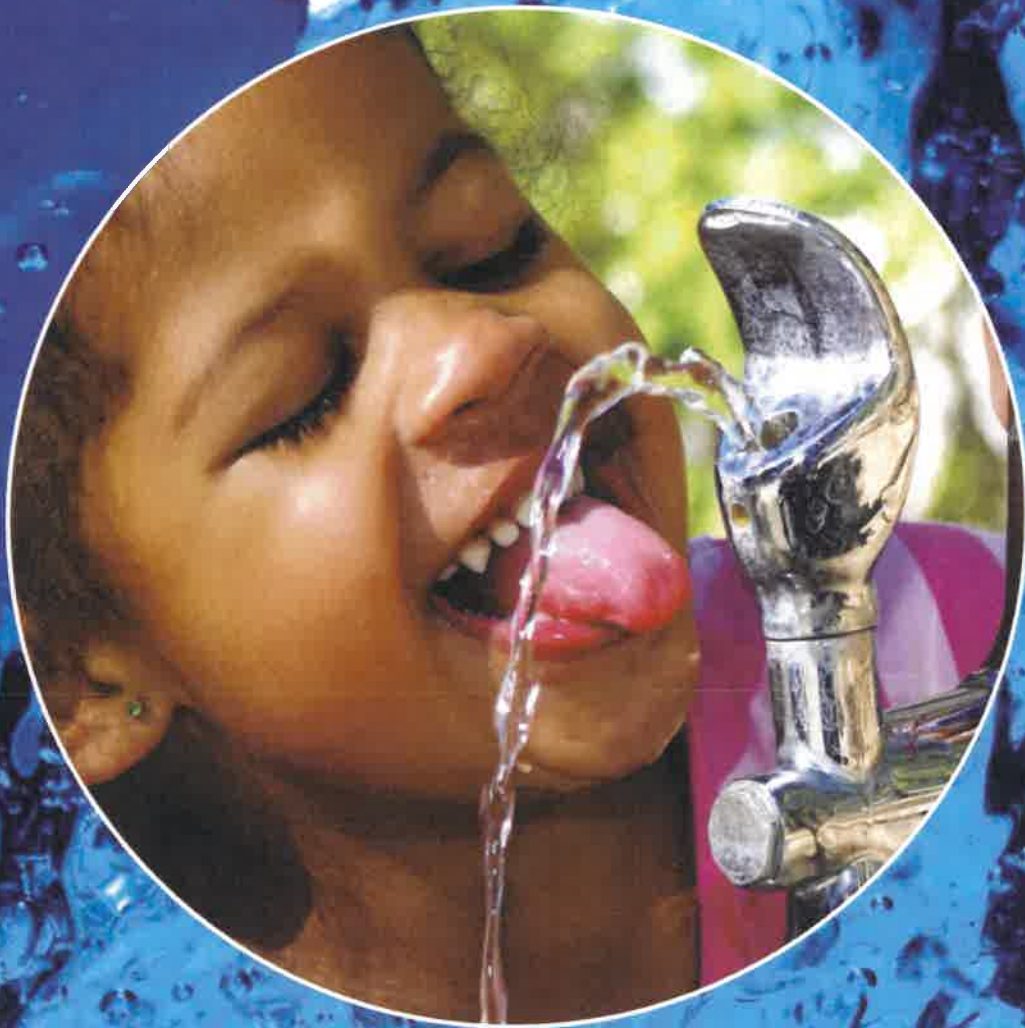


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# Tap Water Day

California's Celebration of Our  
Clean, Fresh, Publicly Supplied  
Drinking Water.



California's water is some of the best protected drinking water in the world.



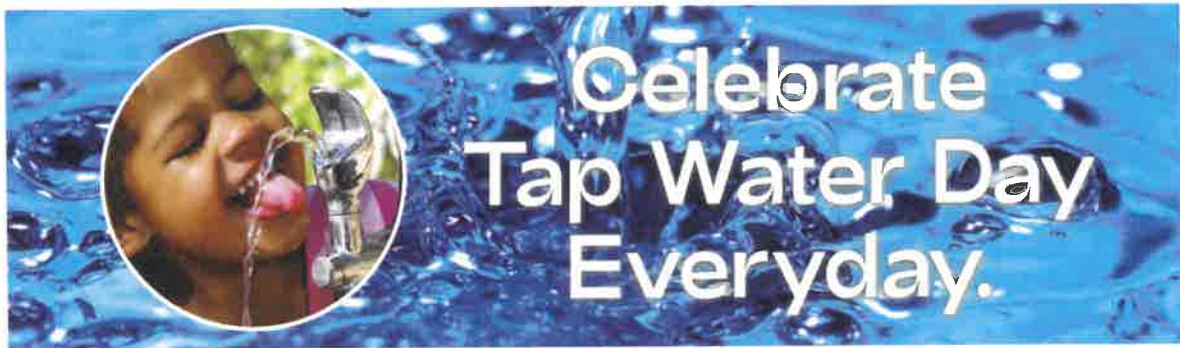
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TapWater  
DAY  
FIRST THURSDAY IN MAY





Flyer for students and families to take home:



**Tap Water Day 2025 is May 1st this year.  
It is celebrated the first Thursday in May every year  
per the Resolution from the State of California.**



This year The Metropolitan Water District (MWD), working with WeTap.org, has provided your child's teacher a toolkit to help explain the importance of publicly supplied drinking water. This is a great opportunity to remind students that the drinking water provided at schools, parks and throughout communities is safe to drink and there is no need to spend money on single use bottled water.

**Water Quality Information Is Always Available.**

What is in my drinking water? The answers to this question are available in your Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs), available at your water utility's website 24/7. You can find your water utility by typing in your zip code at: <https://www.mwdh2o.com/>

Your Tap Water is protected by laws and regulations  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)

Tap Water Day is celebrated in May and highlights our excellent drinking water supplied throughout our cities by water utilities.  
<https://legiscan.com/CA/text/SCR55/id/2823031>

Fill up canteens at home and in public fountains.



*Additional information is available at [WeTap.org](http://WeTap.org). Scan to learn more*





**Bookmark Design**  
Younger audience



Side 1



Side 2



**Bookmark Design**  
Older audience



**Everyone and everything needs to drink water for health and wellbeing.**

Due to laws and regulations, we have safe drinking water in most of Southern California because of these high standards and compliance.

Reusable Stainless-Steel Canteens are the best way to take drinking water with you.

Support Tap Water Day by submitting any creative thought or project or photo or whatever you create for our "Waterfall of Art" program for a prize from MWD and WeTap.org

You can learn more about the quality of your drinking water by scanning here or visiting <https://www.mwdh2o.com/>




Side 1

**TapWater DAY**

**In California we celebrate public water on the first Thursday in May and every day.**

**Enjoy drinking water right from the tap at home and from drinking fountains at school.**

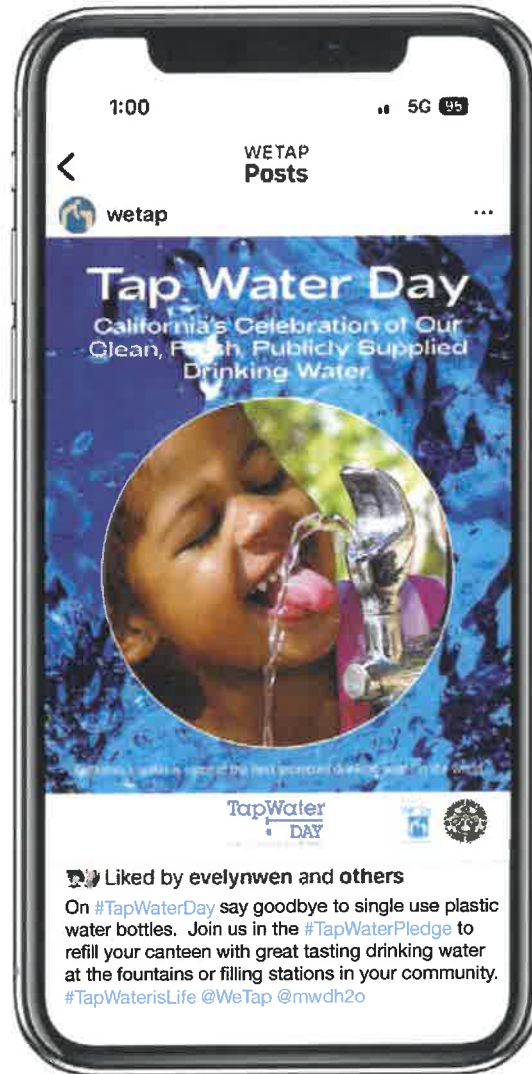


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# The Importance of Publicly Supplied Drinking Water

## TEACHERS TOOLKIT



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RAP Meeting April 17, 2025 - Jennifer Clark Giving Neighborhood Council Comments/CIS regarding Alexandria Park Tiny Home Village

My name is Jennifer Clark, VP of North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council speaking on our Community Impact Statement (CIS) dated December 18, 2024

For Board Report 25-058 on today's agenda

First a note that this CIS is (I quote) for "any future motions relative to the Tiny Home Village at or near Laurel Canyon Boulevard."

We are requesting that **NO FURTHER LEASES BE APPROVED** for this location and urge the prioritization of preserving our community's green spaces, especially as we are designated as Park Poor area. We fully **DISAGREE** with the **RECOMMENDATION** in the Board Report that states "*that the continued emergency use for an additional period not to exceed one year of operation for a total term of operation of five years of a portion of RAP's Valley Plaza Park located at 6099 Laurel Canyon Blvd. ... as a temporary homeless shelter is consistent with the use of a portion of Valley Plaza Park for park purposes*"

These shelters on RAP property were approved as a temporary measure, extending their use for yet another year changes their status from a short-term solution to the more permanent fixtures they have become on spaces that were intended for recreation and open green space accessible for the whole community, which is actually consistent with the use of a park for park purposes.

We beg of you, the LA RAP Commissioners, to go back to your [mission](#). (which I am quoting from your website) "*Our mission is to enrich the lives of the residents of Los Angeles by providing safe, welcoming parks and recreation facilities and affordable, diverse recreation and human services activities for people of all ages to play, learn, contemplate, build community and be good stewards of our environment.*" Nothing in that mission statement includes a purpose of providing shelter.

I'm including the August 2020 letter from then Councilmember Paul Krekorian to the Community. On the second page he states the following about the Tiny Homes, quote "*The facilities are designed to be a temporary solution and the City Charter requires them to be removed no later than three years after completion.*" close quote. You were asked to provide a temporary solution back in 2020 that was not to exceed 3 years. You were asked to give it another year and you have now been asked to give it yet another year. When does it end? We have gone past the definition of temporary, which is "lasting for only a limited period of time".

Please vote No - give our community back our park.



**NORTH HOLLYWOOD  
NORTHEAST**  
Neighborhood Council

Thank you





**North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council  
Community Impact Statement**

***AGAINST Council File: 20-0841-S47 and RAP Board Report 24-069  
Hope the Mission / 6099 Laurel Canyon Boulevard / Tiny Home Village /  
Interim Housing / License Agreement***

December 18, 2024

The North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council recognizes the critical need to provide resources and shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness and supports efforts to address this crisis in a thoughtful and sustainable way. However, we express our opposition to Council File [20-0841-S47](#), Recreation & Parks (RAP) Board Report [24-069](#), and any future motions relative to the Tiny Home Village at or near 6099 Laurel Canyon Boulevard.

These shelters on RAP property were initially approved in 2020 as a temporary measure to address urgent needs. Extending their use for another year raises concerns about their evolving status from a short-term solution to a more permanent fixture on spaces intended for recreation and green space access for the community. While we understand and support the importance of addressing homelessness, it is equally vital to preserve public recreation areas for all residents.

We respectfully request that no further leases be approved for this location and urge the prioritization of alternative long-term solutions that balance the needs of unhoused individuals with the preservation of our community's green spaces.

Thank you,

**North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council**

*Zaid Diaz-Arias*

*Board President*

*North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council*

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**Date of Board Vote:** 12/18/24

**Board Vote Count:** Aye 9 Nay 0 Abstain 1 Recused     

**Motion Status:** Passed X Failed      Other







# PAUL KREKORIAN

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

August 26, 2020

Dear Community Member,

Thank you for contacting my office about the proposed temporary tiny home village in Alexandria Park. I understand you may be concerned about the project details and I want to make sure that you and your neighbors have the most accurate information about the proposed project. I would also like to tell you about how this project aligns with the comprehensive work we have done to respond to the unprecedented crisis of homelessness in our community.

One thing that almost everyone in Los Angeles agrees on is that the current status quo with regard to homelessness is entirely unacceptable. The current inadequate availability of shelter and housing resources and services, and the various court decisions resulting from that inadequacy, have resulted in a horrendous situation for our entire community – both housed and unhoused.

The homelessness crisis has been devastating to our neighborhoods. Many of our sidewalks, underpasses and bridges have become impossible to navigate because of growing encampments. Large areas in our parks and other public spaces are unsanitary because people are living in and around them without restroom facilities or hygiene options. Mounds of personal belongings have become intermingled with piles of trash, garbage and illegally dumped items. Fires in and around encampments have caused great danger and harm. And, many encampments have become places where criminal activity is easily and freely engaged in and concealed.

At the same time, the homelessness crisis is a human tragedy of disastrous proportions. The life expectancy of the unhoused population is almost 20 years lower than that of the general population, and unsheltered people die in our streets every day. The unsheltered are also far more likely to be victims of crime and violence. Most lack access to showers, laundry facilities, storage, and the social services that can help them get out of this homelessness cycle.

This intolerable situation cannot go unchecked any longer. We need to bring order out of chaos. The time for bolder action and more effective solutions is now.

In my district we are taking action and making progress. In recent months, we have opened two bridge housing sites with a combined total of 185 beds, as well as the City's first homeless services outreach and navigation center. These three facilities are already making a significant positive difference in getting our local homeless population off the streets. In addition, the Los

Key" program, including all the rooms at Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City, as temporary shelter for the most vulnerable unhoused residents in our area during the COVID-19 crisis. These temporary measures are important interim steps to provide shelter and get homeless individuals off the streets while the city is in the process of building 10,000 Permanent Supportive Housing units - funded by Measure HHH - that will come online in the next 3 years. While these extensive efforts mark solid progress, much more still needs to be done. The tiny home village planned for a portion of Alexandria Park is one of three tiny home villages in our community that are in design. The target population for these homes will be unhoused people who are currently living in the area, especially the elderly and participants with pre-existing medical conditions. The facilities are designed to be a temporary solution and the City Charter requires them to be removed no later than three years after completion. Once these facilities are completed, we will have built enough capacity in my district to shelter every person currently living unsheltered in the district.

To help these individuals take the first steps out of homelessness, the Alexandria facility will include 105 individual air-conditioned Tiny Homes, showers, restrooms, and a laundry facility. Services at the site will include three meals per day, social services, counseling, and housing navigators to help people get through the labyrinth of government programs required to gain placement in permanent housing. The goal is to provide the individualized services necessary to help each individual move to stable housing within six months.

I want to highlight several critical factors that earned my support for this project:

- Alexandria Park and the adjacent freeway right of way are already beset with significant encampments of homeless individuals, rendering the park largely unusable by the surrounding neighborhoods; this organized facility will not only provide services to those who are sheltered, it will also leave the rest of the park better than it is now.
- The site will be patrolled by round-the-clock on-site security.
- All residents will be referred by experienced homeless services providers only; no walk-ins will be allowed.
- The surrounding neighborhoods will be provided enhanced sanitation services, with regularly scheduled comprehensive cleanings of public areas, and enhanced police patrol.

The proposed Tiny Home village also responds appropriately to the burdens and limitations applied to the city by federal courts. Taken together, these cases have prevented the city from enforcing ordinances that prohibit camping, "disorderly conduct," or lodging or sleeping in public. As the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals stated in its decision in *Martin v. Boise*, "[a] state may not criminalize any conduct that is an unavoidable consequence of being homeless." The impact of this decision has been that the city has been unable to take common sense measures to keep our streets clean until more local housing and shelter options are available.

The proposed tiny home village in Alexandria provides such a temporary shelter option that will make it possible for us to make our neighborhoods more livable for all residents, housed and unhoused.

Much more needs to be done to protect our homeless neighbors from the ravages of living on the streets, particularly those who are older or who have been chronically homeless for an extended period of time. Each person who is living without a permanent home has a story, a history, and reminds us that we live in a society that has failed for too long to care for its most vulnerable people. By making a safe living space available to our homeless neighbors, we make progress towards building a more compassionate Los Angeles that is better for everyone. In doing so, we provide hope and progress for both the housed and the unhoused, rather than more pain and dysfunction from a homelessness crisis that would otherwise seem without end.

I look forward to hearing from you and the community on ways that we can alleviate any concerns that you may still have. The design of the project continues to be refined and adjusted to take into account the legitimate concerns that have been raised with my office. I am confident that this project will be another critically important step forward in improving the conditions in the neighborhood and improving the lives of the unsheltered.

Very truly yours,



PAUL KREKORIAN  
Councilmember, Second Council District

