that was taken away without justification (tennis still had 98% of court time). We are asking for just 10% of court hours=1 dedicated court that will be limited to the number of people on the courts at any given time for our pilot program.

We have a pilot program we would like to propose at the meeting.

Thank you so much

Donna Burkons



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Re: Media Park - Performance Content & Noise Complaint

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 27, 2024 at 9:22 AM

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Feb 27, 2024 at 9:10 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello,

Please see the forwarded message below.

Thank you,

Caro

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

From: < >
Date: Sun, Feb 25, 2024 at 5:28 PM
Subject: Media Park - Performance Content & Noise Complaint
To: RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>
Cc: Sean ~ General Manager < >

Greetings,

I'm the property manager for 3775 S. Canfield Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90034. I've managed this property since 2008.

This is a 27-unit multi-family apartment complex. I have tenants with children that live in this apartment complex. There are 15 units that have windows that face Venice Blvd.

There is a live performance with comedians that's been going on across the street at Media Park for many hours now.

My tenants are complaining because it's so loud that the dialogue from Media Park can be heard **very clearly**, even though we're not directly across the street, and also the second building down from Venice Boulevard.

Beside it being so loud, almost every other word is:

Fu*ker, motherf**ker, nigg*r, stupid b*tch, p*ssy, bl*wjob, c*nt, and the list of obscenities goes on.

They're also talking about having sex in detail, and drug use.

One of the comedians mentioned in his act that he grew up in the Rockledge Apartments in Wakefield, MA. Like I said, we can hear every word.

This is not the first time my tenants have complained about overly loud performances at Media Park, and their desire for "quiet enjoyment" over the weekends.

In the past I told my tenants that the performances usually don't last all afternoon, but due to the obscenities and vulgar content that's not appropriate for children, I have to address this so it doesn't happen again.

Patrons at surrounding businesses such as Trader Joe's and In-N-Out also hear this performance loud and clear.

I want to file a formal complaint with the City on behalf of my tenants and the property owner. My contact information follows below.

I appreciate your help.

Warm regards,

Sean

Sean P. Uray

Property Manager

General Manager

3775 S. Canfield Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90034

E-mail:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Petition · SUPPORT TO KEEP OAKWOOD PARKS NAME & RETRACT MOTION FOR OAKWOOD PARK NAME CHANGE IN VENICE · Change.org

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 27, 2024 at 8:21 AM

Good morning,

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On Mon, Feb 26, 2024 at 2:26 PM Laura Ceballos <

> wrote:

<https://www.change.org/p/support-to-keep-oakwood-parks-name-retract-motion-for-oakwood-park-name-change-in-venice>

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Re: Golf Tee Times - Bots

1 message

Michael Maslin < >
To: Rick Reinschmidt <rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org>
Cc: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Feb 23, 2024 at 6:30

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Michael Maslin
Phone:
Email:

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Can you please let me know what your thoughts are?

Warm regards,
Michael

Michael Maslin
Phone:
Email:

8:00 



Tee Time Alert >

December 23rd at 9:30am

Rancho Park

4 People

Book Now : [https://
cityofla.ezlinksgolf.com/index.html#/
preSearch](https://cityofla.ezlinksgolf.com/index.html#/preSearch)

December 23rd at 9:40am

Rancho Park

4 People

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December 23rd at 9:50am

Rancho Park

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December 23rd at 10:00am

Rancho Park

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Text Message



8:26



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Text Message



On Nov 9, 2023, at 9:20 AM, Michael Maslin < > wrote:

Thank you for the response.

Unfortunately, it is clear that not enough is being done, or, whatever is being done by GolfNow is still being circumvented.

The fact of the matter is, there are bots being used every day and individuals are hoarding tee times and reselling them. This is not speculation - what you are hearing is a legitimate issue - and it must be too difficult to catch the individuals who are violating the rules.

A likely solution would be for GolfNow to make adjustments to how they restrict / catch bots. It's likely that they need additional pressure from the LA municipality to make changes, otherwise this is going to continue without any resolution.

Michael Maslin

Phone:

Email:

On Nov 9, 2023, at 9:01 AM, Rick Reinschmidt <rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org> wrote:

| Hello Michael

Thank you for your email regarding the LA City booking engine. We understand it has become extremely difficult to obtain a golf tee time over the last couple of years. Especially since we have a lot less inventory (10 minute intervals as opposed to 6 or 8 minutes). Our tee time vendor, GolfNow, built a "bot-squasher" into our booking engine. When it detects suspicious or unusually fast activity at 6:00 a.m., it automatically places a CAPTCHA on that IP address to prevent that from happening in the future. As far as reselling of tee times, yes we've heard of that happening.

We have not seen that happening. If we do catch any company or any golfer violating our policy, we take action and suspend their Player Card and/or playing privileges.

We thank you for your concerns and your patronage.

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

From: **Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
Date: Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 10:38 AM
Subject: Re: Golf Tee Times - Bots
To: Michael Maslin < >
Cc: RAP Golf <rap.golf@lacity.org>, jimmy.kim@lacity.org <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 12:25 PM Michael Maslin < > wrote:
To whom it may concern:

I am an avid golfer and frequent the city's municipal courses as much as I can. However, over the last few months, it has become nearly impossible to get a tee time.

I wake up at 6am every morning to try to get one, but they are gone within seconds.

It has been brought to my attention that there are people who have bots that scoop up every tee time as soon as they become available, and then they are being re-sold to people in the know.

Is the Rec and Parks division aware of this issue? Is anything being done to fix this?

I've paid for a players card, I pay my taxes, etc. and something needs to be done so I (and thousands of others) can actually enjoy the courses.

Looking forward to hearing back.

Best regards,

Michael

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1 message

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

Fri, Feb 23, 2024 at 10

Hello Michael

Thank you for your email. As I mentioned before, our long-term golf tee time vendor, GolfNow, monitors this activity with a special bot-squasher that was created specifically for the L.A. City golf tee time booking engine. By the time a golf reservation hits our tee sheets, it is virtually impossible to know how it was booked other than if it was booked via the web, call center, or mobile app. If our bot-squasher detects suspicious activity or unusually fast activity, it will automatically throw a CAPTCHA on that IP address to prevent future activity. I've been working with our Department's City Attorneys and we've sent Cease and Desist letters to multiple companies such as Loop Golf. There are several of these companies popping up lately.

As for the alleged brokering of tee times goes... that's a whole different issue. Again, without specific names and contacts, we have no way of tracking if this is taking place. Much of what is posted online in these forums are simply not true or extremely exaggerated. We are, however, coming up with ideas for the near future that would help prevent some of this activity if fact it is taking place.

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Sepulveda Garden Center Park Advisory Board

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> Tue, Feb 27, 2024 at 3:46 PM

To: Patricia Bates <...>
Cc: Lili Costa <...>, Chinyere Stoneham <chinyere.stoneham@lacity.org>, Brian Yamasaki <brian.yamasaki@lacity.org>, Maria Gomez <maria.a.gomez@lacity.org>, Wayne Neal <wayne.neal@lacity.org>, Darryl Ford <darryl.ford@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Jennifer Camacho <jennifer.camacho@lacity.org>, Valeria Puente <valeria.puente@lacity.org>, Emma Taylor <emma.taylor@lacity.org>, Walker King <walker.king@lacity.org>, Glenn Bailey <...>, Ricky Angel <ricky.angel@lacity.org>

Good afternoon,

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

On Tue, Feb 27, 2024 at 3:14 PM Patricia Bates <...> wrote:

Good Afternoon -

Because we received no response to our December 8, 2023 request that a Park Advisory Board be formed for the Sepulveda Garden Center, we are repeating the request, below. Several of us plan on attending the Commission meeting on March 7, 2024 at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Recreation Center to make comments regarding the SCG and other matters.

On behalf of a group of Sepulveda Garden Center (SCG) stakeholders, we respectfully submit a request for consideration by the Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks that a Park Advisory Board be formed for the SCG. Please refer to the attached document for a detailed explanation of the request and a list of stakeholders who volunteer to serve.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned to discuss.

Pat Bates

Mobile

Lili Costa

Mobile

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Ukrainian Protest / Skyline Festival

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Feb 29, 2024 at 10:48 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Feb 29, 2024 at 10:37 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello,

Please see the message below.

Thank you.

Caro

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

From: **Sean Moir** < >

Date: Wed, Feb 28, 2024 at 5:28 PM

Subject: Ukrainian Protest / Skyline Festival

To: <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>

Cc: <councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>, <RAP.PUBLICINFO@lacity.org>, < >

Dear Honorable Mayor Blass,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the city's demonstration of solidarity with Ukraine, as evidenced by their support for the Ukrainian protest at City Hall on February 24, the second anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion. I believe it is crucial to stand in support of freedom and democracy in these challenging times. And I am especially grateful to Councilmember Paul Krekorian for his thoughtful remarks at the protest. His presence meant a lot to the community.

However, I am concerned about a scheduling conflict that arose between the protest and the Skyline Festival at Gloria Molina Grand Park, directly adjacent to City Hall, since the noise from the festival's soundchecks disrupted the protest and the solemnity of the event.

Further, after the protest, the Ukrainian community had scheduled a prayer service at the Holodomor Monument in Molina Park, a memorial dedicated to the victims of the Ukrainian genocide in the 1930s. However, all entrances to the monument were closed off, preventing Ukrainian clergy and community members from paying their respects. This closure occurred while concertgoers were freely permitted to walk around the area, which includes the adjacent Armenian Genocide memorial, creating a stark contrast that compounded the feelings of disrespect towards both communities and their deeply significant memorials.

Moving forward, I urge the city to implement improved communication and coordination between departments involved in event planning and scheduling. This would ensure a more balanced and respectful approach to utilizing public spaces and facilitating diverse community activities. To achieve this, I propose the following suggestions:

- **Respect for Memorial Grounds:** Establish clear guidelines regarding the use of public spaces dedicated to remembrance and solemn reflection.

- **Enhanced Conflict Assessment:** Strengthen the city's process for assessing potential conflicts when approving permits for events in public spaces.

By taking these steps, the city can ensure a more balanced and respectful approach to utilizing public spaces and facilitating diverse community activities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sean Moir and Valentyna Levytsky

cc: Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
Honorable Paul Krekorian, Los Angeles City Council

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please Commit to a Non-Animal Attraction in Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 4:14 PM

To:

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 3:34 PM Mary Romanek <

> wrote:

Message to Jimmy Kim:

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Sincerely,
MS. Mary Romanek

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Re: Please Commit to a Non-Animal Attraction in Griffith Park

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 7:12 AM

Good morning,

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On Sun, Feb 18, 2024 at 11:54 AM Cindy Caviedes <

> wrote:

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To:

Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 9:39 AM

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On Mon, Feb 12, 2024 at 9:40 PM Lisa Stanley <
Message to Jimmy Kim:

> wrote:

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1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 8:16 AM

To:

Good morning,

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On Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 9:16 PM Michelle Zhou <

> wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

No more pony rides!!!

1 message

Erica St John

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Thu, Feb 22, 2024 at 11:53 AM

To: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Hello,

I as a resident of LA want to strongly vote against bringing the pony rides back to Griffith Park. I've seen firsthand how the ponies suffered for YEARS and it's time to replace with a NON ANIMAL model. We have made so much progress with this we cannot go backwards. People need to evolve & grow with the times animals are not rides. Kids can have more fun on safe rides like children's mini toy cars, bumper cars etc. where they can be safely restrained inside or hold on to handles, unlike just sitting openly on top of ponies with no proper hold.

Thank you,
Erica

Sent from my iPhone



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Feb 16, 2024 at 7:42 AM

To:

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On Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 7:56 PM Lisa Jaime <

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Thank you,
Amanda Turner

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To: Samantha Prado <

Fri, Feb 16, 2024 at 7:50 AM

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On Thu, Feb 15, 2024 at 11:48 PM Samantha Prado <

> wrote:

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On Thu, Feb 15, 2024 at 3:10 AM Zhen < > wrote:

Hello,

I am an equestrian and I have been riding my horses at Griffith Park for more than 10 years. I highly support to bring back the Pony Ride. Griffith Park Pony Ride is what makes Griffith Park unique and give low income family to have close interaction with horses and ponies. We as humans, we learn as we go. We must bring back the pony ride with gold standard of care. Me being an equestrian was all started from an elementary school field trip to Griffith Park pony ride.

Thank you!

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On Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 9:56 PM 2K8 Rossi Adams <> wrote:

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Warmest regards,
Catie & Kate

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Sent from my iPhone

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Please ensure that the site of the former pony rides and petting zoo is that of a non-animal model and prevent more animals from being exploited. Thank you for considering an ethical option and thank you for all that you do for the City of Los Angeles.

Thank you,
Cassidy

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Date: Sat, Feb 10, 2024 at 6:41 PM
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To: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

As a Los Angeles City constituent who cares about the well-being of animals and one of over 250,000 worldwide In Defense of Animals supporters, I urge you to replace the Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo with a non-animal model. Not only do pony rides, petting zoos, and other animal exhibits involve animal suffering, but they also teach children the inappropriate lesson that animals are carnival equipment to be used for entertainment, rather than teaching them to respect and value animals as sentient beings.

I also urge you to look into the six elderly ponies who were allegedly transferred to other facilities while Stephen Weeks was operating the Griffith Park and Pony Rides. According to the USDA, which regulated your petting zoo, operators were required to provide documentation on where animals were transferred. These same standards should have been required by Recreation and Parks for transferred ponies. I urge you to ensure that this is looked into, and that documentation is provided publicly.

Please ensure that the site of the former pony rides and petting zoo is that of a non-animal model and prevent more animals from being exploited. Thank you for considering an ethical option and thank you for all that you do for the City of Los Angeles.

Thank you,
Cassidy

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: No animal exploitation

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 4:19 PM

To: Ron McGill <

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 10:05 AM Ron McGill <

> wrote:

Hello!

I am avoiding constituent here in Los Angeles, living in ZIP Code, 90026.

I am writing you to demand a non-animal model we put in in place of what used to be the Griffith Park pony exploitation rides. Using animals for profit is archaic, updated, and very counter to the view of the passing of Angelinos.

Please listen to the voices of your constituency, and implement a compassionate alternative at Griffith Park, and in LA in general!

Thank you for your time.

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: New Proposal for Pony Rides and Petting Zoo at Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 9:39 AM

To: " " < >

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Feb 12, 2024 at 3:38 PM < > wrote:

Board of Commissioners,

I've recently heard that there is new proposal for re-introducing new pony rides and a petting zoo to Griffith Park.

I'd like to call your attention to the fact that the former pony ride provider did not even provide the most basic health care for the elderly ponies, leaving them with mouth sores, overgrown hooves, and lameness, and he forced them to work in the sweltering California heat. The petting zoo exposed the animals to being handled by children who often did not treat them with kindness.

Our LA shelters are full right now, and the department overseeing animal welfare is too overwhelmed to also be able to monitor new pony rides and a petting zoo. I urge you to table this proposal in order to prevent more animal mistreatment and suffering.

Why not provide non-animal entertainment: magicians, clowns, singers, musicians, dancers, acrobats, outdoor movies, etc?

Thank You,
Hope C'Dealva-Lenik

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Letter in Strong Support of Returning Live Pony Rides to Griffith Park.

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Feb 16, 2024 at 7:42 AM

To: Sam Kirkeby <

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Good morning,

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

On Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 7:09 PM Sam Kirkeby <

> wrote:

Feb 14, 2024

Dear RAP Representatives:

My name is Sam Kirkeby and I was born in Hollywood in 1965. My father Clair Huffaker was a well known western novelist and screenwriter so I grew up reading his flamboyant tales of cowboy romance and western adventure. His novels were made into many films starring the likes of John Wayne, Elvis Presley, Kirk Douglas and Audie Murphy. By the time I could talk I was asking where my pony was, and when I could go riding. My first pony ride would have been circa 1968 at Kiddie Land where the Beverly Center now stands in West Hollywood. Since then horses and riding have become a lifelong passion for me.

My parents bought me my first pony when I was five. At 13 I was accepted into a private boarding school where it was *required* to have a horse. The motto of my school was *"the outside of a horse is good for the inside of a boy"*. My school believed it built character and taught responsibility to care for another sentient being and have that animal rely on you for its feed, exercise, stall mucking, grooming, nutrition and well being. As an adult, horses have continued to be my passion and my horses have worked in films, TV, music videos and even performed live onstage in an opera at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in downtown Los Angeles. They have worked with actors, musicians and celebrities including Madonna, Andrea Bocelli, Zendaya, Adrian Brody, One Republic, and many others. Some of the most significant and meaningful relationships in my life have been blessed to come my way because of horses and the roads and pathways my love of horses has taken me down.

None of this would have happened without the Pony Rides in Los Angeles, and the patience and love of my mother and father. I would not be who I am today without all that horses and my horse friends have taught me over nearly six decades. I have been blessed to be involved with these noble, beautiful, patient and kind animals throughout the majority of my life. They are my teachers, my therapists, my shoulders to cry on, my laughter, my blessings, my friends. They are my church.

Perhaps by now it is clear that I wholeheartedly support keeping live pony rides at Griffith Park. A new pony riding and pony learning center with a "golden standard of care" I believe would be the most wonderful conclusion to the shameful and sudden shutting down of this wonderful park attraction that gives so much to the children of our Los Angeles community, *most particularly children from lower income families and inner city children.*

I believe the park's knee jerk reaction to fanatic animal activist extremism is shameful. Since when is screaming obscenities and yelling at parents and children a basis on which to form public policy? God forbid we jump every time ignorant and bullying activists believe they know better than horsemen & horsewomen who have dedicated their lives to these noble and gentle animals. God forbid we rely on the fact-deficient histrionics of zealots instead of professional veterinarians like those hired by the park who found no abuse at the pony rides. The city and the park mustn't cave in to uninformed and ignorant hysteria which in no way reflects the feelings of the Los Angeles equestrian community or the facts of the park's very own third party veterinarian. The ultimate mission of these misguided animal "advocates" is plainly stated in her report:

"It must be noted, that to some degree, extreme activists will never agree with ANY animals working for hire in an entertainment capacity due to their underlying beliefs against any animals used for work, entertainment, performance or on display as they believe any and all of these practices are abusive."

Dr Rachel Sachar, DVM, CVA

It is my strongest belief that if we cave in to these fanatics' demands now, every aspect of animal ownership will be on the table from now on. Petting zoos will be next, then horse shows and events, animals in motion pictures and films, and ultimately any riding of horses altogether. What will the park do when the LA Zoo comes under fire? Close the zoo? What happens when they decide that keeping animals as pets is wrong and they claim that your favorite golden retriever, poodle or tabby cat is basically a slave living in the prison of your home?

It is my most heartfelt plea to all of you, that you keep the pony rides in Griffith Park and listen to the voices of the LA Equestrian Advisory Committee, professional veterinary professionals and the entirety of our *local* resident Los Angeles equestrian community.

Thank you for listening,

Sam Kirkeby

Los Angeles native,

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Keep animal exploitation out of Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 12:28 PM

To: Los Angeles Alliance for Animals <

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Good morning,

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

On Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 10:31 AM Los Angeles Alliance for Animals <

> wrote:

Zohra Fahim
President and Founder of Los Angeles Alliance for Animals

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

From: **Diego Gavilanes** < >
Date: Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 10:17 AM
Subject: Keep animal exploitation out of Griffith Park
To: < >

Department of Recreation and Parks

Please, it is time to evolve! Stop promoting animal abuse and choose only animal-free entertainment.

- Constituents want an animal-free model in Griffith Park because there is no acceptable option for a concession stand that dominates animals. Forcing animals into situations where they're used to entertain noisy crowds is [speciesism](#), and it's time for the city to move on from this antiquated and cruel practice.
- The city's lack of oversight with Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo meant that elderly ponies suffered from dehydration, untreated urgent dental problems, hoof ailments, and saddle sores yet were still forced to work.
- L.A. Animal Services is in the midst of a crisis. Shelters are over capacity, and calls for assistance are pouring in and often going unanswered. The city doesn't have the time or resources to monitor the treatment of more animals at one of its municipal parks.
- Manipulating animals against their will for ticket sales shows a lack of empathy for their individual well-being, which leads to poor living conditions and inadequate care.

[Diego Gavilanes](#)

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park

1 message

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

Fri, Feb 16, 2024 at 7:48 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Feb 15, 2024 at 5:17 PM Lance Wilson < > wrote:
Hello

I am emailing you today because I am a Los Angeles resident and I am urging LA Parks & Rec to convert the Griffith Park and Pony Rides to a non-animal model. No more animal abuse!

Animals are not entertainment!

Do the right thing! The city of Los Angeles is against animal abuse!

Thank you 🙏

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 4:13 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 12:06 PM Ed Simpson <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners:

Please honor those who oppose live pony rides in Los Angeles. This is an archaic entertainment for people which often results in injuries for the animals.

Recently we have noticed an increase in tv news stories about the increasing demand on animal shelters in the City and elsewhere. The people charged with caring for shelter animals do not have the time or resources to monitor the ponies on a daily basis.

While we do not live in Los Angeles, those supplying or using the ponies may not reside there as well.

For the animals who have no voice, we respectfully ask that you listen to those who have no financial interest, but care only for the little ponies.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward L. Simpson and Beatrice J. Simpson

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Concern regarding Griffith Park pony-ride operation

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 1:22 PM

To: Jeremiah Benjamin <

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Good morning,

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

On Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 12:26 PM Jeremiah Benjamin <

> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

Due to some very alarming reports of animal cruelty, it is of crucial urgency that you shut down the pony-ride attraction and switch to a non-animal model, thank you.

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Re: Adopt a non-animal model

1 message

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

Fri, Feb 16, 2024 at 7:45 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Feb 15, 2024 at 5:50 AM Karen Almanza <

> wrote:

Good morning,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Los Angeles who loves animals. Please convert Griffith Park and the pony rides to a non-animal model. Many of us do not want to see sad animals being exploited. There's many other activities that can fill up the calendars. We can all have fun without the use of animals. So, let's do this.

Thank you,

Karen Almanza, RN

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Re: Please Commit to a Non-Animal Attraction in Griffith Park

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 8:15 AM

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 4:42 PM Alice Neuhauser <
Message to Jimmy Kim:

> wrote:

I'm writing to urge you to recommend that the city replace the pony rides and petting zoo in Griffith Park with a non-animal form of entertainment. The city has neither the time nor the other resources to monitor the treatment of animals at such an exhibit—as we saw with Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo, this lack of oversight allowed the vendor to further exploit and neglect the animals. According to the report from the independent equine expert, the vendor didn't even meet the minimum standards of care and lacked veterinary records. The geriatric ponies suffered from untreated mouth and teeth problems, hoof ailments, saddle sores, and lameness but were still forced to work until the public and legislators intervened.

Animal exhibits are a danger to public health and safety, and they teach children that animals are ours to dominate, exploit, and treat like toys or carnival equipment. It's inherently cruel to force ponies to plod in endless circles while carrying riders on their back and to force animals in petting zoos to interact with strangers who continuously invade their personal space and touch them.

Please don't replace the pony rides and petting zoo with another cruel animal exhibit. Instead, choose a humane, non-animal model in which no animals will be abused or exploited for entertainment.

Sincerely,
MS. Alice Neuhauser

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Re: Please Commit to a Non-Animal Attraction in Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 9:38 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Feb 12, 2024 at 1:54 PM Rita Thio <

> wrote:

Message to Jimmy Kim:

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Sincerely,
Ms. Yurita Thio

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park pony rides

1 message

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

Fri, Feb 16, 2024 at 7:47 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Feb 15, 2024 at 12:57 PM Wendy Hollis <

wrote:

I urge Griffith Park to implement a non animal model for entertainment to replace the pony rides, such as ropes course, obstacle course, nature learning and or animal care center. Unfortunately, when live animals are used for profit in entertainment, exploitation is inevitable. Ponies do not belong in a virtually 24/7 tethered/confined situation no matter the weather for their lives. This gives children a message of callousness instead of compassion.

Thank you, Wendy Hollis[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please Commit to a Non-Animal Attraction in Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 9:38 AM

To: Ma Na <

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On Mon, Feb 12, 2024 at 1:00 PM Ma Na <

> wrote:

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wrote:

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

Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 1:22 PM

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On Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 1:16 PM Melissa Sandoval <
Message to Jimmy Kim:

> wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

No more pony rides!!!

1 message

Erica St John

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Thu, Feb 22, 2024 at 11:53 AM

To: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Hello,

I as a resident of LA want to strongly vote against bringing the pony rides back to Griffith Park. I've seen firsthand how the ponies suffered for YEARS and it's time to replace with a NON ANIMAL model. We have made so much progress with this we cannot go backwards. People need to evolve & grow with the times animals are not rides. Kids can have more fun on safe rides like children's mini toy cars, bumper cars etc. where they can be safely restrained inside or hold on to handles, unlike just sitting openly on top of ponies with no proper hold.

Thank you,
Erica

Sent from my iPhone



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please Commit to a Non-Animal Attraction in Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 8:16 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 9:16 PM Michelle Zhou <michelle.zhou@lacity.org>
Message to Jimmy Kim:

> wrote:

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Sincerely,
MS. Michelle Zhou

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Re: Please Commit to a Non-Animal Attraction in Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 9:39 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Feb 12, 2024 at 9:40 PM Lisa Stanley <

> wrote:

Message to Jimmy Kim:

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Re: Please Commit to a Non-Animal Attraction in Griffith Park

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 7:12 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Feb 18, 2024 at 11:54 AM Cindy Caviedes <
Message to Jimmy Kim:

> wrote:

I'm writing to urge you to recommend that the city replace the pony rides and petting zoo in Griffith Park with a non-animal form of entertainment. The city has neither the time nor the other resources to monitor the treatment of animals at such an exhibit—as we saw with Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo, this lack of oversight allowed the vendor to further exploit and neglect the animals. According to the report from the independent equine expert, the vendor didn't even meet the minimum standards of care and lacked veterinary records. The geriatric ponies suffered from untreated mouth and teeth problems, hoof ailments, saddle sores, and lameness but were still forced to work until the public and legislators intervened.

Animal exhibits are a danger to public health and safety, and they teach children that animals are ours to dominate, exploit, and treat like toys or carnival equipment. It's inherently cruel to force ponies to plod in endless circles while carrying riders on their back and to force animals in petting zoos to interact with strangers who continuously invade their personal space and touch them.

Please don't replace the pony rides and petting zoo with another cruel animal exhibit. Instead, choose a humane, non-animal model in which no animals will be abused or exploited for entertainment.

Sincerely,
Ms. Cindy Caviedes

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Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 4:14 PM

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On Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 3:34 PM Mary Romanek <

> wrote:

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