

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

September 04, 2025

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager

SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS



The following communications addressed to the Board have been received by the Board Office, and the action taken thereon is presented.

<u>From</u>		<u>Action Taken</u>
1). Amanda Martin comments regarding Cypress Park Rec Center	#9949	Referred to General Manager
2). Robin Healy comments regarding Telfair Park	#9950	Referred to General Manager
3). Kaitlin Moore comments regarding Whitnall Dog Park	#9951	Referred to General Manager
4). Tai Beauchamp comments regarding Griffith Park	#9952	Referred to General Manager
5). Jacqueline Sparagna comments regarding lights at Whitnall Dog Park	#9953	Referred to General Manager
6). Debra Matlock, President of Los Feliz Improvement Association comments regarding Griffith Park Spillman Carousel	#9954	Referred to General Manager
7). Glenn Bailey of Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils & Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition comments regarding RAP Board Agenda	#9955	Referred to General Manager
8). Jennifer Clark of North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council comments regarding RAP Board Agenda	#9955a	Referred to General Manager

9) Felice Blair comments regarding Warner Ranch Park	#9956	Referred to General Manager
10) Emily Leon comments regarding an Incident that happened at a Natasha Watley Softball tournament	#9957	Referred to General Manager
11) Nere Lopez comments regarding an Incident that happened at a Natasha Watley Softball tournament	#9957a	Referred to General Manager
12) Amy Romo comments regarding an Incident that happened at a Natasha Watley Softball tournament	#9957b	Referred to General Manager
13) Catherine Vargas comments regarding an Unacceptable Management of Daycare Center Closure	#9958	Referred to General Manager
14) George The Great comments regarding Maintenance at Echo Park Lake	#9959	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Rosa Cartagena, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Formal Complaint Regarding Treatment at Cypress Park Recreation Center

Chinyere Stoneham <chinyere.stoneham@lacity.org>

Sat, Aug 16, 2025 at 12:22 PM

To: Amanda Martin <amanda.martin@lacity.org>, Anita Meacham <anita.meacham@lacity.org>

Cc: "jimmy.kim@lacity.org" <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, "MATTHEW.RUDNICK@LACITY.ORG" <MATTHEW.RUDNICK@lacity.org>, Jennifer Camacho <jennifer.camacho@lacity.org>

Good Afternoon Mrs. Martin,

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We take these allegations very seriously. I want to assure you that we are committed to ensuring a positive and inclusive environment for all patrons, especially the children.

+Anita Meacham Superintendent of the Metro Region will assign appropriate staff to investigate and follow-up with you.

Thank you again for reaching out.

On Fri, Aug 15, 2025 at 7:52 PM Amanda Martin <

wrote:

Good evening,

I am writing to formally address the treatment my family, particularly my six-year-old daughter, Sophia, has received at the Cypress Park Recreation Center from Director Mike Garcia and Coordinator Analuisa Castro.

We have been regular visitors to this park for over two years, participating in various activities without any major issues. For context, we joined the park alongside family friends, the Aroche's, whose daughter, Arely, is the same age as Sophia. Their request for the girls to play on the same team has always been accommodated, and the staff often jokes about them being a "package deal." Until the recent SNL sessions, we would simply remind the office of their request when submitting paperwork, and that was sufficient.

This summer, we enrolled in basketball, and they were placed on different teams. Although we believed we communicated our request clearly, it seemed to have slipped through the cracks. Both of our families reached out separately, apologetically asking if the girls could be placed on the same team, not knowing where the gap in communication truly occurred. At no point did we demand this and based on our positive history with the park; we assumed it would be straightforward. Instead, we felt as if we were imposing and burdening staff with what should have been a simple request. We were met with condescension, as staff repeatedly reminded us that they were doing us a "huge favor."

During the first basketball practice, we noticed available spots for soccer and decided to register the girls for that as well. We again asked to have them on the same team but were immediately rudely dismissed by Mike, who stated, "We already did it for you for basketball; we aren't doing it again." This interaction was beyond uncomfortable, with staff observing in silence, seemingly reluctant to intervene. Following this, we

chose not to place the girls on a soccer team at the park and informed our respective coaches of our decision via text when the team notices went out.

However, a couple of weeks went by and the Aroche family's daughter still wanted to play soccer with Sophia, so they ended up attending a practice and spoke to the coach, who agreed to discuss it with Mike. We were later informed that the coach had received approval since the teams were short on players. Despite our earlier experience, we decided to give it another try, as the girls were excited to spend time together.

On July 19, we attended the game, spoke with the coach, and everything went well. There was not a coach present, so the father of the Aroche family stepped in and led the team during warm-ups and the game. He and I created a snack list with the other parents, as that was also never discussed. Because of this disorganization and the fact that there were just enough kids to play, it led us to believe our request had been approved due to the lack of available players. We were informed that uniforms would be ready for the game on July 23 and moved forward without a second thought. We were a bit late, and Arely already had her uniform and was on the field practicing, so I rushed towards the offices to pick up Sophia's uniform. However, before I even made it off of the field, Analuisa stopped me and stated immediately, without so much as a hello, "Sophia is not allowed to play; she was dropped from the league." This was shocking, especially since the coach had assured us it was fine for her to participate. The confrontational tone stunned me, and I truly had no idea how to respond. I tried telling her that both Starly and the coach of the team talked to the offices and got the ok, but Analuisa insisted that she was the decision-maker, she made the teams, and that the coach had no authority in this matter. I was blindsided by this interaction, especially since the Aroche family faced no such issue and their daughter was allowed to pick up her uniform and play. Sensing my discomfort my husband and Starly came over to see what was wrong and were met with the same impudence. It appears they were unwilling to honor their previous approval, failing to communicate internally, creating a completely unnecessary hostile environment and making the kids suffer as a result.

After my conversation with Analuisa, we went to the office to get some clarity where Mike smugly asserted, "You cannot do whatever you want." In all my years working with people, I have never encountered such unconscionable behavior, and I would be appalled if I were to find out this is the way any of my staff, especially at a Director level, behaved. Our intention was never to circumvent rules, act inappropriately, or "do whatever we wanted". We have always been kind and cordial to all staff, parents, and children. The grandstanding from their entire office was off-putting, hurtful, and extremely unjustifiable. Even if we did what they insisted on and had not informed them of the need for the girls to be on the same team, there would still be no excuse for a fraction of the mistreatment we received. I truly believe they found joy in telling us no. There have been a few other instances in the past, such as being denied the opportunity to volunteer as a coach, which I dismissed at the time. However, in hindsight, I realize that these experiences were simply setting the stage for their true intentions to reveal themselves once given the opportunity. I feel as though we've been marked with a scarlet letter, and our only option now is to find another park and uproot what we've built to escape further power struggles and hostility.

I understand this may seem minor and, for a time, I feared that I may be overreacting or projecting my discomfort. The more I thought about it, however, I realized how much these experiences can negatively impact our children in profound ways. Feelings of isolation, exclusion, and guilt are some of the worst emotions a child can encounter, and they are too young to understand the implications and instead carry that uncomfortable weight with them. I saw this firsthand when Sophia sat on the sidelines as her friends played, calling her name from the field, confused about why she was not allowed to play. It was both heartbreaking and impossible to explain the reasoning behind how this situation was handled, so we tried our best. This has left both of our families feeling targeted and uncomfortable. Ultimately, these are six-year-old children we are talking about; if we are truly and genuinely looking out for their best interests, this is a horrifyingly bad way to set that stage. Facilities like this have a responsibility to foster an inclusive and supportive environment for ALL children. I wonder how many other families

have faced similar treatment, feeling afraid to speak up or, even worse, accepting this as normal behavior? I believe that people who have a flair for mistreating others by abusing their positions of power should not be working closely with children.

As a final note, I wanted to make it clear that I have held off on sending this to prevent any retaliation while our daughters are still engaging in basketball. The season ended yesterday, the 15th of August. We entertained the idea of pulling them out entirely, but that would be another disservice to our children that they do not deserve. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I hope it leads to positive changes and protects other families from experiencing anything similar in the future.

Sincerely,
Amanda Martin

AMANDA MARTIN

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Chinyere Stoneham
Assistant General Manager
City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Telfair Park- follow-up email

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Aug 18, 2025 at 8:42 AM

To: Robin Healy <

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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 and staff.

On Sun, Aug 17, 2025 at 8:36 AM Robin Healy <

> wrote:

Good morning, I wanted to follow-up about my concerns regarding the lack of playground structure at Telfair Park in Sylmar. We were last in touch mid June. I'm wondering if there's been any progress made, or any thoughts on whether at least the climbing dome that was removed could be replaced or possibly more?

Thank you for your time,

Robin Healy

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 12, 2025, at 9:02 AM, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Jun 10, 2025 at 9:51 AM Jeremy Silva <jeremy.silva@lacity.org> wrote:

Please see a comment we (RAP Planning/PNA Team) received from a constituent in Sylmar regarding Telfair Park.

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

From: **Robin Healy** <

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Date: Sun, Jun 8, 2025 at 12:22 PM

Subject: Telfair Park- follow-up email

To: <lacityparksneeds@theolinstudio.com>

Cc: Jose Hernandez <jose.H.Hernandez@lacity.org>

Hello,

I am following-up after speaking with Sarah Swanseen at the Parks and Rec meeting this past tuesday. I've been writing on and off for years with Jose Hernandez, Public Project Deputy & Area Representative for the Councilwoman (who I have copied on this email), about our park. Jose was very helpful in getting a broken climbing dome removed in our park back in 2021. Our park is connected to our townhouse community, but it is a public park, and only consists of swings in sand, and originally a climbing dome. The climbing dome was broken with pieces of metal sticking out of the sand for at least a year. Eventually hazard tape and signs were placed and finally after contacting Jose, it was removed.

I was hoping it was going to be replaced, but that never happened. Every 6 months I would reach out to Jose (lucky him) to see if there's anything that could be done. There are a lot of kids in the area and no other playground structure for miles. The new West Lakeside Street Park is beautiful and appreciated, but I was disappointed to find out there was no playground structure. The only other playground close by, Carey Ranch, is so outdated and dangerous. The ground is so uneven, I can't bring my small kids because they trip around the ground.

I want to make clear that while I would love to get a nice playground structure at Telfair Park- and there is space for it, as well as update Carey Ranch, what I really would appreciate at minimum would be to simply replace the climbing dome that was originally in our Telfair Park. This replacement, and anything else you can provide in terms of equipment would be so appreciated by all our neighborhood kids including my 5 and 2-year-old girls. We definitely drive to all the parks in the area and love them, but my husband and I are big commuters during the week for work, and it would be so nice to be able to enjoy our park more, staying close to home. I'm sure we aren't the only ones that feel this way.

I'll attach some pictures of our park including the current setup, the Park and Rec sign that Jose had me provide, and I found an old picture online of the original dome. I look forward to hearing from you about any attention you can provide on this matter.

Sincerely,

Robin Healy, OTR/L

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Sarah Swanseen, RLA, ASLA, AICP
Senior Landscape Architect and Planner

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Dog Park Light Issue

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Aug 18, 2025 at 8:50 AM

To: Kaitlin Moore <

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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. You may also visit the MyLA311 website to create a service request at: <https://lacity.gov/myla311>

On Sun, Aug 17, 2025 at 9:30 PM Kaitlin Moore <

> wrote:

Hello,

I am a resident of North Hollywood and a frequent visitor of the NoHo Whitnall off leash dog park. I go there every evening (or close to every evening) with my two dogs, where both they and I socialize with the community.

For the past couple months, there's been an issue with one of the lights in the corner near the picnic table. It used to stay on all the time, or at least had been for the 3 years I've been coming here, but now it repeatedly flickers on and off (as of today, it's still having issues).

Is there anyway it can be fixed to stay on again? It really helps the evening dog park goers feel safer at night, especially with the recent presence of the trailers and guys that are constantly yelling (most likely drug users) who are parked in the lot in between the big and small dog park.

Additionally, what should the community do in order to get another covered seating area on either the picnic table side or far front end?

Thank you,

Kaitlin Moore**Administrative Assistant**

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



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Formal Complaint Regarding Overdue Reimbursement for Permittinf

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Tai Beauchamp
Cc: Media Accounting Tai Life < >, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Book Tai Beauchamp < >, Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>, Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents <rapspecialevents@gmail.com>, Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>

Mon, Aug 18, 2025 at 9:21 AM

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 Mon, Aug 18, 2025 at 8:27 AM Tai Beauchamp < > wrote:

Dear Department of Parks and Recreation,

My name is Tai Beauchamp, I am the founder or Morning Mindset with Tai and Tai Life Media. I have been a consistent partner with The Parks for close to 4 years. I am writing to file an official complaint regarding overdue reimbursements related to events hosted at Griffith Park.

I have had the pleasure of working with your team in the past and have always found the people to be gracious and supportive. However, I am deeply disappointed and frustrated by the lack of resolution regarding our pending reimbursement.

We were originally due to receive a \$500 refund of our deposit in October 2024, and a second \$500 reimbursement is now more than two months past due. As of today, we are still awaiting a refund of \$1,000, which is long overdue. Despite multiple follow-ups, there has been no confirmation of payment, nor have we received an ACH transfer or tracking number for a mailed check, as previously requested.

As a small business, the continued delay has placed an undue burden on us. While we value and cherish our relationship with the Department of Parks and Recreation, this delay is unacceptable. I understand that internal teams may be attempting to resolve the matter, but as both a resident of Los Angeles County and an ongoing partner of the Department, I expected this issue to have been addressed long ago.

At this point, I respectfully request:

- An immediate update on the status of the \$1,000 reimbursement;
- Confirmation of the payment method (ACH transfer or mailed check with tracking);
- A firm timeline for when we can expect the funds to be received.

If we cannot resolve this matter promptly through our direct contacts, we will be forced to escalate further.

Thank you for your attention and swift response.

Sincerely,
Tai Beauchamp

Cc: Seidah Smith (Accountant for Tai Life Media, LLC)

Tai Beauchamp
Founder, Tai Life Media, LLC
Founder, Morning Mindset with Tai

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On Aug 18, 2025, at 7:53 AM, Tai Life Media Accounting < > wrote:

Good morning Everyone,
This is TLM Accounting following up on Tai's request on status of payment. Thank you.

On Wed, Aug 13, 2025 at 12:49 PM Book Tai Beauchamp < > wrote:
Good morning! I shared in my email on August 4 that neither check has been received. Please advise where I can come to physically collect both.

Thank you!
Tai Beauchamp
Founder, Tai Life Media, LLC
Founder, Morning Mindset with Tai

M. 646.345.4081

On Aug 13, 2025, at 9:31 AM, Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning Tai,

I just wanted to check in and follow up on the status of the reimbursement checks. My understanding is that both checks have been cut and mailed out to the Larchmont address you previously provided (

Additionally, I have inquired with our accounting team about expediting future refunds and exploring alternative methods for check collection, such as direct pick-up or ACH payment, as you mentioned. I have not yet received an update from them on these options, but I will be sure to share the information with you as soon as it becomes available.

In the meantime, could you please let us know if you have received either of the checks?

Again, thank you for your patience with our department.

On Thu, Aug 7, 2025 at 12:08 PM Tai Beauchamp < > wrote:
Thank you for your response. We will stand by for an update and prefer to either pick up the check or have it paid via ACH.

Thank you!

Tai Beauchamp
Founder, Tai Life Media, LLC
Founder, Morning Mindset with Tai

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On Aug 7, 2025, at 10:49 AM, Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning Tai,

I understand your frustration regarding the delayed reimbursement checks. As mentioned in my previous email, these are matters that are unfortunately outside of my immediate control, and it has taken some time to get them resolved.

Regardless, I want to assure you that I have resubmitted a form with our accounting team to get the check reissued for the hike last year and this year's past event. This was submitted last week. I will touch base with our accounting team to get a further update on delivery date.

Again our apologies for this inconvenience.

On Wed, Aug 6, 2025 at 3:59 PM Tai Beauchamp < > wrote:
Hi Yose,

We’ve checked the mailboxes, and neither of the two reimbursement checks have been received — one for the hike last year and one for the hike this past June.

The first check should have been reissued back in October of last year, so this continued delay is not acceptable.

Please advise immediately on how we can collect payment for both permit reimbursements. My team is copied here, and we appreciate clear answers and resolution ASAP.

Thank you,

Tai

Tai Beauchamp
Founder, Tai Life Media, LLC
Founder, Morning Mindset with Tai
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On Aug 6, 2025, at 12:55 PM, Tai Life Media Accounting < > wrote:

Good afternoon Everyone,

Just following up on Tai's email regarding when the first check was sent out. Is there anyway to receive the funds for the next disbursement via ACH. We can submit our banking info to you. This is our preferred method of payment. Please let us know.

TLM Accounting

On Mon, Aug 4, 2025 at 3:55 PM Book Tai Beauchamp < > wrote:
Thank you for the update!

Will you please note the date the first check was sent? Please also provide any thoughts/options on how we might expedite the cycle to receive the other check. Thank you.

Tai Beauchamp
Founder, Tai Life Media, LLC
Founder, Morning Mindset with Tai

M. 646.345.4081

On Aug 4, 2025, at 12:29 PM, Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Tai,

Thank you for checking in, it seems that the check was cut and sent to . However, it seems that there was a bit of misunderstanding regarding the second refund check. I have emailed our accounting team to ensure the second check was sent out. Our apologies for the delay on this. We thank you for your patience.

On Fri, Aug 1, 2025 at 5:42 PM Tai Beauchamp <[tai.beauchamp@cityofla.org](#)> wrote:
+ my accounting department

Thank you!

Tai Beauchamp
Founder, Tai Life Media, LLC
Founder, Morning Mindset with Tai

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On Jul 30, 2025, at 2:24 PM, Tai Beauchamp <[tai.beauchamp@cityofla.org](#)> wrote:

Good day everyone!
I hope you are doing well!

I'm following up on the check disbursement please. Any update on the refund delivery for both the hike in November 2024 and also in June 2025? Was this check cut? Where was it mailed to please?

Thank you!

On Sat, Jul 12, 2025 at 3:34 PM Tai Beauchamp <[tai.beauchamp@cityofla.org](#)> wrote:
Hello Yose,

I hope you are well! I wanted to follow up on the status of the refund. Please advise when and
Where it was sent and if it hasn't been if there is someway for someone to pick it up as we will be out of office for 3 weeks as of Tuesday.

Thank you.

Tai Beauchamp
Founder, Tai Life Media, LLC
Founder, Morning Mindset with Tai

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On Jun 11, 2025, at 2:06 PM, Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org> wrote:

No problem! Great, thank you!

Please note that it can take between 4-6 weeks for the checks to arrive.

On Wed, Jun 11, 2025 at 2:05 PM Tai Beauchamp <[tai.beauchamp@cityofla.org](#)> wrote:
Thank you so much! And yes that is perfect!

I will look out for it!

With gratitude,

Tai Beauchamp
Founder, Tai Life Media, LLC
Founder, Morning Mindset with Tai

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On Jun 11, 2025, at 1:59 PM, Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Tai,

Happy to hear your event was fantastic!

Thank you for your response.

Thank you for letting us know. It seems like your September refund was getting rolled over for your November event that got cancelled. We will go ahead and process that refund as well. Should the refund be made to the same name and address you just provided us with?

On Wed, Jun 11, 2025 at 1:46 PM Tai Beauchamp <[tai.beauchamp@cityofla.org](#)> wrote:
Thank you!

Appreciate you! It was fantastic!

Please send the refund to:

Tai Life Media, llc

LA, CA 90004

Separately, your prompt just reminded me that I never received the refund for the September 24, 2024 event. Will you please check your records to see where it was sent and/or if it was deposited?

Thank you!

Tai Beauchamp
Founder, Tai Life Media, LLC
Founder, Morning Mindset with Tai

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On Jun 11, 2025, at 1:20 PM, Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Liz,

I hope this email finds you well.

I just wanted to reach out and hear how your event went this past weekend, as well as to request the information of who and where we should make your refund to.

Thank you!

On Fri, Jun 6, 2025 at 1:02 PM Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Liz,

Happy Friday. Below I have attached a final copy of permit #2554 for your event taking place on Sunday, June 8th. We wish you a successful event!

On Thu, Jun 5, 2025 at 12:35 PM Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org> wrote:

Liz,

Do you happen to have a copy of the layout for the event?

On Thu, Jun 5, 2025 at 12:08 PM Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org> wrote:

Got it, thanks!

On Thu, Jun 5, 2025 at 11:58 AM Liz Van Voorhis < > wrote:

Signed and attached. Thank you!

From: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>
Date: Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 2:51 PM
To: Liz Van Voorhis < >
Cc: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>, Tai Beauchamp < >

Liz,

This is perfect! I have confirmed the upload. If you can just please sign the permit and I will edit the CA portion afterwards. I have reattached it to this email.

Thank you!

On Thu, Jun 5, 2025 at 11:44 AM Liz Van Voorhis < > wrote:

Hi Francisca –

I've included the following that we received from insurance and the CAO insurance bonds. If there is something else I need to ask for specifically from them, please let me know and specify who I should be requesting it from. Thanks!

COI - attached

[IBTS Form from CAO](#)

Certificate Approval(CA) #3104954

From: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>
Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 4:49 PM
To: Liz Van Voorhis < >
Cc: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>, Tai Beauchamp < >

Hello Liz,

Just a quick update:

We received payment, please see attached receipt copy.

I have a permit ready, however, I noticed the CA provided is not the correct one. I will double check to see if I missed something. Otherwise, if you can please share the certificate of approval that

was generated when the COI was submitted that would be great. Additionally, the route is a go for your team vehicle to go up the trail between 9-9:15am. I have attached the permit below for you to review, sign and return back to me. Please note that I can not send a completed permit packet until I update the insurance portion of the permit. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you!

On Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 2:44 PM Liz Van Voorhis < > wrote:

Great. Thank you!

liz van voorhis

founder and ceo

On Jun 3, 2025, at 5:43 PM, Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org> wrote:

Liz,

I will confirm dates by tomorrow morning. I am just waiting to confirm the schedules from the other team.

Thank you!

On Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 12:46 PM Liz Van Voorhis < > wrote:

Hi, yes, give me a ring then.

From: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 2:41 PM
To: Liz Van Voorhis < >
Cc: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents < > Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>, Tai Beauchamp
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Hello Liz,

Would you have time for a call later today around 1pm?

On Mon, Jun 2, 2025 at 11:57 AM Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Liz,

Great, thank you for the update. Just keep me posted. We'd be more than happy to schedule a time if dropping off.

Thank you!

On Fri, May 30, 2025 at 10:06 AM Liz Van Voorhis < > wrote:

Thank you Francisca! Tai is traveling today but will confirm payment timing before Wednesday of next week – either mail or drop off.

From: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>
Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 5:27 PM

To: Liz Van Voorhis
Cc: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents

Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>, Tai Beauchamp

Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Hello Liz,

I hope all is well.

Please find attached below a copy of your invoice #2554, **Due Wednesday June 04, 2025**. Please make payment to, **City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks**. Please note we DO NOT accept personal checks or electronic payment at this moment. If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to your invoice, please do not hesitate to call our office at (323) 644- 2745. If paying in person please schedule a date and time to meet with our team, if mailing payment please provide a copy of the check and tracking number.

On Thu, May 22, 2025 at 9:11 AM Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Liz,

Yes, for parking. Okay, great! In that case, I will get started on that invoice for you as soon as possible.

On Thu, May 22, 2025 at 5:22 AM Liz Van Voorhis < > wrote:

Hi Francisca – Confirming you mean for parking, correct? Yes, we would like a vehicle to go up for speaker. Thank you! Working on other paperwork you sent. Please let us know when you'll have permit pricing for us. Tai is traveling up until the event so we want to be sure we submit payment as needed.

FYI one slight update we will have a small generator to power the DJ equipment.

From: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>
Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 4:49 PM
To: Liz Van Voorhis < >
Cc: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents
< > Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>, Tai Beauchamp
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Hello Liz,

I hope this email finds you well.

Just checking in with you to share that Greek has approved the use of the lot for the event date. However, they have asked to have a hard out of 2pm for most of the lot. They anticipate needing a portion of the lot for a scheduled event. Now that we have this confirmed I will go ahead and work on the next step to your application. While I have you, will you be having a vehicle go up for the speaker and refreshments? I just want to make sure we assign someone for gate access.

Thank you,

On Wed, May 14, 2025 at 2:12 PM Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Liz,

Yes, let's move forward with June 08. I will work with Laura from the Greek to coordinate parking if space is available. In the meantime let's get your insurance started.

With that said, please find attached below Form 146 along with a Workers Comp. Waiver. Form 146 states the coverage necessary for your event and our Workers Comp Waiver is a required form in accord with insurance coverage. I have also included the steps to follow along with the links where these forms need to be submitted. Lastly, please make sure your insurance reflects the requested coverages on the attached 146 form. If you have any questions please let me know.

Please read information for Insurance Certificate:

Special events held in Griffith Park are required to add the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks to their insurance for the day of their event. Please refer to the City's Website (<http://cao.lacity.org/risk>) for instructions and requirements for submitting insurances or bond documents to the City. In order to obtain insurance approvals or verify acceptance of an insurance certificate. Please instruct your insurance broker to use the self service <https://kwikcomply.org/Home/Login>. Please note the document upload must be done by a licensed broker as our system requires their individual license number.

IMPORTANT STEP

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City of Los Angeles and all of its Agencies, Boards and Departments - 200 North Main Street City Hall East Suite 1240 Los Angeles CA 90012.

WORKERS COMP. WAIVER:

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND EMAILED TO cao.insurance.bonds@lacity.org. Please CC me on this email so I can confirm it has been submitted.

On Wed, May 14, 2025 at 11:46 AM Liz Van Voorhis < > wrote:

Hi Francisca –

Thanks again for your time yesterday on the site visit. Confirming we are approved to move forward with Sunday, June 8 for our event date and we will wait to hear if we're able to have parking for that day.

Please let me know next steps and I'll send over a site map shortly.

liz

From: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 9:29 AM
To: Liz Van Voorhis < >
Cc: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents < > Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>, Tai Beauchamp
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Good morning Liz,

I have yet to hear back, but I did send a follow up email so I hope to have an answer for you at our meeting today. See you soon!

On Mon, May 12, 2025 at 4:39 PM Liz Van Voorhis < > wrote:

Hi Francisca! Checking in as I know we were hoping for an answer from Greek today on our event. Please let me know if you've heard back. As discussed on our call last Thursday, our preference is Sunday June 8 even if that means we can't have reserved parking on Vista de Valle. Our secondary preference is Saturday, June 7.

I will see you tomorrow at 12p for our site visit. I'll meet you near the bathrooms in the area right by Vista de Valle (across street from golf course).

Thanks!

liz

From: Liz Van Voorhis
Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 2:30 PM
To: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>

Cc: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents
< >
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>, Tai Beauchamp

Yes, give me a ring when you can :)

From: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>
Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 5:29 PM
To: Liz Van Voorhis < >
Cc: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, < >
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>, Tai Beauchamp

Hello Liz,

I'm not in on Fridays, can you take the call now?

I see, no worries I will squeeze you in on Tuesday for 12pm.

On Thu, May 8, 2025 at 2:15 PM Liz Van Voorhis < > wrote:

Hi Francisca – If you do have time today or tomorrow just for a quick 10 min call, that would be really helpful so I can understand feasibility. We have a lot of event elements dependent on the date and location and just want to chat that through. Let me know. My cell feel free to ring me when you have a moment.

I'm actually based in NYC now but I will be in town next week. I could make a site visit work but it would have to be Tuesday 13th 12-12:30p, 4-4:30p or Wednesday 14th 8-9a.

Thank you!
liz

From: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>
Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 4:28 PM
To: Liz Van Voorhis < >
Cc: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents
Beauchamp < >
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>, Tai

Good afternoon Liz,

Sorry we missed you, we were in and out of the office with site visits.

I have yet to hear back from the Greek. I hope to have a response as early as next week. In the meantime, we can schedule a site visit to make sure we have everything we need in the case of approval. With that said, would next Wednesday at 11am work for you? Hopefully by then we will have a response. I know we are short on time but I am getting the process started so we won't be behind. If you would still like to schedule a call please let me know. Before I forget, can you please submit an event layout? I'd like to have that before our meeting.

On Thu, May 8, 2025 at 9:47 AM Liz Van Voorhis < > wrote:

Hi Francisca – Please let me know what time you could chat by phone today. Since we're a month out we need to make some decisions and would like to talk it all through with you. Please let me know what works for you today.

liz

From: Liz Van Voorhis < >
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6:49 PM
To: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>
Cc: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents

Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>, Tai

Beauchamp < >
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Hi Francisca – I tried calling you a couple hours ago but it went to vm. Do you have any updates from the Greek team about that Saturday June 7 date? Let me know today if you can. Would love to briefly touch base via phone if you have a few minutes, let me know the best number to reach you. Thank you!

liz

From: Liz Van Voorhis < >
Date: Monday, May 5, 2025 at 1:51 PM
To: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>
Cc: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents
Beauchamp < >
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>, Tai

So appreciate it. Thank you!

From: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>
Date: Monday, May 5, 2025 at 1:50 PM
To: Liz Van Voorhis < >
Cc: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents
Beauchamp < >
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>, Tai

I'll share the alternate date with the Greek team and get back to you.

On Mon, May 5, 2025 at 10:48 AM Liz Van Voorhis < > wrote:

One quick question, would having it on Saturday June 7th be a possibility in the space we desire instead? Versus moving the location to fern dell.

Meanwhile we will look into the alternative location.

From: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>
Date: Monday, May 5, 2025 at 1:41 PM
To: Liz Van Voorhis < >
Cc: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents
Beauchamp < >
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>, Tai

Good morning Liz,

I actually just got a response back from the Greek staff and they have asked for one more week before providing a final approval. In the meantime, I would like to share Fern Dell Trail as an alternate location. Unfortunately, because of other scheduled events in the park this is the only site available. I have attached a screenshot to give you an idea of the space. Please let me know if this is something that might work for you. I'd be more than happy to meet with your team to scout the area.

Thank you,

On Mon, May 5, 2025 at 10:22 AM Liz Van Voorhis < > wrote:

Hi Francisca! Any updates here. We're meeting with our team today and was hoping to provide an update. Thanks!

liz

From: Liz Van Voorhis < >
Date: Friday, May 2, 2025 at 5:42 PM
To: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>
Cc: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents
Beauchamp < >
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>, Tai

Hi Francisca! Checking in to see if we are approved to move forward with June 8th event. Thank you!

liz van voorhis
founder and ceo
FIT COLLECTIVE

On Apr 29, 2025, at 5:18 PM, Tai Beauchamp < > wrote:

Thank you so much!

We are grateful!

Tai Beauchamp
Founder, Tai Life Media, LLC
Founder, Morning Mindset with Tai

M.

On Apr 29, 2025, at 4:48 PM, Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org> wrote:

Okay, got it!

Thank you for completing the application.

I just require clearance with other teams involved to make sure we don't conflict with other scheduled events. In the case that there's conflict I only have another location in mind and would require approvals as well. I hope to have an answer for you by the end of the week to get the process started as soon as possible.

Thank you,

On Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 12:23 PM Liz Van Voorhis < > wrote:

Please see completed application. Thank you!

From: Liz Van Voorhis < >
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 3:12 PM
To: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>, Tai Beauchamp < >
Cc: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents <nicole.robottom@lacity.org> Nicole Robottom
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Hi Francisca – Tai meant any other locations within the park if there is a conflict. The date for our event is Sunday, June 8th morning. I will review the questionnaire. May I complete it for June 8th? Do you have any conflicts?

Thank you!
liz

From: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 3:04 PM
To: Tai Beauchamp <taibeauchamp@lacity.org>
Cc: Liz Van Voorhis <lvanvoorhis@lacity.org>, Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents <special@lacity.org>, Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

My apologies, here you go.

On Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 11:43 AM Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Team,

Great! In that case I will send it over for approval. In the meantime can you please share what other dates you'd like to inquire about? I have also shared our questionnaire below for your reference.

On Mon, Apr 28, 2025 at 2:59 PM Tai Beauchamp <taibeauchamp@lacity.org> wrote:

Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you! If you are able, please also share any other availability for a similar hike experience.

With gratitude,

Tai Beauchamp
Founder, Tai Life Media, LLC
Founder, Morning Mindset with Tai

M.

On Apr 28, 2025, at 5:27 PM, Liz Van Voorhis <lvanvoorhis@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Francisca – yes, we'd like to use the same space as last year. Thank you so much. We were waiting on confirmation from the client so that we could move forward but it will be a smaller event than last year, so not nearly as much set up. Let us know about the date as soon as you can and truly appreciate it.

From: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>
Date: Monday, April 28, 2025 at 5:05 PM
To: Liz Van Voorhis <lvanvoorhis@lacity.org>
Cc: Tai Beauchamp <taibeauchamp@lacity.org>, Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents <special@lacity.org>, Nicole Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>
Subject: Re: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Good afternoon Liz,

Great to hear from you.

Unfortunately, we will have to check if this date is available as your inquiry is coming in a few days short from the required 60 day minimum. I will send an email request for approvals on the date and get back to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, can you please confirm if you will be using the same event space as last year?

Thank you,

On Mon, Apr 28, 2025 at 1:16 PM Liz Van Voorhis <lvanvoorhis@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi everyone – Checking in to see who our main contact is and if we can check availability and submit an application for an event Sunday, June 8th morning. Can you please let me know next steps? Happy to jump on the phone to discuss late afternoon today or tomorrow afternoon.

Thank you,
liz

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From: Tai Beauchamp < >
Date: Friday, April 25, 2025 at 2:28 PM
To: Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org>, Liz Van Voorhis <
Cc: Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org>, SpecialEvents Nicole
Robottom <nicole.robottom@lacity.org>
Subject: Griffith Park Event June 8, 2025

Good day Yose! I hope you are well! Reconnecting with my team lead by Liz Van Voorhis whom you know who will be running point! We are keen to confirm an event on June 8 at Griffith park.

With gratitude,

Tai Beauchamp
Founder, Tai Life Media, LLC
Founder, Morning Mindset with Tai

M.

On Oct 31, 2024, at 9:30 AM, Yose Talamante <yose.talamante@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Monica,

Thank you for confirming! We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

On Thu, Oct 31, 2024 at 8:25 AM Monica Rowe < > wrote:

Hello Francisca,

Thank you for reaching out to confirm. Liz is no longer working with us and most likely didn't cancel before her departure.

Confirming we will not need to proceed with the application for this date.

Thank you and we'll be in touch soon with our future plans.

Sincerely, Monica

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 29, 2024, at 5:23 PM, Francisca Franco <francisca.franco@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Liz,

I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out as I realized we have you on our calendar for Saturday November 16,2024. I would like to confirm this request so we begin the application process. If you can please let us know as soon as possible that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and my apologies for such a late notice.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Whitnall off leash lights not working

1 message

Jackie Sparagna

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Tue, Aug 19, 2025 at 9:53 PM

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

Thank you for fixing the light!

Jacqueline Sparagna, Esq.

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On Mon, Aug 11, 2025 at 7:29 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Aug 8, 2025 at 8:31 PM Jackie Sparagna < > wrote:

Hello, the light is still not working. It intermittently turns on and off in the dark. This is a serious safety issue as there are dozens of dogs here in the evening. This is a lawsuit waiting to happen.

Thank you,

Jacqueline Sparagna, Esq.

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On Wed, Aug 6, 2025 at 8:06 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Aug 5, 2025 at 8:52 PM Jackie Sparagna < > wrote:

Hi,

The lights at the whitnall off leash dog park in north hollywood dont work. Its pitch black at 7 30 pm. Can you please have someone come fix these lights?

Thanks,



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: LFIA Support for the Purchase of the Griffith Park Spillman Carousel

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Aug 20, 2025 at 11:07 AM

To: LFIA President >

Cc: Nithya Raman <nithya.raman@lacity.org>, Jennifer Hull <jennifer.hull@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 Wed, Aug 20, 2025 at 10:55 AM LFIA President <

> wrote:

Please see attached letter.

Thank you.

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Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners
City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
221 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1510
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Support for the Purchase of the Griffith Park Spillman Carousel

Dear Commissioners,

Since 1916, the Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA) has served as the voice of Los Feliz residents, advocating for projects that strengthen the quality of life in our community. Today, we write to express our strong support for the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) proposed purchase of the Griffith Park Spillman Carousel.

Above all, the Carousel has always been about community joy. For generations, it has provided an affordable, family-friendly experience that brings together Angelenos of every background. In a city where the cost of entertainment can often exclude working families, the Carousel has stood as a rare place where children of all ages can experience magic, create memories, and enjoy a day in Griffith Park. Its location in the heart of the park, near picnic areas, playgrounds, and trails, makes it a gathering point that enriches the entire park experience.

The absence of the Carousel since its closure has been deeply felt. Residents and visitors alike have lost not just a ride, but a beloved tradition, and one that has long contributed to the vitality of Griffith Park as "the people's park." By acquiring and restoring the Carousel, RAP will return a vital recreational amenity that embodies accessibility, inclusivity, and fun for all ages.

Of course, the Carousel is also an important historic and cultural landmark. Built in 1926 and moved to Griffith Park in 1937, it is one of the few intact Spillman Engineering carousels left in North America and is recognized as a contributing feature of Griffith Park's Historic Cultural Monument designation. It also holds a unique place in cultural history as the ride that inspired Walt Disney's dream of Disneyland. These qualities make it not only a joyful community amenity but also a treasure that deserves protection for future generations.

We applaud RAP's commitment to partner with stakeholders including: the Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust, Councilmember Nithya Raman, the Los Angeles Conservancy, and the National Carousel Association, to restore and preserve the Carousel. With this collaborative effort, the City can ensure that the Carousel



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remains both affordable and well-maintained, securing its role as a cherished public asset.

As the oldest neighborhood association in Los Angeles, LFIA believes this acquisition is essential to honoring Griffith Park's role as a truly public space - one that offers accessible, enriching, and joyful experiences to every Angeleno. In fact our LFIA Board of Directors unanimously voted to embark on a fundraising effort to support the reopening of this historic Carousel.

We therefore respectfully urge the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners to approve the acquisition of the Griffith Park Spillman Carousel and move forward with its restoration and reopening for the benefit of today's community and generations to come.

Thank you for your leadership in protecting Griffith Park and safeguarding the recreational experiences that make Los Angeles a better place to live.

Respectfully,

Debra Matlock
President



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners Agenda Order -- Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statements

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Aug 22, 2025 at 7:14 AM

To: Glenn Bailey <

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Cc: Steven Hong <steven.hong@lacity.org>, Brendan Kearns <brendan.kearns@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Vahid Khorsand <vahid.khorsand@lacity.org>, Carmen Chang <carmen.chang@lacity.org>, Linda Gravani <

>, "LA Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)" <

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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 Thu, Aug 21, 2025 at 4:30 PM Glenn Bailey <
Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners
City of Los Angeles

> wrote:

Good afternoon Commissioners,

During this morning's Commission meeting, I noticed that agenda item 7:

7. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS Discussion with Neighborhood Council Representatives on Neighborhood Council Resolutions or Community Impact Statements Filed with the City Clerk Relative to Any Item Listed or Being Considered on this Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Meeting Agenda (Los Angeles Administrative Code 22.819; Ordinance 184243)

was considered AFTER the Commission had already voted on all Board Reports (agenda item 6). A copy of the agenda is attached.

It appears this agenda item 7 would be more properly placed between your agenda item 4 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT and item 5 BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT so that any Community Impact Statement presented by a Neighborhood Council could be heard prior to the agenda item being considered by the Commission.

Section 22.819 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code provides, in part:

*(b) Board and Commission Meetings. The agenda for each City Board or Commission meeting shall contain an agenda item for a Neighborhood Council representative to provide the Neighborhood Council's formal position on any matter listed on the agenda for that Board or Commission meeting. The Neighborhood Council representative shall provide the Board or Commission with a copy of the Neighborhood Council's Resolution or Community Impact Statement. **The agenda item for the Neighborhood Council's formal position should be listed on the agenda in an order that ensures prompt consideration of the Neighborhood Council position and should be listed separately from general public comment.** In the chair's discretion at the City Board or Commission meeting, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more comment time than allotted to members of the general public.*

In my opinion, the mere listing of "Neighborhood Council Comments" AFTER that portion of the agenda during which the Commission typically votes to approve its Board Reports violates the spirit and intent of the highlighted provision: **"The agenda item for the Neighborhood Council's formal position should be listed on the agenda in an order that ensures prompt consideration of the Neighborhood Council position and should be listed separately from general public comment."**

I am requesting that the Commission revise its agenda order as suggested above, effective prior to its next meeting, in an attempt to resolve this issue.

Please advise.

Thank you.

Cordially,

Glenn Bailey

Executive Committee Member*
Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC)
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Neighborhood Council Comments agenda item placement

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Aug 22, 2025 at 8:00 AM

To: Jennifer Clark < >
 Cc: Steven Hong <steven.hong@lacity.org>, Brendan Kearns <brendan.kearns@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Vahid Khorsand <vahid.khorsand@lacity.org>, Carmen Chang <carmen.chang@lacity.org>, Linda Gravani < >, "LA Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)" < >, Glenn Bailey < >

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Aug 21, 2025 at 6:21 PM Jennifer Clark < > wrote:

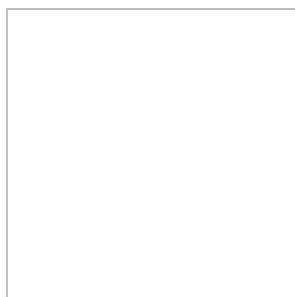
Good evening Commissioners,

I am forwarding the June 6, 2024 email that I sent to the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners regarding the placement of the agenda item for "NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS" being after the agenda item for "BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT".

There has not been a change in the agenda item order, and I'm following up on this request.

I do appreciate that when I have attended to present a Community Impact Statement (CIS) from the North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council, you have extended the courtesy to allow us to speak before you take your vote on the applicable Board Report.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

**Jennifer Clark**

North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council

Vice President*Resident Representatives Stakeholder Board Member*

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Elections Chair || Outreach & Youth Engagement member ||

Housing & Transportation member

She/Her/Hers

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If this is after-hours for you, please feel free to wait to respond until your preferred working hours resume. I work flexibly and may send emails outside normal working hours. Your immediate response is not expected.

Please note: any email correspondence with me is subject to the California Public Records Act, and the record may be subject to public disclosure.

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From: **Jennifer Clark** < >

Date: Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 8:44 PM

Subject: Neighborhood Council Comments agenda item placement

To: <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>

RAP Commissioners and RAP agenda preparer,

Thank you very much for including an agenda item for NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS. "Discussion with Neighborhood Council Representatives on Neighborhood Council Resolutions or Community Impact Statements Filed

with the City Clerk Relative to Any Item Listed or Being Considered on this Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Meeting Agenda (Los Angeles Administrative Code 22.819; Ordinance 184243)

I would like to ask that you place this agenda item before the Board Reports in the future. Given that the Commissioners vote on these reports during that agenda item, it would allow any Neighborhood Council to give their comments before a vote is taken if their comments pertain to a Board Report.

For example, on the June 6th agenda, Board Reports were Agenda Item 6 and Neighborhood Council Comments were Agenda Item 7.

<https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/pdf/commissioner/2024/jun06/rap-meeting-agenda-6-6-24-ca-edits-2.pdf>

Thank you again for allocating Neighborhood Councils a separate agenda item to share any official actions they have voted on to present to you. I fully appreciate the privilege that this allows as we represent our specific geographic area based stakeholder groups.

Yours,

Jennifer Clark
North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council
Vice President
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Warner Ranch Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Aug 26, 2025 at 7:47 AM

To: Jessica Henson

Cc: Felice Blair

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 10:21 PM Jessica Henson

wrote:

Hi Felice--

Thanks for the note -- and appreciate the kind words about how the PNA energized you earlier this year.

The notes you have shared with the Park Needs Assessment team this year are recorded in the PNA comments.

I hope you will get the chance to review the draft PNA when it is available to the public in September. As you know we are looking at system-wide topics including prioritization, guidelines, and budgets. Many items we have heard this year are related to limited staffing that RAP has. It would be good to have your comments on the overall PNA when it is available.

JMH

On Sat, Aug 23, 2025 at 11:08 AM Felice Blair

wrote:

Hi Jessica & All,

Meeting you with Chandra at your LA Park Needs educational display & talk at Tarzana Park & Rec. several months ago was most supportive. Unfortunately we still have not succeeded in obtaining the Specific Warner Ranch Park R&Rs from RAP despite our repetitive emails.

How can Warner Ranch Park succeed in eliminating the 3-4 daily organized Team Sports (this is NOT a team sport approved park where I understand lawsuits have been filed with the city?

Due to the small lettered sign stating No Team Sports & No Open Flame posted in 1 non obvious location, park goes continue to have Bar B Qs, a hazard in view of surrounding pine trees dropping dry needles.

The sign for this park is not ample or visible in deterring our concerns.

Jessica, Cathie, Alice or Joshua how can you help us get the Specific Warner Ranch R & Rs & address our pressing park continued Team Sports, Bar B Q ing & specific large sign needs?

Wayne had suggested seeding in Sept. Why seed when 3-4 daily teams will destroy days after.. our park grass is now bare dirt.

Alice, is a meeting in place please?

Thank you,
Felice Blair
Chandra Pesheck
Tracy Keene
Greater Warner Park Neighbors

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Jessica Henson, RLA, ASLA, AICP



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Re: Formal Complaint Regarding Opposing Coach's Unsportsmanlike Conduct during Natasha Watley tournament

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Aug 26, 2025 at 2:28 PM

To:
Cc: "christina.conyers@lacity.org"
<christina.conyers@lacity.org>, "councilmemeber.rodriquez@lacity.org" <councilmemeber.rodriquez@lacity.org>,
"rap-gpla@lacity.org" <rap-gpla@lacity.org>

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 Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 11:04 PM

wrote:

Dear Members of the Board of RAP Commissioners,

Executive Summary

- During a recent Natasha Watley Championship game on 08/23 opposing coach Liz instructed her player/ Pitcher to intentionally hit a batter, which resulted in one of my players being struck.
- Liz is the wife of Rudy Sánchez, Park Director of Fernangeles. Mr. Sánchez was present, condoned the behavior, and failed to intervene.
- Both Liz and Mr. Sánchez have a documented history of unsportsmanlike, inappropriate, and unsafe conduct, which is widely known among the parks.
- They continue to work with multiple travel ball (basketball & Softball) teams, including those competing as the Phoenix, placing many children under their supervision despite this history.
- The original umpire ended the game early and noted he felt uncomfortable officiating further. His account is essential to the investigation and should be formally included.
- This behavior endangers children, undermines the integrity of the program, and violates the values of sportsmanship and safety.

Requested Action:

A thorough investigation, including testimony from the original umpire, and decisive corrective measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

Full Complaint Letter

I am writing not only as a concerned community member but also as a volunteer coach for the Ritchie Valens softball Majors division to bring to your immediate attention a very serious incident that occurred during the Natasha Watley, Majors Division Championship game, which took place on 08/23 at Branford Recreation Center.

During the game, the opposing coach, Liz, was heard by multiple coaches and parents instructing one of her players to intentionally hit the batter. That batter was a player on my team, who was subsequently struck.

What makes this matter even more concerning is that Coach Liz is the wife of Rudy Sánchez, the Park Director of Fernangeles. Not only did she issue this instruction, but Mr. Sánchez himself was present and condoned this behavior. As Park Director, he holds a responsibility to uphold the highest standards of conduct, fairness, and safety. Yet, in this case, he failed to intervene and instead supported conduct that deliberately endangered a child. Both individuals should be held accountable for their actions.

It is also important to note that both Coach Liz and Mr. Sánchez have a history of this type of behavior, which is well known amongst the parks. This troubling pattern raises serious concerns about their continued involvement in leadership and coaching roles within the program.

Even more troubling, they are actively involved with several travel ball teams (Softball & Basketball) from Fernangeles—including teams that compete in the name of Phoenix—placing them in positions of direct influence over many children. For individuals with a known history of unsportsmanlike and unsafe conduct to continue acting in this manner poses an unacceptable risk to the young athletes under their supervision.

This type of behavior is unacceptable and stands in direct opposition to the values of sportsmanship, respect, and safety that your program is intended to promote. Encouraging or condoning deliberate harm to another player not only endangers children but also undermines the integrity of the program and sets a dangerous example for families and participants.

As a volunteer coach, I take seriously my responsibility to ensure that every child on the field competes in a safe, positive environment. When coaches or park leadership encourage or condone unsportsmanlike and unsafe play, it violates the trust that parents and players place in this program.

I respectfully request that this incident be thoroughly investigated and that decisive action be taken to ensure such conduct does not occur again. As part of the investigation, I ask that the

original umpire who officiated the game be interviewed, specifically regarding why he chose to call the game early and how he expressed feeling uncomfortable continuing to officiate under those circumstances. His perspective is critical to fully understanding what took place. I further request to be informed of the outcome of this matter.

Addressing this issue promptly and firmly will reinforce the standards of safety and sportsmanship that all participants deserve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued commitment to the integrity of our recreational programs.

Sincerely,

Emily Leon

Volunteer Coach, Ritchie Valens

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Re: Natasha Watley Softball inappropriate interaction

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Aug 27, 2025 at 7:35 AM

To: Nere Lopez

 Cc: Christina Conyers <Christina.conyers@lacity.org>, Councilmember Rodriguez
 <councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org>, rap-gpla@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, Aug 26, 2025 at 11:16 PM Nere Lopez wrote:

Good Evening, I am the mother of Eylliana Lemus. Eylliana is part of Ritchie Vallens Recreational and has been playing Softball since Spring 2024. Last year when we assigned Eylliana to play Spring and after for Summer Natasha Watley Tournament, we experienced an unusual behavior (screaming at his group of girls and getting up close to their face when directing them) from Fernangeles Coach Rudy Sanchez (Also is the Park director for Fernangeles Recreational). Fast forward to 2025 Natasha Watley during the Championship game Coach Rudy started off with again an unusual behavior at first inning raising his voice and having an aggressive body language when calls were being made by the umpire. Coach Liz (Fernangeles coach) as well was getting loud and inappropriate name calling the umpire. There was also a man from the stands who also used inappropriate language who did get kicked out of the game and shortly after a mother (Vanessa- daughters name is Mia) behind us started raising her voice with foul language towards the umpires call and then continued to verbally attack one of the moms from Ritchie Vallens. I reached out to her and told her to please stop since our girls are watching this behavior, she continued with "I dont give a " "No one is going to talk about my daughter".

Her daughter Mia when being on the mound (from Fernangeles team) was heard telling her teammates she was purposely going to hit Cailey (the batter from Ritchie Vallens team), she indeed hit her. The coaches heard her the umpire heard her and even some of us parents heard her.

We all sign consents for this type of behavior not to be tolerated starting from the coach, to the players and the parents. The coach should lead by example. This behavior should not be tolerated and I believe they should be held accountable. After speaking to several parents who have been part of Ritchie Vallens longer than us have said this is an occurring situation. I plead for action to be taken since in the end that is why we sign consents and continuing this type of behavior feeds off increase of aggression and transmits that to all the players.

Thank you.

Enereida Lopez

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Re: Natasha Watley Incident

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Aug 28, 2025 at 7:57 AM

To: Amy Romo

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 Wed, Aug 27, 2025 at 11:40 AM Amy Romo

wrote:

To Whom it May Concern,

This is not the first time we have encountered horrible behavior from the Fernangeles staff/parents, but this is the first time I am reporting what I have witnessed.

As I'm sure you all have heard the news about that awkward incident that took place on Saturday 8/23/25. All the girls worked very hard to get that far and make the championship.

This is not the first time we have been part of the Natasha Watley Tournament but might be the last. Horrible experience and all because Fernangeles Staff are sore losers.

Ritchie was at bat and Fernangles fielding. We had our batter in place and proceeded to a fake bunt/swing (normal softball routine). Then it is heard the Fernangeles staff say, "next time she does that hit her".

The batter proceeded to once again show bunt and pitcher hit her. That hit could have been worse and caused damage to a child that is there to grow and learn the sport. I hope this is taken very seriously because that parent can file a lawsuit and take legal action on that staff member and parents.

I find it very disturbing that the coach found the need to say, "next time she does it hit her" and with no hesitation the pitcher hit the batter. Why? Why play dirty like that and who are the parents to allow that kind of behavior from a coach. Embarrassing!!

Those words were heard by the umpire and our side of the stands (Ritchie). The ump proceeded to give them a warning. From that warning Fernangeles proceed to escalate the issue causing the umpire to call the game. A lot of back and forth in between before we continued with the game. Once we continued with the game Fernangeles keep contesting everything which just made the rest of the game uncomfortable to watch and support the teams.

This behavior from any coach, director, staff, or parent is unacceptable and should be followed with termination/removal from the park. I've never seen such aggression, negative vibes, and negative talk from park staff like Fernangeles. I have 3 kids, and they all have played at multiple GPLA's and not once have we seen unprofessional staff like them. They walk and act like they own GPLA and are very angry when they lose a game.

Besides this past Saturday the previous negative encounter was Wednesday 8/6/25. A parent from the Fernangeles team has video(after we were told we couldn't record) on this game 8/6 because they were recording the game. You can hear the staff yelling out that our girls (Ritchie) are not earning the runs. Who says that... Why the negative talk towards the opposing team, why not offer words of encouragement to your own team.

Also, Fernangeles staff/coaches hate when other teams record, and I see why.. they don't want their horrible behavior or words recorded.

This needs to be escalated!!

Thank you,

Amy Romo

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Re: Unacceptable Management of Daycare Center Closure

1 message

LaShon Tillie-Jones <lashon.tillie-jones@lacity.org>

Thu, Aug 21, 2025 at 9:28 AM

To: Catherine Gillespie-Vargas

Cc: Xavier Vargas

Chinyere Stoneham <chinyere.stoneham@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Patricia Delgado <trish.delgado@lacity.org>, Mark Rose <mark.rose@lacity.org>

Hello Catherine,

In response to your letter the Request for Proposal (RFP) process required two site tours be scheduled for each childcare center for potential bidders. The site tour schedule was coordinated by the Contracts, Partnerships, and Child Care divisions from the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP).

When determining the site tour schedule, travel time between centers, the availability of potential bidders and RAP staff during operational business hours, was considered. Effort was made to minimize disruption, by scheduling in advance an early dismissal, instead of cancelling the program for the day of the tours. Consequently, the regularly scheduled early dismissal on Friday, July 25, 2025, (scheduled for staff development) was canceled, in lieu of the site tours. The disruption at Downey was due to a miscommunication with the site director. Regarding staffing changes, the former director requested a reassignment, which was granted.

During the budget hearing for 2024-2025 the Chief Legislative Analyst submitted an overview of the proposed budget, cuts, and responses. In that report it instructed the Department of Recreation and Parks to report with a plan to transition provision of childcare operations from the department to non City providers. See attachment H.

As stated in the May 2025 parent meetings, RAP began drafting the RFP in October 2024 in response to budget constraints in an effort to continue the licensed child care program. This process spanned several months. Parents were not provided with a formal statement regarding the process, as information had not been finalized.

Twenty million dollars was allocated through ARPA funding. \$16M was utilized for capital improvements to the park property to support licensed child care operations for the community. The remaining \$4M was designated for start-up costs including furniture, staff training, educational materials and supplies, staff oversight, along with staffing for the 10 sites to provide child care services at no charge for the community.

This has been a challenging time for Recreation and Parks. The ongoing and future budget constraints will require a continued focus on defining RAP's core programming and the development of additional strategic partnerships to provide the same level of service for the

community as has been previously provided. RAP will continue to consider collaborative efforts to ensure the continued success of our programs and services for the community.

On Thu, Aug 7, 2025 at 9:49 AM Catherine Gillespie-Vargas

wrote:

Dear Ms. Tillie-Jones,

Thank you for your response. I feel that both the initial response and yours illustrate a remaining lack of accountability and clarity of ownership for decision-making.

Your response deflected responsibility to "miscommunication" with directors rather than addressing who made these decisions at RAP. I feel the pattern of mismanagement and poor planning stems from above the director level, and I'm seeking transparency about who is making these choices.

While I appreciate the attempts to acknowledge the emotion behind our concerns, **the response did not address these key concerns:**

- Why site tours required midday closures instead of after-hours scheduling, prioritizing RFP convenience over children's stability
- Who decided on the timing for staff development closures
- Who is accountable for all these operational choices

This pattern extends beyond recent weeks. **I share these examples to demonstrate a year-long pattern of not centering the experience of children and parents:**

- RAP ordered directors NOT to inform parents of potential closures in February 2025
- Families had to discover closure plans through their own advocacy
- RAP representatives at May meetings couldn't answer basic questions about burn rates or alternatives
- Downey's former director got reassigned last minute to another center, likely to close in August 2025

A \$20M public investment was converted to a privatized subsidy with minimal to no family input.

I feel concerned about how we treat constituents, **especially children, when they deserve greater accountability** standards we expect in other professional settings.

You speak of accountability and learning from this experience, but I need to see specific, measurable actions rather than general promises. While I appreciate the attempts to acknowledge the emotion behind the concerns

I would like to understand:

1. Names and titles of who made the tour scheduling decisions, the decisions to not tell parents in February, and who Mayor Bass assigned to create a plan for these centers in the summer 2024
2. The organizational structure showing who oversees these decision-makers
3. Specific actions RAP will implement to prevent similar issues in other programs

I believe families deserve this transparency, which I have yet to see from RAP since our enrollment in August 2024. I am ever grateful for the center directors and staff who have made our experience wonderful over this year in spite of administrative burdens.

Best regards,

Catherine
Concerned Taxpayer & Parent

On Wed, Aug 6, 2025 at 1:17 PM LaShon Tillie-Jones <lashon.tillie-jones@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Mr. Vargas,

Thank you for sharing your candid feedback. I hear the frustration and concern in your message, and I want to acknowledge how deeply these decisions are affecting families—especially during such a significant transition.

Regarding your first point: the timing of the site tours was a difficult decision. The intention was not to prioritize adults over children, but to ensure transparency and thoroughness in the RFP process. We recognize that the midday closures were disruptive, and as mentioned in previous correspondence, the second closure was the result of a miscommunication among staff. Your feedback on this is well taken.

As for staff participation in development week, our child care centers remain licensed facilities, and we are required by Community Care Licensing to maintain ongoing staff training. The goal was to honor our educators' expertise and provide continuity—even as operations shift. While the center is closing under City management, many of these staff members will continue working with children in new settings. Their involvement in development activities was intended to support a smoother transition for everyone, especially for children who may encounter familiar faces in future programs. That said, your point about timing and relevance is valid, and we'll reflect on how to better align training with operational realities.

We remain committed to learning from this experience and doing better by our families. Thank you again for holding us accountable.

On Wed, Aug 6, 2025 at 8:20 AM Xavier Vargas

wrote:

Eh. Throwing the director (the one person parents actually trust has been consistent with us time and time again) is an interesting leadership/PR strategy.

The email response doesn't really have answers for the key questions raised originally.

1. Why were the adults (RFP bidders and Central staff) prioritized over kids for the tours. Salaried adults can more easily show up at 4pm for a site tour than have kids dis-regulated by two straight 12pm closure days. That seems like a choice to center the adults.

2. Why are staff pulled into "development" week when the center is closing permanently in City operations? If the staff are getting reassigned anyway, why not wait until the program is closed to cross-train then? The private RFP bidders will have their own training for whatever staff they hire.

Again, decisions to center the adult experience versus toddlers. That's quite the leadership choice.

Xavier

Xavier Vargas

On Thu, Jul 31, 2025 at 8:00 AM Chinyere Stoneham <chinyere.stoneham@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Catherine and Xavier,

Thank you for reaching out with your concerns regarding the closure of the Downey Childcare Center.

To clarify, the early closure on **July 24, 2025** was communicated to center directors one month in advance and served as a replacement for the regularly scheduled staff development early dismissal. As a result, the staff development training originally planned for **July 25, 2025** was canceled.

It appears that the Director did proceed with an early closure on July 25, and there may have been a miscommunication regarding the emails sent out about closure dates. We sincerely apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

We truly appreciate your understanding and patience as we navigate these transitions, and we remain committed to supporting our families through every step.

I've cc'd [+LaShon Tillie-Jones](#) RAP's Child Care Program Manager should you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Chinyere

On Fri, Jul 25, 2025 at 3:47 PM Catherine Gillespie-Vargas

wrote:

Dear RAP Administrators and Commissioners,

I am writing to express my profound disappointment at the mismanagement of our neighborhood daycare center's closure (Downey Childcare Center - a licensed preschool).

The actions taken over the past 6 months tell me that the plan is to 'quietly' kill this program as early as possible, despite the estimated closure timeline of December/January discussed in May 2025. This approach prioritizes potential payments to privatized childcare providers over the families who depend on these services. Many in leadership seem to have lost sight of a fundamental truth: **the end clients of your services are not RFP bidders, but the families and staff of our neighborhoods.**

The recent operational decisions are not acceptable. Closing the daycare during precious caregiving hours to accommodate RFP site visits—which could easily be scheduled before or after care hours—demonstrates a callous disregard for working families. Adding insult to injury, scheduling a "professional development week," when staff knows their positions are most likely to be moved out of childcare altogether or eliminated, is both wasteful and demoralizing.

These closures create a gap of 22% of our weekly caregiving time that we rely on as working parents. Closing for two consecutive days at noon—eliminating more than half the day's childcare for over a dozen families—so that potential bidders can tour the facility, is illogical, if not cruel. The center operates 6.5 hours per day; it is glaring that minimal, if any, consideration has been given to the children and families this center serves.

The actions taken in the last few weeks, let alone the last 6 months, **put the needs of children and families dead last and make your promises of a "seamless transition" nothing but empty words.** These thoughtless decisions reveal a portion of the RAP department that has abandoned its responsibility to the community it claims to serve.

We demand accountability to address these failures, which deprioritize the families left scrambling by poor planning and execution.

Sincerely,
Catherine & Xavier
Concerned Parents and Taxpayers

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Chinyere Stoneham
Assistant General Manager
City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

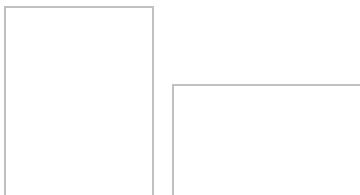
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Warm regards,

LaShon Tillie-Jones

Child Care Program Manager

City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks



"I have never encountered any children in any group who are not geniuses, there is no mystery on how to teach them. The first thing you do is treat them like human beings and the second thing you do is love them"

Dr. Asa G. Hillard III"

EXHIBIT H

REQUIRED ORDINANCE CHANGES AND OTHER BUDGETARY ACTIONS

The list below outlines actions necessary to be taken by the Mayor and Council to effectuate the 2024-25 Budget. These include ordinance changes and other actions.

I. ORDINANCE CHANGES

1. Authorize the issuance of an amount not-to-exceed \$1.7 billion in Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes to address short-term cash flow needs and to make the full annual contribution payments to the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System Fund and to the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions Fund.

City Attorney

2. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present all revenue-generating ordinances as expeditiously as possible, but no later than 30 days after final budget adoption.

II. OTHER BUDGETARY ACTIONS

Citywide

3. No layoffs are authorized as part of the 2024-25 Budget. Insofar as the budget includes the elimination of filled positions, departments are instructed to transfer incumbent employees into existing vacant positions, where appropriate. If no such vacancy exists, the City may pursue other administrative actions, including the approval of substitute and in-lieu position authorities, to retain these employees. Departments are expected to absorb the costs of these additional authorities. If a department is unable to absorb these costs, the City Administrative Officer shall recommend transfers of funds through financial status reports, including from the Unappropriated Balance - Department Payroll Reconciliation Account, to pay for the costs of these authorities.

City Administrative Officer

4. Instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to include in 2024-25 Financial Status Reports, the transfer of interest from the Engineering Special Services Fund No. 682/50 to the Reserve Fund No. 101/62.
5. Instruct the CAO to report on the personnel, contracting support and other needs to develop a Grants Application and Support unit within the Office of the CAO, the function of which should be to maximize the funding from private or foundation donors, as well as the State and Federal government available to the City of Los Angeles. The report should also outline additional streamlining recommendations to ensure that the City is able to apply for and receive awards expeditiously, comply with grant terms and requirements, and focus on preparing for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
6. Instruct the CAO to convene, in concert with the Mayor and Council and at the start of July, a reassessment of departmental base budgets to ensure that City services are aligned with requests from the public, that staffing levels for those core services identified are sufficient to meet the needs of the City and a plan to address the future staffing needs of our departments is developed in time for the 2025-2026 budget process.

General Services

7. Authorize the Controller and the General Services Department (GSD) to transfer funds from the Motion Picture Coordination Fund No. 417 to GSD Fund No. 100/40, Salaries, General Account No. 001010, Overtime General Account No. 001090, Salaries, As-Needed Account No. 001070, Hiring Hall Account No. 001100, Construction Projects Account No. 001014, Hiring Hall Construction Account No. 001101, Hiring Hall Fringe Benefits Account No. 001120, Construction Hiring Hall Fringe Benefits Account No. 001121, Construction Overtime Hiring Hall Account No. 001191, Maintenance Materials Account No. 003160, Construction Materials Account No. 003180, Office and Administrative Account No. 006010, and Operating Supplies Account No. 006020.

Housing

8. Disencumber and revert to the special fund cash balance the balances remaining in each of the following accounts in the same amounts as exist on June 30, 2024, and authorize the Controller to take all necessary steps to accomplish this action: Accessible Housing Fund No. 10D, Chief Architect Account Nos. 43V919, 43W919, 43Y919, City Architectural Plans Account No. 43V920, Contract Programming – For Systems Upgrades Account Nos. 43T900, 43V900, 43W900, 43Y900, Court Monitor Account Nos. 43W621, 43Y621, Outside Auditor Account Nos. 43W644, 43Y644, 43T280, Plaintiff Counsel Account Nos. 43V280, 43W280, 43Y280, Retrofit Account Nos. 43R698, 43S698, 43V698, 43W698, 43Y698, Technical Services Account Nos. 43T844, 43Y844, Translation Services Account Nos. 43T560, 43V560, 43W560, 43Y560.

Bureau of Sanitation

9. Instruct the Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation to report to the Municipal Facilities Committee with an evaluation of the need and logistics of hiring and the necessary facility space support required, prior to requesting reauthorization of approved MICLA funding for 2024-25 vehicles.
10. Instruct the Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation to report on fee studies and recommendations, including required Charter or ordinance changes, to achieve full cost recovery for the following programs:
 - a. Solid Waste – Extra Capacity and Intermittent Extra Capacity
 - b. Clean Water – Septage Discharge; Industrial User; Sewer Permit Dye Test; Sewer Capacity Availability Reviews
 - c. Watershed Protection – Planning and Land Development-Low Impact Development Review

Bureau of Street Lighting

11. Instruct the Bureau of Street Lighting to begin developing a resiliency investment strategy that will combine solar lighting retrofits, hardening of fixtures, conversion to cheaper commodity material wiring, and any other viable strategies to address copper wire theft, and to prepare for reassessment of street lighting maintenance districts to support those investments.

Bureau of Street Services and Department of Transportation

12. Instruct the Bureau of Street Services and the Department of Transportation to develop an implementation plan for Measure HLA that will leverage existing funds and attract new grant funding, determine least-cost/best-fit street interventions that meet or exceed design requirements for the mandated elements of the Mobility Plan, and report to the Mayor and Council

within the first 90 days of the 2024-25 Fiscal Year with the revised plan for street maintenance and investment.

Recreation and Parks

13. Instruct the Recreation and Parks Department to report to the Mayor and Council with a plan to transition provision of childcare operations from the Department to non-City providers. The report should include: a timeline for the transition, the names of childcare facilities for which operations will be transitioned to an outside provider, the names of facilities that the City will continue to operate, the costs for outsourcing childcare services as compared to the costs for services when the City provides them, and current and projected enrollment and capacity for each facility.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Echo Park Lake Need of Maintenance

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Aug 27, 2025 at 7:48 AM

To: George The Great

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, Aug 26, 2025 at 6:19 PM George The Great

wrote:

Good afternoon City Officials.

This message is for the Park and Recreation Commissioners.

We don't need to explain what the videos below explain really well.

Please view the videos below and we look forward to seeing the park in better conditions in the future.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/mWAXoXam2NhuTSdq5><https://photos.app.goo.gl/isCgboxUqseDZu2L7>

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