


INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

June 6, 2024

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> |
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| Griffith Park Pony Ride comments | | Referred to General Manager |
| 1) Eduardo Roca comments regarding Queen Anne Park concerns | #9630a | Referred to General Manager |
| 2) Muro Gracia comments regarding graffiti at Sycamore Grove Park | #9635 | Referred to General Manager |
| 3) Hongchul Ahn comments regarding Golf Tee Time | #9636 | Referred to General Manager |
| 4) Karen Thrornton comments regarding the Hollywood sign | #9637 | Referred to General Manager |
| 5) Jim Stein comments regarding Jesse Owens Mini Park Sign for Lake Balboa NC | #9638 | Referred to General Manager |
| 6) George the Great comments regarding graffiti at Echo Park | #9639 | Referred to General Manager |
| 7) George the Great comments regarding Unauthorized vendors occupying Echo Park territory | #9639a | Referred to General Manager |
| 8) Yaire Varboza comments regarding saving El Burrito | #9640 | Referred to General Manager |

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| 9) Kieran O'Carroll comments regarding the Griffith Park Bridge Home Shelter | #9641 | Referred to General Manager |
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| 10) Dawn Socha comments regarding the Griffith Park Bridge Home Shelter | #9641a | Referred to General Manager |
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| 11) Mark Mariscal comments regarding retrieving back artifacts, papers, documents, metals, etc. to the Ft. MacArthur Museum Association | #9642 | Referred to General Manager |
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| 12) Nancy Freedman comments regarding renovation of Brentwood Barrington Recreation Center | #9643 | Referred to General Manager |
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| 13) Amelia comments regarding workers at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center | #9644 | Referred to General Manager |
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| 14) Pae White comments regarding pond at Debs Park | #9645 | Referred to General Manager |
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| 15) Jacob Wasserman comments regarding improvements for sidewalk and crossing on Veteran Avenue near Westwood Park | #9646 | Referred to General Manager |
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| 16) Jacob Wasserman comments regarding improvements for sidewalk and crossing on Veteran Avenue near Westwood Park. Council File Number: 24-1111-S16 | #9646a | Referred to General Manager |
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| 17) Jacob Wasserman comments regarding improvements for sidewalk and crossing on Veteran Avenue near Westwood Park. Council File Number: 24-1111-S13 | #9646b | Referred to General Manager |
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| 18) Jacob Wasserman comments regarding improvements for sidewalk and crossing on Veteran Avenue near Westwood Park. Council File Number: 24-0000-S5 | #9646c | Referred to General Manager |
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| 19) Sarajane Schwartz comments regarding safety at Hollywoodland during Memorial Day | #9647 | Referred to General Manager |
| 20) Ron Bitzer comments regarding public safety report for the neighborhood of Valley Plaza Park | #9648 | Referred to General Manager |
| 21) Traci Mars comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades | #9649 | Referred to General Manager |
| 22) Sydney Douglas comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades | #9649a | Referred to General Manager |
| 23) Donna Burkons comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades | #9649b | Referred to General Manager |
| 24) Patricia Borgeson comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades | #9646c | Referred to General Manager |
| 25) Tricia Taper comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades | #9646d | Referred to General Manager |
| 26) Stephanie Moore comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades | #9646e | Referred to General Manager |
| 27) Edoardo Simonotti comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades | #9646f | Referred to General Manager |
| 28) Nancy Seid comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades | #9646g | Referred to General Manager |
| 29) Dominick Hendricks comments regarding a situation at Michelle Obama Sports Complex | #9650 | Referred to General Manager |
| 30) Amber Angell comments regarding experience with the Lincoln Park Recreation Center | #9651 | Referred to General Manager |

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| 31) Tyler Marks comments regarding experience with the Lincoln Park Recreation Center | #9651a | Referred to General Manager |
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Prepared by Rosa Cartagena, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fwd: When is the city going to act

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 31, 2024 at 8:25 AM

To: Eduardo Roca <

Good Morning,

Please see response from staff below

Thank you!

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

From: **Juan Guzman** <juan.l.guzman@lacity.org>

Date: Thu, May 30, 2024 at 4:17 PM

Subject: Re: When is the city going to act

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

Cc: Kimberly Simonet <kimberly.simonet@lacity.org>, Anita Meacham <anita.meacham@lacity.org>

Apologies for the delay in response. Please see responses in blue below.

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

From: **Eduardo Roca** < >

Date: Fri, May 3, 2024 at 9:08 PM

Subject: When is the city going to act

To: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>

Cc: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, rap.hrcerts@lacity.org <rap.hrcerts@lacity.org>

A few months ago an email was sent to the parks and rec informing that Queen Anne Park staff have acted wrongfully

With some kids, park Director Renaco has agreed to other wrongful behavior of the staff

Runako was not sure what this allegation is referring to. I'm not able to comment on this allegation as it is incomplete and unclear.

people mentioned that have found Trophies and pictures from past Baseball and Basketball seasons in the trash and that the parents were not contacted to sort Them out,

The trophies that were discarded were from 2022 and before. Apparently, at that time, trophies were ordered without personalized names. Queen Anne staff called parents and players after the Fall 2022 season to pick up trophies. The discarded trophies were kept approximately another year before being discarded. Beginning, 2023 medals were ordered instead of trophies which take up less storage space. Queen Anne Director Runako Ellis has now added information to sports flyers informing parents that awards will be held for one year before recycling. Staff was trained on the proper procedure to discard items / equipment. It is now clear that a service request must be submitted and the items then taken to the region yard for proper salvage. April 22nd was a recent basketball banquet day. I was present to see multiple teams on the outdoor courts having their end-of-the-season banquet with awards and pictures.

people say that a member of the staff Waverly Brown charges a quote from parents to practice indoor basketball,

Since when a city worker can be charging for practice and gym time when the park should be for the public unless the park

Organizes a basketball tournament then we all know we have to pay to participate also Waverly Brown currently has a

Sundays basketball tournament running from 9 am to 5 pm, are these people profiting from this tournaments, isn't that illegal?

Sunday basketball games are Queen Anne leagues registered on Rectrac. Before this season, Runako Ellis requested approval (and was granted) to play basketball on Sundays because Spring Volleyball is played on Saturdays in the gym. Waverly is coaching however she is not running private leagues or training.

Why there is so much attention to basketball when baseball season started late due that there were no coaches and no kids

Why a group of people just worry about one sport? Are they making side money from this?

Baseball / Softball was delayed due to a communication mistake in ordering uniforms. Runako Ellis acknowledged the error and once it was discovered I worked with him to get uniforms ASAP. The league starting later than planned is accurate however this was not because of offering basketball or volleyball.

Also people said that Waverly Brown Has a relationship with one of the staff girls that work there and that some times they show it in front of the kids, isn't that wrong?

we've seen many good people come and go over the years at this park but this time is the worst, you have too many people in payroll

At this park that don't do anything but seat on their butts and other making profit and taking advantage of people, we need a change

please bring fresh ideas to Queen Anne Park.

All staff were reminded of expected appropriate and professional conduct while at work.

On Tue, May 7, 2024 at 11:25 AM Anita Meacham <anita.meacham@lacity.org> wrote:

Thank you, we will investigate and respond.

On Tue, May 7, 2024 at 7:52 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

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Please see email for your information.

Thank you!

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"We Rise by Lifting Others," "Brighten Someone's day"



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Thank you,

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 Parks Make Life Better! logo



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 14, 2024 at 7:31 AM

To: Garcia Incareal <

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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 Mon, May 13, 2024 at 10:22 AM Garcia Incareal <

> wrote:

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Council Eunisses Hernandez
The Sycamore Grove Park has Graffiti
Attach picture
Mauro Garcia



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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Fairer and More Reasonable Golf Tee-time Reservation System

1 message

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

Tue, May 14, 2024 at 7:39 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, May 13, 2024 at 3:18 PM Hongchul Ahn < > wrote:

Dear Mr. Reinschmidt,

I hope this email finds you well. As I try to book a tee-time for my playmates every week, I am writing this email on behalf of them.

Above all, we appreciate your efforts to offer the same level playing field for every resident associated with golf tee-time booking at city-owned golf courses.

However, we'd like to make our inputs for a fairer and more reasonable reservation system as follows:

1. BROKERS: Accessory

Along with the rapidly rising demand for golfing since Covid-19, tee-time brokers reacted aggressively by using bots and other software to book multiple tee-times at a time, ending up hampering average city residents' efforts to book tee-times. Well-known brokers are Koreans taking advantage of the secrecy stemming from their network in the Korean Community but there is another broker, , which was closed right after the issue drew public attention but is now back on business. Brokers' activities should be deterred.

However, at our educated guess, brokers might snatch 3-7 tee-times at a popular course like Rancho Park, Wilson, Harding, and Hansen Dam at the most, due to their intrinsic limitation of sales originating from the covertness of their business character and the uniqueness of customer base. We believe **BROKERS** are merely **accessories** in this commotion. Main villains or **principals** are **TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS**.

2. TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS: Main Culprit or Principal

Meanwhile, some people began organizing ostensible tournaments to secure tee-times at popular city courses, blocking (about 12) tee-times for about two hours exclusively for them by superficially meeting the requirements. On weekends, when average residents wish to play golf after hard work during the weekdays, they have more difficulty booking tee-times since almost all the morning tee-times after 9 AM are taken by **tournaments (NOT just by one tournament)**. In the past before Covid-19, golf tournaments were held at a popular city course like Rancho Park on weekends about one-three times a month.

The issue is that popular city courses have accepted TOO MANY new ostensible tournaments since Covid-19 and anybody can play as a member of a tournament, IF they *know* the organizer or a participant in the tournament and *pay* more than the greens fee for tournament participants set by the city (about \$150 per player), as tournament organizers have to recruit players to fill the tee-time slots assigned to them.

People around courses say city courses may welcome tournaments at heart since tournaments help them **generate more income** thanks to higher greens fee and course workers can enjoy their **windfall respite** from work while the tournaments proceed. They appear to be in collusion with tournament organizers in people's view. City course workers point fingers at tee-time brokers for the difficulty in booking a tee-time without uttering a word on "tournament organizers," as if tournaments were inviolably sacred.

Tee-time brokers **bypassed** the rules by taking up about 3-7 tee-times (not back-to-back) at a popular course through the bot-booking program, depending on how many tee-times were blocked by tournament organizers. Meanwhile, **tournament organizers also bypassed** the rules by taking up about 12-18 tee-times (back-to-back i.e., for 2-3 hours) through the formality of a tournament, depending on the size of the tournament. There are nearly two or more tournaments at a popular course each day on weekends.

Therefore, we do not see a difference between brokers and tournament organizers.

To our disappointment, New Rules have improved the tee-time reservation environment just a little largely due to the **"highly increased number of tournaments,"** at popular courses, particularly on weekends. As long as ostensible tournaments are accepted on weekends differently than the past practice, we believe the tee-time reservation environment will hardly improve and demand for brokers may not vanish on the end of average residents who have difficulty in booking a tee-time. Newly created tournaments since Covid-19 are the **culprit** or **principal** in this mess and tee-time brokers are **accessory**, given the magnitude and impact.

Also, we believe New Rules were formulated on a basis of course workers' **misunderstanding** of the reservation environment, given that the FAQ on the city course website states that the reservation difficulty stems from "both the **brokers'** activities and the practice of **groups holding onto multiple tee-times** for several days until they determine a suitable one" without referring to tournaments. The odds of "groups holding onto **MULTIPLE** tee-times at a popular course on a weekend" are almost like winning in a lottery, since it is difficult to book even just **ONE** tee-time for a group of 4 and all tee-times are gone in a few minutes after reservation starts. In our view, the anecdotal case of holding onto multiple tee-times by a group of 4 is possible **ONLY IF** they are booked by **brokers**.

By citing an unrealistic and anecdotal case, course workers unconsciously disclosed their ignorance of the actually tough reservation situation, probably because they did not trouble themselves to book a tee-time at 6 AM when they needed one. We draw an inference that they **purposely avoid** mentioning tournaments, which **aggravated the reservation environment**, so as not to be forced to take actions on tournaments as another party of the collusion.

We believe all the new tournaments created after Covid-19 should be reviewed thoroughly and **deceptive tournaments should be rejected**. Tournaments should be limited to a reasonable number, resulting in a proper combination of tournament participants and average resident players, particularly at popular courses on weekends. Further, tournament participants should not monopolize prime tee-times but be given early or late ones, given that their slow play pace backs down for everyone behind them.

3. \$10 Non-Refundable Deposit Per Player: Unreasonable and Illegitimate Measure

When it comes to a **"\$10 Non-Refundable Deposit"** charged for all tee-time reservations, we could hear many people complain it is **UNREASONABLE** and **ILLEGITIMATE**. We also believe it is the most **flawed and unnecessary** rule, given its objectives disclosed on the FAQ of the website: to **"deter tee-time brokerage"** and to **"reduce the volume of booked and cancelled tee-times."** As FAQ discloses, "reducing the volume of tee-time booking and cancellation" is needed on the city courses' end because "it is **difficult** (NOT *impossible*) to identify tee-time brokerage activities."

It is **UNNECESSARY** BECAUSE tee-time brokerage activities can be deterred and detected under the current reservation system strengthened by the recently added security measures by the city course vendor, Golf Now, IF starters at city courses stick to the rules BY asking for **both a Player's Card and a photo ID** towards the booked player under his/her name (NOT towards other accompanying players not to cause further inconvenience) and check up whether the player is the same person in the reservation system carefully.

Brokers have to change names from the one, under which they booked a tee-time, to a tee-time buyer's to let the buyer check in as a booked person. However, they **cannot** do it **under the buyer's real account** in the reservation system, which requires their **log-in with the buyer's ID and PW**, but simply cancel the tee-time and immediately rebook the cancelled tee-time under the buyer's **name** but **not** under the **buyer's account**. (Tee-time buyers won't give out their account log-in ID and PW to brokers since all the information including credit card will then be at buyers' disposal.) Now on the golf course PC (or in the city reservation system) starters can see the buyer's name as a tee-time booker and can detect its truth or falsehood easily.

Starters simply checked the name in the system and that on a presented photo ID in the past. A minor difference including a minor spelling difference was ignored but no discrepancy can happen IF the broker's name change was made **under the buyer's real account**. The buyer can NOT insist it is a *mistake* which can never happen in the system, if the name changes take place under buyers' real account. Starters can easily detect the falsehood by further asking the buyer about a few more pieces of information stored in the course system under an actual booker's account such as birthday, phone number, e-mail address, home address, zip code, etc. (sensitive information like credit card is not accessible on the starters' PC, No worries!) If such information, accessible by the 24 hour tee-time Call Center, is not accessible by starters at courses, allow the starters.

To more surely deter brokerage activities, the city reservation system can be changed to a way to **hold all the cancelled tee-times for a while**, say **for 10 - 30 minutes to 1 hour**, AND **release** all the cancelled tee-times to the public 10-30 minutes to 1 hour later. (As brokers with a small number of people have to book and sell so many tee-times at almost all the golf courses in LA/OC areas that they cannot wait for 10 minutes to 1 hour for name changes. It is easier for average people to take tee-times cancelled by brokers at a regular time of the day, as the small-sized brokers cannot focus on name change activities in wait for such long moments.)

Further, brokers can simply add \$10 to a brokerage fee, and tee-time buyers are willing to take the extra monetary burden for a precious tee-time, to no avail of the New Rules.

We believe the city *forfeits* residents' personal property (or \$10 deposit) whenever they cancel a reserved tee-time, even if they don't *commit a crime* or *breach terms of a contract* AND their cancellations are not related to brokers' illegal activities at all. UNREASONABLE! and plain INFRINGEMENT on the 4th Amendment and 5th Amendment to the US Constitution!

Further, a \$10 Non-Refundable Deposit has nothing to do with the tee-time booking volume, as people simply try to book a tee-time **just when they need one**. This measure may reduce the booking volume around 6 AM when people rush to book a tee-time but not at other times. Also, tee-time cancellations are not increasing cancellation volume, as cancellations are done anytime when something comes up that enforces people to cancel the reserved tee-time. In a word, the tee-time booking and cancelling VOLUME has nothing to do with deterrence of brokerage

As the FAQ indicates, the purpose of reducing the volume of tee-time booking and cancellation is to identify tee-time brokerage activities more easily but those illegal activities should be identified and deterred by the website security measures, not by charging a \$10 Non-Refundable Deposit.

Under current rules the city levies a \$10 Non-Refundable Deposit no matter when and for no matter how many players. Suppose, say, a person reserves a tee-time for himself for golfing 4 days later but he gets involved in a car accident a day later. He can cancel it with no cancellation charge as long as the cancellation is done beyond the 24-hour window but his \$10 deposit is forfeited by the city. Did his sole reservation for himself at a non-popular course and cancellation contribute to the tee-time brokerage at popular courses or contribute to the increase of the volume of tee-time booking and cancellation?

Also, the city provided residents with incorrect information on a similar Non-Refundable Deposit in other cities. In the case of **New York** city courses, they do NOT levy a Non-Refundable Deposit per player but a "**\$5 flat RESERVATION FEE**" irrespective of the number of players. Obviously, a one-off reservation should not increase its fee in proportion to the number of players. There is no reservation fee or a Non-Refundable Deposit at **San Francisco** city golf courses. In the case of **Pasadena**, only Brookside Golf Course levies a "non-refundable **reservation fee of \$4.95** per player" just in case where people make a tee-time reservation **8 - 14 days in advance** (No reservation fee charged for tee-time reservations less than 8 days in advance), while LA City levies "a non-refundable **\$10 deposit** per player" **no matter when** they make a reservation. Pasadena city actually switched a membership for a benefit of a few days earlier reservation than non-members to a non-refundable reservation fee of \$4.95 to the same effect by bestowing way longer days earlier reservation. \$10 is not a large amount of money but every penny of residents should be considered valuable in the eyes of civil servants. The cases of New York and Pasadena showcase the **service spirit of civil servants** in both cities by charging **as little as possible** and by taking into consideration the **possibility of future legal proceedings**.

Consequently, the city **SHOULD Scrap the Non-Refundable \$10 Deposit** entirely and immediately.

4. Concerted Efforts Necessary

As brokers' target golf courses are not only LA City courses but also LA County courses, which have been notorious for difficulty in booking a tee-time due to both brokers' activities and allegedly corruptive tee-time sales of course workers, actions on tee-time brokers by the city alone won't be effective. Brokers' bot-booking program makes average residents' computers even frozen in the middle of booking a tee-time, in the case of Los Verdes Golf Course, the most popular public course in the LA/OC areas.

Therefore, both the LA City and LA County governments' concerted efforts are necessary to crack down on tee-time brokers. If the LA County government is carelessly sleeping on this matter, as they have been, the brokers will be lurking under the surface until people's interest in this mess fades away.

Last but not least, the illegal activities including brokerage should be contained by the **City Attorney General's Office** if it surfaces again.

Thank you for your time and endeavor to help LA residents have a fair and level tee-time booking system in place, Mr. Reinschmidt.

Sincerely yours,

Hongchul (Hank) Ahn

on behalf of Mitch, Ashwin, Richard, Dean, Greyson, Matt, Scott, Rodrigo, Joachim, Justin, Mike, Brian, David, Kenny, Kevin, and Donald



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Questions about the Hollywood Sign - GPAB Letter

1 message

Karen Thornton < > Thu, May 23, 2024 at 2:57 PM

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

Cc: Jennifer Hull <jennifer.hull@lacity.org>, Mehmet Berker <mehmet.berker@lacity.org>, Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, "andrea.conant@lacity.org" <andrea.conant@lacity.org>, "brenda.aguirre@lacity.org" <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, "matthew.rudnick@lacity.org" <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>, "nithya.raman@lacity.org" <nithya.raman@lacity.org>, rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Thank you for the clarification.
Karen.

On Thu, May 23, 2024 at 2:55 PM Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon Chair Thornton,

My understanding is that the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has the copyrights over the Intellectual Property. The image of the Hollywood Sign.

On Thu, May 23, 2024 at 2:46 PM Karen Thornton < > wrote:

Mr. Kim,

Thank you for the information and for the promptness as our monthly meeting is tonight.

Not wanting to assume, as I read your response, is it true that there is no other entity that has any rights over the Hollywood Sign?

Karen Thornton
Chair, GPAB

On Thu, May 23, 2024 at 12:47 PM Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon Ms. Thornton,

We have consulted with the City Attorney's Office and it is the City's position, which has been informed by City's practice to date, that the City owns the sign. This position has been shared with the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and the Hollywood Sign Trust. The City (RAP) owns the land and controls who has access to the property.

Thank you SO much

On Mon, May 13, 2024 at 8:36 AM Karen Thornton < > wrote:

Mr. Jimmy Kim,

A letter from the Griffith Park Advisory Board attached.

Karen Thornton
Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

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Jimmy Kim
General Manager



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Good Morning Ms. Thornton,

Thank you fo the email. We will review the attached letter and staff will provide a response.

Thank you SO much

On Mon, May 13, 2024 at 8:36 AM Karen Thornton <

> wrote:

Mr. Jimmy Kim,

A letter from the Griffith Park Advisory Board attached.

Karen Thornton
Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

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Jimmy Kim
General Manager

City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks



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Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board



Griffith Park Advisory Board
Community Stewards of LA's Largest Park & Great Urban Wilderness
Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles
www.laparks.org/griffithpark/advisory

May 3, 2024

Mr. Jimmy Kim, General Manager
Los Angeles Dept of Recreation and Parks

Re: Hollywood Sign Ownership Questions

Dear Mr. Kim,

The Hollywood Sign is among the world's most recognizable landmarks. It is also, unfortunately, the subject of an apparent ownership dispute. We are writing to seek your assistance in clearing up any such confusion for the benefit of the City of Los Angeles and its residents.

As you know, our board advises RAP leadership and city policy-makers on matters related to Griffith Park. We have always believed the Sign to be the property of the City of Los Angeles. Yet just recently, during our March board meeting, a representative of the Hollywood Sign Trust stated directly that his group believes they own the sign. If that were true, the consequences would be significant, with impacts on city finances; residents of surrounding neighborhoods; and the very nature of a park whose identity is directly tied to its urban wilderness character.

For these reasons, and to provide clarity to policy-makers and the public alike, we are seeking your assistance in obtaining answers to the following questions:

1. Who owns the Hollywood Sign?
2. Who owns the land where the Hollywood Sign sits?
3. Who can control or allow access to the Hollywood Sign and the land where it sits?

Again, we ask these questions as concerned members of the City of LA family. We hope that you will consult with the City Attorney's office to provide guidance on these questions, along

with any supporting documents. Doing so will give the public confidence and help city leaders set policy for the Hollywood Sign, the residential neighborhoods around it, and Griffith Park.

Thank you in advance for assisting our board in obtaining answers to these questions.

Sincerely,

K Thornton

Karen Thornton
Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

CC: RAP Commissioners, RAP Executive Team, Councilmember Nithya Raman and Staff,



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Jesse Owens Mini Park Sign for Lake Balboa NC

1 message

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















Tue, May 14, 2024 at 8:34 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, May 13, 2024 at 12:20 PM Jim Stein <

> wrote:

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Hello Robert,

The Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council has approved funds for the plaque.

All the requested application paperwork has been completed.

CD6 and CD3 have said they will support our project.

How do we get this on the commission agenda?

Is there a commission meeting in our area anytime soon.

Jim

On Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 12:06 PM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

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> wrote:

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Jim Stein
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Working hard to maintain our Parks and honor our History.

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

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Telephone: (213) 202-2640

Fax: (213) 202-2610

Mail Stop: 625/15

Website: www.laparks.org

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Jim Stein

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5/16/24, 11:36 AM

JESSE OWENS MINI PARK.png



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Jesse Owens Plaque Proof.png

Proof Review

Sign Specifications

- Overall Size: 20" x 16"
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- The anti-graffiti clear coating employed may not provide complete protection against all types of graffiti.
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- Paint Fill Color: Duranodic Bronze (3130)

Customer:
Loke Balboa
Neighborhood Council

7100 White Oak Ave
Van Nuys Los Angeles,
CA 91406

Day of Install Contact:
Jim Stein

Project:
Plaque

Designer:
Rafly Belgiro

Design Revision:

Date:
01/31/2024

Job Number:
18483

Note:

INSTALLATION ADDRESS:
7100 White Oak Avenue Van Nuys Los Angeles, CA 91406

DAY OF INSTALL CONTACT:
Jim Stein

Proof Review

Rectangular Plaque for Loke Balboa Neighborhood Council
Version 3 - Tue, 01/30/2024

Quote #9743-Rectangular Plaque
Other Proofs: Version 2, Version 1

[Download Proof](#)

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LINE D ITEM 1 FUNDING SOURCE

LINE D ITEM 2 ARTIST SELECTION PROCESS.

PREMIUM SIGN SOLUTIONS WAS RECOMMENDED BY NORTHRIDGE EAST AND NORTHRIDGE WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS. THEY HAVE COMPLETED SEVERAL PROJECTS IN NEARBY AREA FOR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS. THEY ARE AN APPROVED VENDOR AND THEY ARE A LOCAL COMPANY. NO, WE WERE SATISFIED WITH THEIR OFFER AND SO WAS THE COMMUNITY GROUP THAT HAS BEEN WORKING FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS TO RESTORE JESSE OWENS PARK WE DID NOT INTERVIEW ANYONE ELSE.

LINE D ITEM 3 DESIGN

THE DESIGN WAS APPROVED BY THE JESSE OWENS FOUNDATION AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF GETTY IMAGES.

LINE D ITEM 4 COMMUNITY CONTEXT

THE PARK WAS ALREADY NAMED, THE ROCK WAS AGREED ON BECAUSE IT WOULD HELP INSURE VISIBILITY, SAFETY FROM VANDALISM, AND SUITS THE AREA'S NATURAL LANDSCAPE. THE COMMUNITY GROUP THAT WORKED ON RESTORATION OF THE PARK CONTRIBUTED TO DESIGN AND AGREED TO DECISION.

LINE D ITEM 5 PRODUCTION PROCESS

THE BRONZE PLAQUE WILL BE PERMANENTLY ATTACHED TO THE FLAT SIDE OF THE PROPOSED ROCK. PRODUCTION AND PLACEMENT OF THE PLAQUE WILL BE COMPLETED BY PREMIUM SIGN SOLUTION INC.

LINE D ITEM 6 MAINTENANCE

LINE D ITEM 7 ANTI GRAFFITI COATING

CLEAR GLOSS ANTI-GRAFFITI COATING
SEE NOTES ON PLAQUE PROOF

WELCOME TO ENCINO SIGN
SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BALBOA AND VICTORY IN THE MEDIAN
JUNE OF 2017
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OAKRIDGE ESTATE PARK PLAQUE

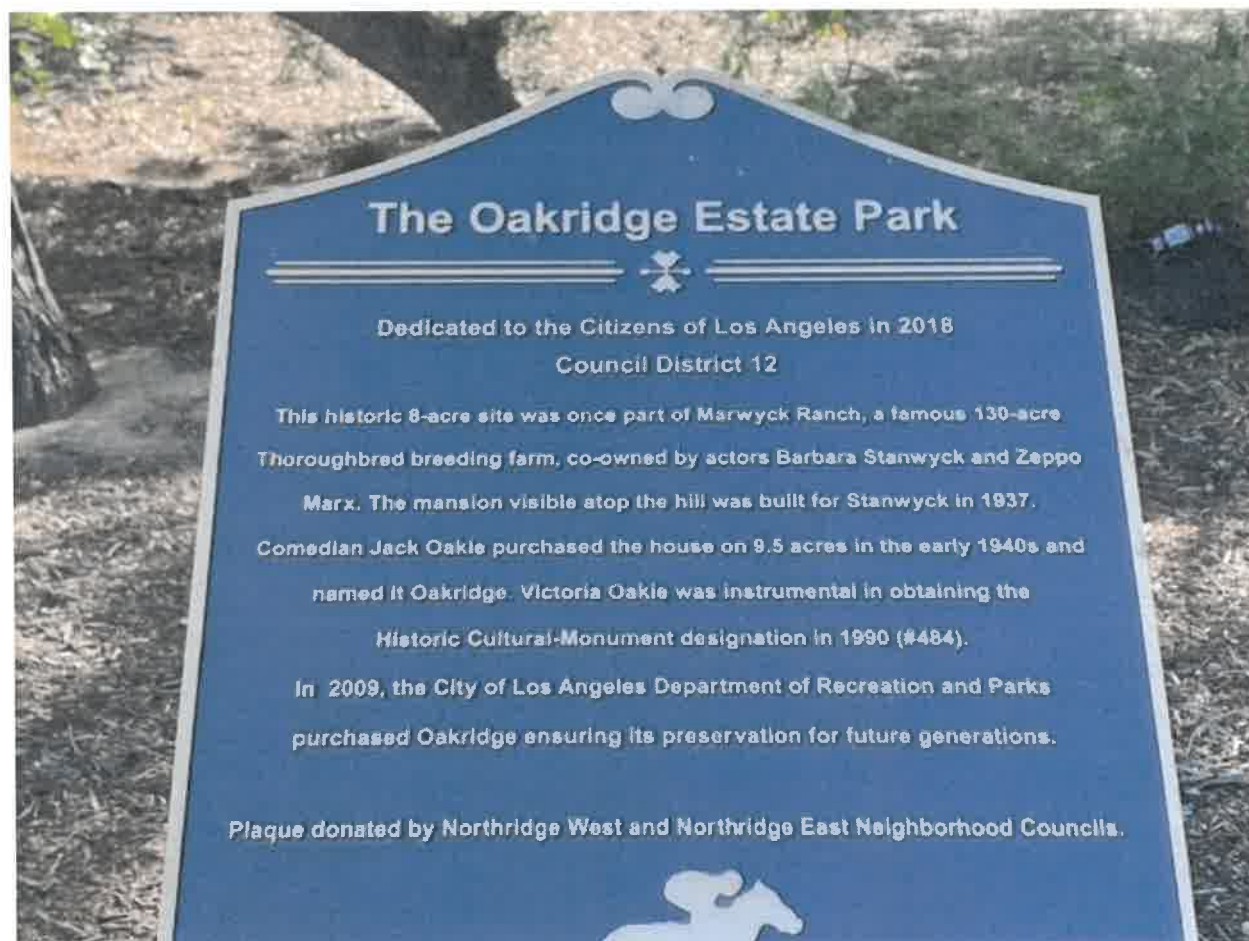
18650 DEVONSHIRE ST.

FEBRUARY 2020

PLAQUE DESIGN AND LANGUAGE PREPARED BY PAT LOPRESTI

LANGUAGE REVIEWED BY FRIENDS OF OAKRIDGE AND CD12.

(DUE TO THE HISTORIC SITE, KEN BERNSTEIN, OFFICE OF HISTORIC RESOURCES ALSO REVIEWED AND APPROVED IT.



CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch

Public Art Application (Rev. 08/2014)

Date: Dec 7th, 2023

1. Applicant: (Individual name or organization, address, email, telephone):

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

2. Project Title/Description (attach separate sheet if required):

Jesse Owens Mini Park Sign

3. Project Location/Street Address: 7100 White Oak Ave Lake Balboa, CA 91406

4. Council District of Project Location: 6

5. Artist(s) Information (attach separate sheet for multiple entries, if required):

Name: Chris O'Connell / Premium Sign Solutions Address: _____

Email(s): _____ Telephone(s): _____

6. Estimated Cost of Project (Materials, Labor, Insurance, etc.): _____

7. Expected Length of Time for Installation: 2-4 hours

8. Expected Lifespan of Project: (3 years, 5 years, 7 years, other,) 10 year maximum: 5-10 years

9. Who will be responsible for maintaining the project during its lifespan? (attach separate sheet if required)

Name: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

10. Do you have a signed contract with the artist regarding the proposed project? Y or N NO

NO

11. Do you have a signed contract with the artist addressing the duration the project will remain in place, project maintenance, and/or removal of the project from park property? Y or N NO

NO

12. If "Yes" to either of 10 or 11 above, please attach one (1) copy of each contract. NOT APPLICABLE

13. See "Required Documentation" sheet for additional information and requirements.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

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Public Art Proposal Required Documentation (Rev. 08/2014)

All requested items and copies of requested documents must be submitted to RAP before an application can be processed and scheduled for an initial review.

- A. Application Form;
- B. Artist(s) Resume(s) – please be sure the resumes list other past public art projects the artists have done, with descriptions, locations, and dates of each project.
- C. Relevant Press – one review (one page maximum) of the artist’s work or the applicant’s work.
- D. Written Narrative (maximum two pages) – in the order they appear below. Please address and include a description of the following items:
 - 1. Funding Source(s) – Identify all funding sources such as grants, fund-raised monies, or donations and include whether these funds are committed or proposed.
 - 2. Artist Selection Process – How was the artist selected? How many artists were interviewed/considered?
 - 3. Design – How was it derived?
 - 4. Community Context – How does the design fit within the existing environment in terms of size, color, surrounding building types, materials, theme, community culture or architectural design, etc.
 - 5. Production Process – How will the proposed wall/area be prepared? What type of medium will be used? Who will do the actual production – the artist, the artist and assistants, or the artist and students?
 - 6. Maintenance – Identify (name, address, email, telephone) the individual who will arrange to have the project cleaned and/or repaired. With what funds and for how long is this maintenance commitment? Describe the process you have developed to maintain the installation over its lifespan. Attach a signed letter or other documentation from the individual responsible for this maintenance commitment indicating his/her acceptance of this responsibility.
 - 7. Agreement Regarding Anti-Graffiti Coating – Application of an anti-graffiti coating is mandatory. Attach a letter or other correspondence showing that an anti-graffiti coating has been arranged.
- E. Detailed Sketch and/or Drawing – Colors and details must be accurately indicated and rendering must be to scale. Indicate the precise area of the park where the project is proposed. Provide a photograph of the proposed location with an overlay of the proposed project at scale. (7 copies)
- F. Color Photographs of the Site and Surroundings – Show adjacent buildings, buildings across the street, and local landmarks that indicate the flavor of the neighborhood. (7 copies)

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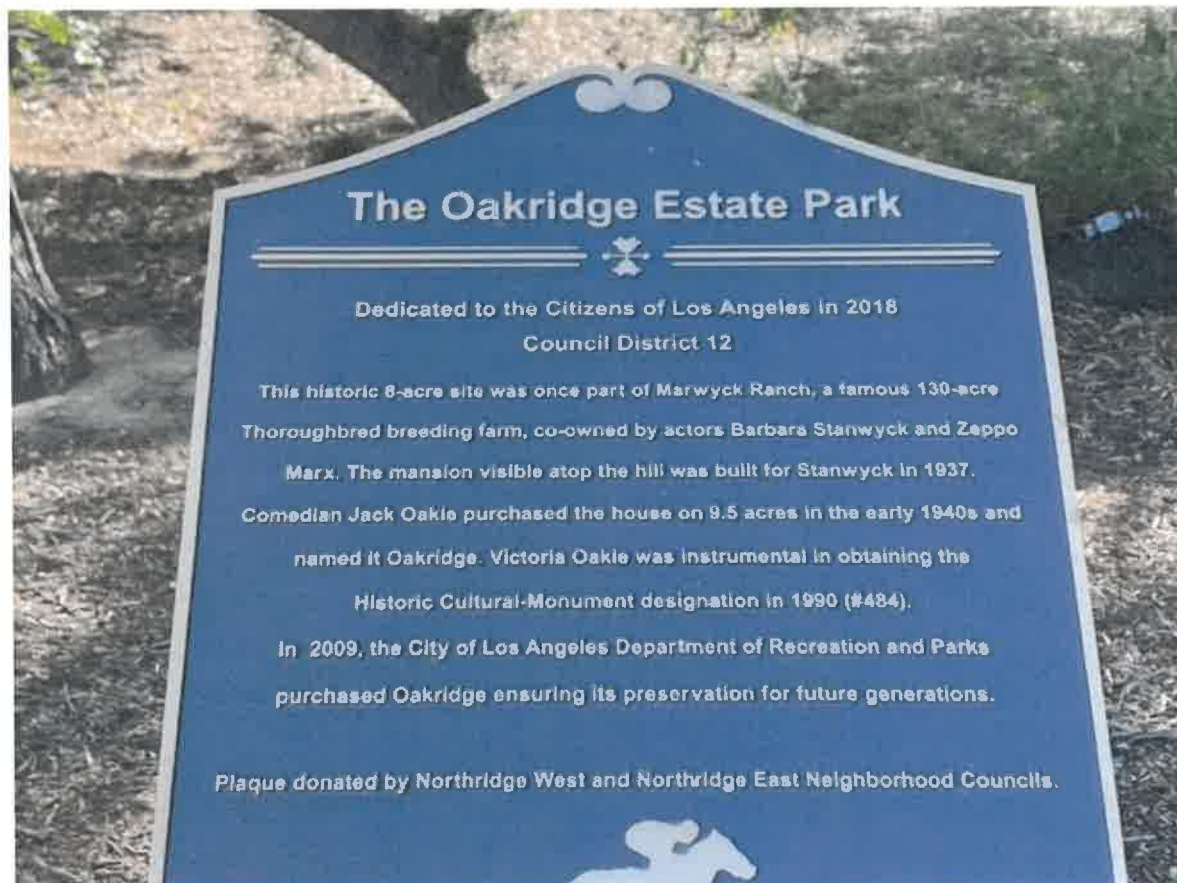
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<https://prnc.org/oakridge-estate-historic-plaque-unveiled>

Oakridge Estate Historic Plaque Unveiled

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

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Councilmember John S. Lee



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ROCK LOCATION:



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Premium Sign Solutions



Quote 97434 #1

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Plaque Sign

SALES REP INFO
JIM STEIN

QUOTE DATE
Fri, 12/08/2023

QUOTE EXPIRY DATE
Sun, 01/07/2024

TERMS
50/25/25

ORDERED BY
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
7100 White Oak Avenue
Van Nuys, Los Angeles, CA 91406

INSTALL ADDRESS
7100 White Oak Avenue
Van Nuys, Los Angeles, CA 91406

CONTACT INFO
Jim Stein

| # | ITEM | QTY | UOM | U.PRICE | TOTAL (EXCL. TAX) | TAXABLE |
|---|---|-----|------|------------|-------------------|---------|
| 1 | Rectangular Plaque Your Sign Specifications: | 1 | Inch | \$5,449.00 | \$5,449.00 | Y |

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| 2 | Permit Procurement (Optional Service) | 1 | Each | \$895.00 | \$895.00 | N |
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| | <p>Permit Procurement Service: The City requires a permit for all outdoor signs. Prior to sign fabrication Premium Sign Solutions will, on behalf of the customer, submit to the City for approval, complete and fully dimensioned shop drawings reflecting the proposed signs designs.</p> <p>This service includes a permit processing fee which includes: completing all drawings and paperwork for Landlord / City / County; and filing permit application, including one trip to City Hall. City Plan Checks, Permits and all other additional costs are passed on to customer at cost.</p> <p>Payment for these expenses are due upon permits being issued and must be paid before project continues. All permit costs may be paid with credit card and are subject to a 3% service charge when paid via credit card. Stamped engineering drawings, additional visits to City Hall, any Architectural Review Board meetings and Final Inspection will be billed at cost + \$100.00 per hour.</p> <p>***Note: Before we pull permits, you'll need: -Approval from landlord -Landlord Sign Guidelines and City Sign Program Details -An active business license filed with the city -Zoning for your type of business -Approved tenant improvement plans</p> <p>Time spent for any return trips to the city that Premium Sign Solutions makes on behalf of the customer because the city isn't ready to issue project permits will be charged to the customer.</p> | | | | | |
| 3 | <p>City Permit Fees City Plan Check: Cost TBD* City Permit Fee: Cost TBD* Additional City Fees: Cost TBD* Additional City Visits: Cost TBD* Credit Card Service Charge on City Fees (3.5%):</p> <p><i>*Premium Sign Solutions will pay city costs directly to city on customer's behalf. Reimbursement for city fees due upon city permits being issued (or declined).</i></p> | 1 | Each | \$0 | \$0 | N |
| 4 | <p>Final Inspection (Optional Service) Permitted Signs require a final inspection with a city inspector to confirm signs conform to city code.</p> <p>This is a service that Premium Sign Solutions can provide or a member of your business may handle.</p> <p>If you choose to handle Final Inspection, this fee can be removed from your invoice. Your stamped plans (provided to you) are all that you'll need during the inspection.</p> | 1 | Each | \$395.00 | \$395.00 | N |
| 5 | <p>City Council / Neighborhood Council Meeting Attendance If a member of Premium Sign Solutions is required to attend any sort of council meeting - this is the cost PER meeting</p> | 1 | Each | \$595.00 | \$595.00 | N |
| 6 | <p>Pre Purchase Design Proof NOTE: All signs purchased through Premium Sign Solutions include a FREE design rendering / mock up to review. This Line Item is pricing for projects that require a sign rendering BEFORE purchase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign rendering created before contract approval and deposit • Includes: mock up of sign shown in customer installation area | 1 | Each | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | Y |

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- Customer must provide: vector file, straight on photo of installation area, measurements of area shown in photo

The price of design before contract approval will not be credited toward project.

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| 7 | Additionally Insured Administrative Fee Fee required to process paperwork if Property Manager, Landlords, Building Administration, etc. require on-site vendors (Premium Sign Solutions) to add them as additionally insured to PSS' insurance policy in order to perform work on site | 1 | Each | \$45.00 | \$45.00 | N |
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Please note: additional Endorsements, Waivers of Subrogation or other changes to PSS' existing insurance policy are subject to additional costs

If no additional insurance processing is required beyond a standard Certificate of Insurance, this fee may be removed

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Proofing: Project includes 1 free design proof and 2 rounds of light revisions.

Payment Schedule: 50% non-refundable due upon signed contract, 25% upon scheduling of installation and 25% upon receipt of order. While we expect final payment on date of installation, invoices 21 days past due will accrue a 4% interest charge per month.

Credit Card Fee: Credit Cards are subject to a 3.5% percent processing fee

Ownership: All products are owned by Premium Sign Solutions until full payment is received. The sign may be repossessed until full payment is received.

Collections: Client agrees to pay all attorney's fees, collection costs, and other related expenses incurred by Premium Sign Solutions in order to collect any money due under the payment terms of this agreement, plus interest and late fees, that is permitted by law, on all past due amounts.

Cancellation/Change policy: No refunds after production has commenced. No changes can be made once proof is approved by the customer.

Indemnity: Client indemnifies Premium Sign Solutions against any claim by any property owner, landlord, tenant, or any other party that the above signs may violate. This includes any agreements the client may have with said parties or where such signs are not properly authorized by the parties and where their authorization is required.

Approval of this estimate represents customer acknowledgement of these defined terms.

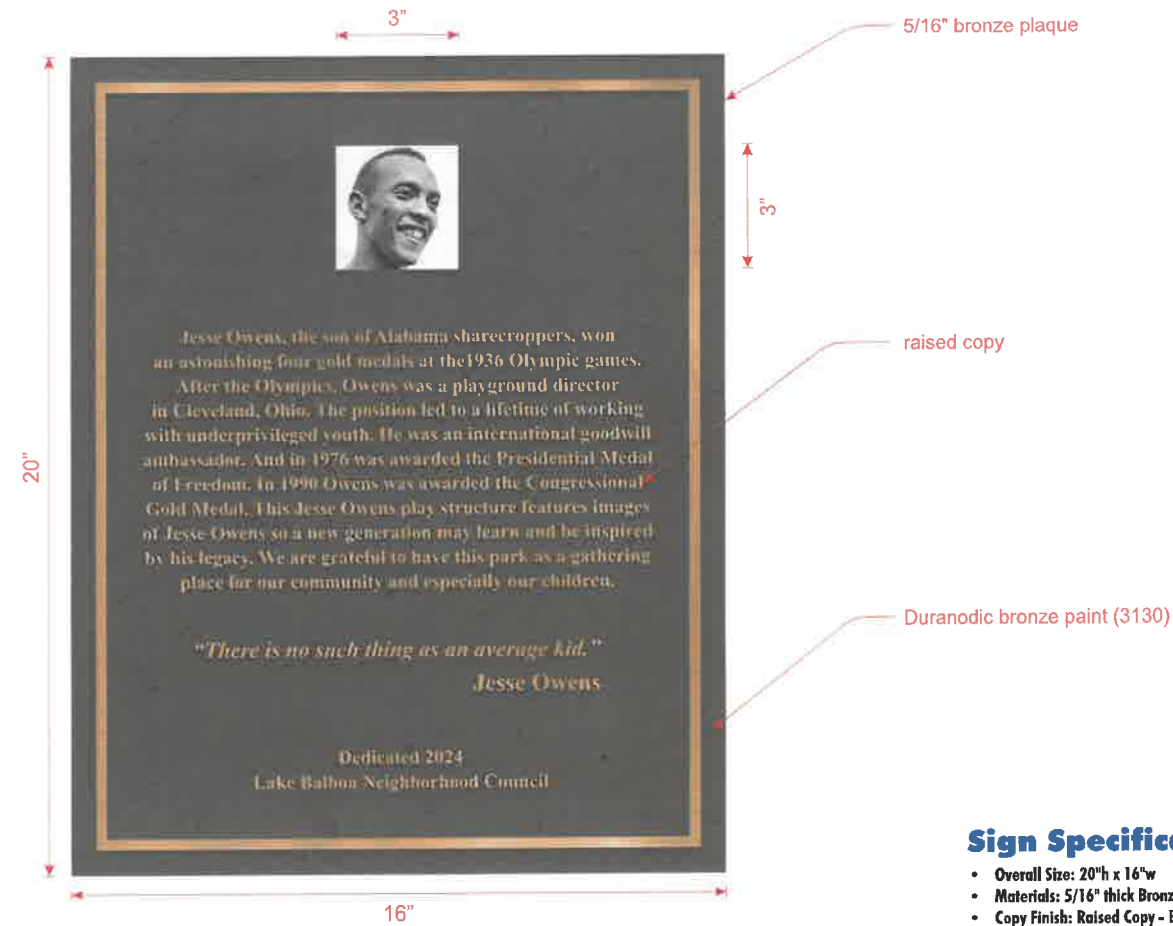
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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Subtotal: | \$7,529.00 |
| Sales Tax (9.5%): | \$299.16 |
| Total: | \$7,828.16 |

Downpayment (50.0 %)

\$3,914.08

SIGNATURE:

DATE:



Jesse Owens, the son of Alabama sharecroppers, won an astonishing four gold medals at the 1936 Olympic games. After the Olympics, Owens was a playground director in Cleveland, Ohio. The position led to a lifetime of working with underprivileged youth. He was an international goodwill ambassador. And in 1976 was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 1990 Owens was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. This Jesse Owens play structure features images of Jesse Owens so a new generation may learn and be inspired by his legacy. We are grateful to have this park as a gathering place for our community and especially our children.

"There is no such thing as an average kid."
Jesse Owens

Dedicated 2024
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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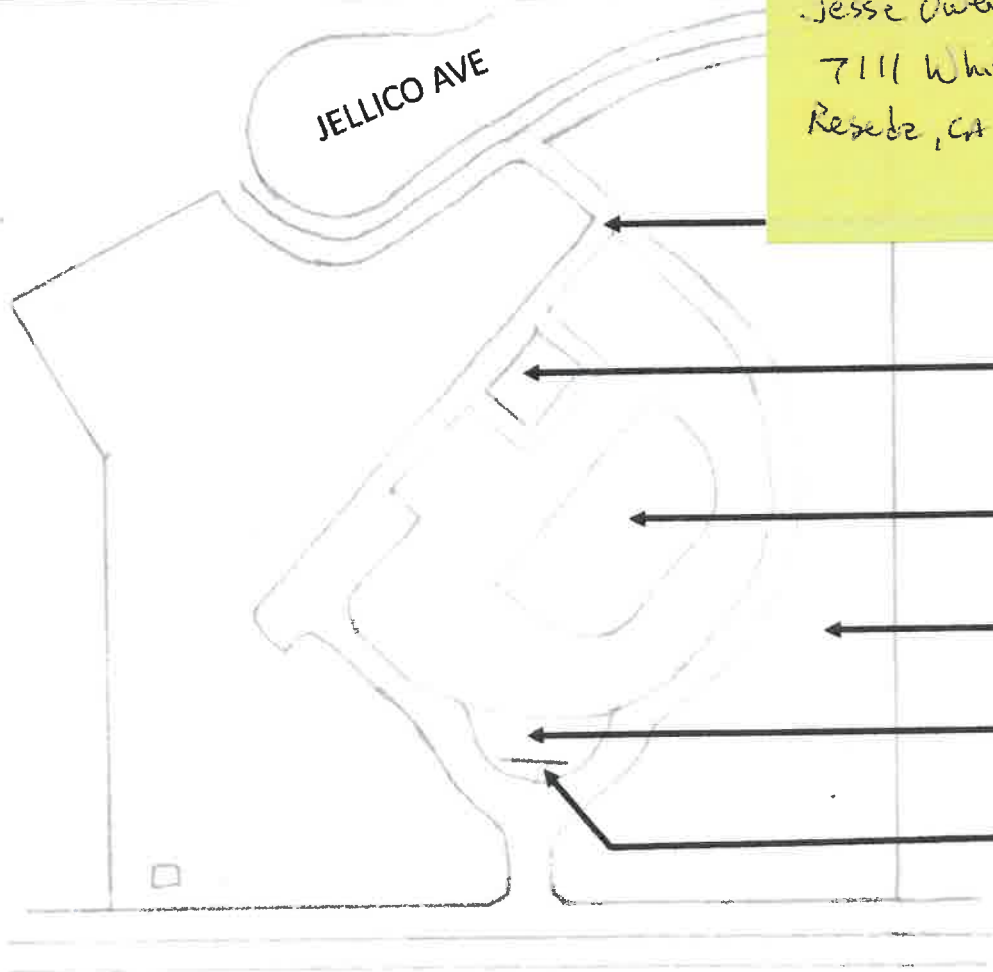
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LAKE BALBOA

JESSE OWENS
MINI PARK

7100 White Oak Ave
Lake Balboa, CA 91406

COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE
BOULDER PLACEMENT

Jesse Owens Park
7111 White Oak Ave
Reseda, CA 91335



Grey Concrete Path

Restrooms

Playground Structure

Green Grass

Proposed Plaque Location

Brown Landscape Chips

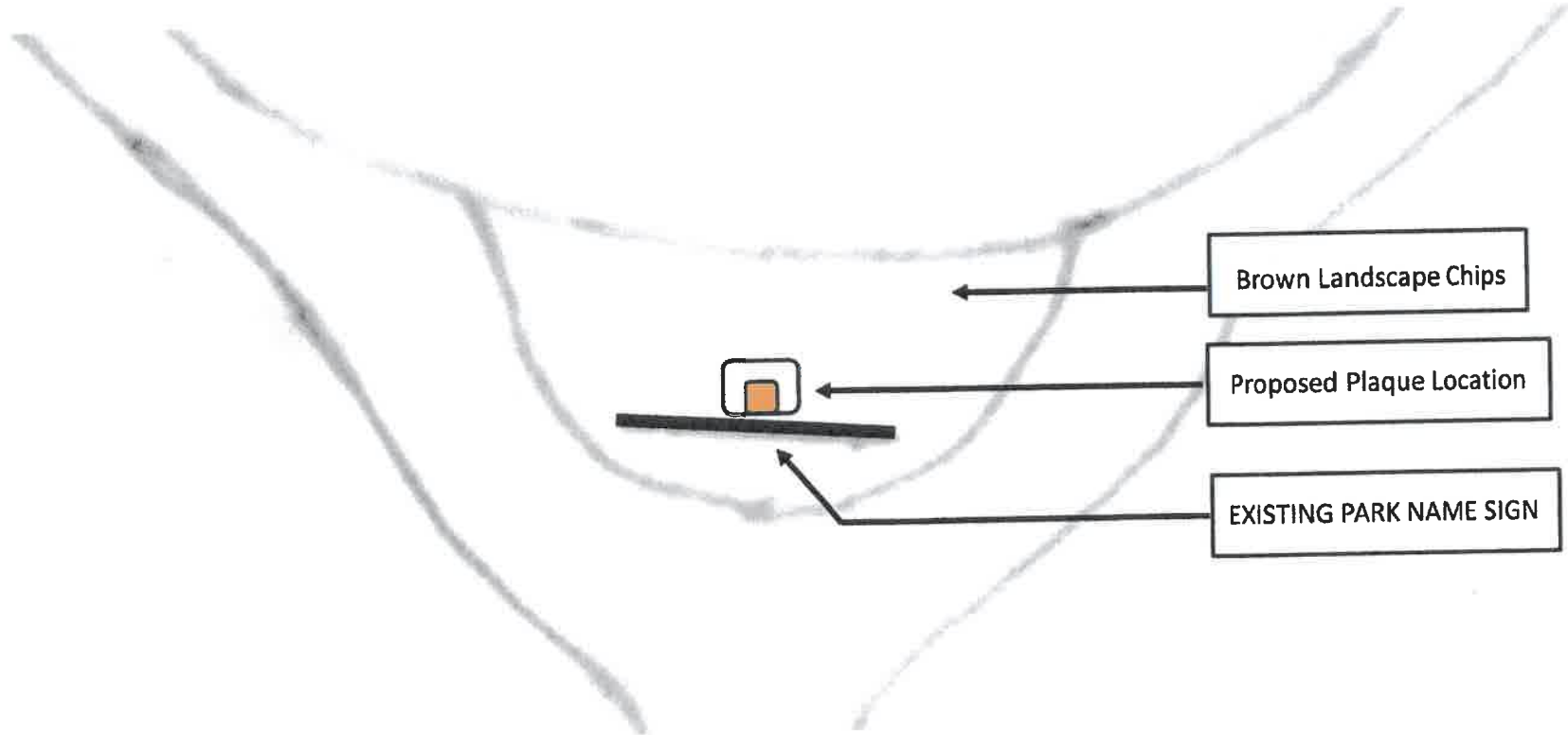
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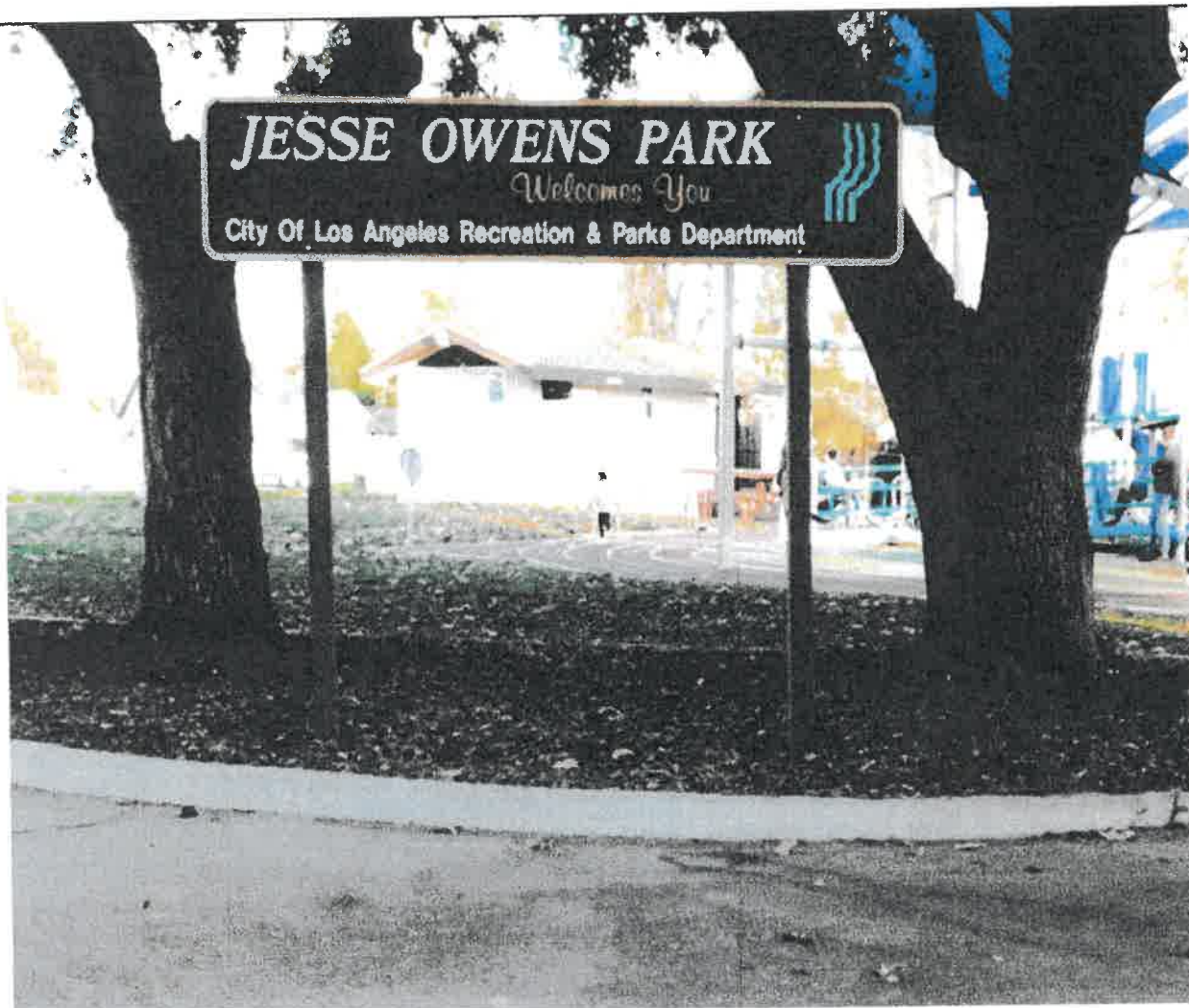


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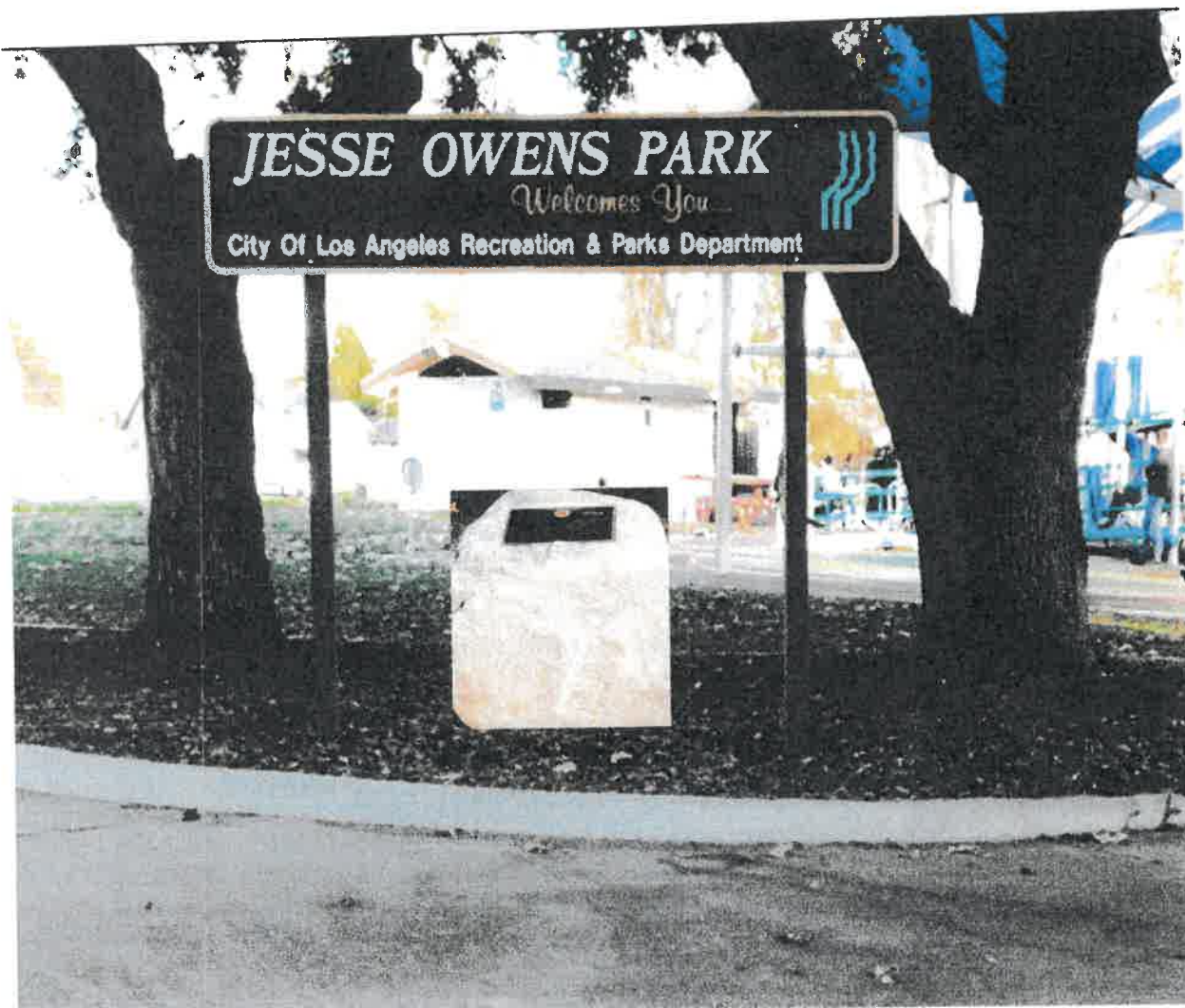


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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Follow up and graffiti in restrooms

1 message

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

Thu, May 30, 2024 at 12:51 PM

Good afternoon City Officials.
This is a follow-up regarding graffiti on Echo Park signs.

On Tue, May 28, 2024, 7:24 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 and staff.

On Mon, May 27, 2024 at 8:31 AM George The Great < > wrote:
To park and recreation officials.

This is a follow-up regarding graffiti to be removed off the restrooms, kids playground and adult exercise areas.

Wash area, when painters remove graffiti, they do not cover anything and as a result, a lot of over spray on sinks and countertops. Also, job done so bad, painted countertops are peeling and it looks as bad as before.

Please wash videos. A report done previously to your office with the same graffiti in play group area. Should kids play in an area where graffiti is all over their public space??

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/BNAEq65QasjRzuBE9>

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/R5XMtnVT5hu5wwEM9>

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/y6iBHdr3HsrYEZP37>

We always appreciate your quick response to public interest. Interested to see our parks in nice, descent conditions.

Follow-up pics forthcoming regarding graffiti all over the park on park signs (pics sent previously).

Members of the community
Tax payers
Park goers
Kids using their public space free of graffiti

6 attachments



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4520K



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Handwritten graffiti on the top-left sign, featuring large blue letters that appear to be 'X' and 'P'.

Handwritten graffiti on the top-right sign, including a small drawing of a person, the text 'WCS', a mathematical expression $\sum x^2$, the number '25', and a yellow circle containing the number '2'.

Handwritten graffiti on the bottom-left sign, featuring a diagram with arrows and the text 'MINIARE', 'KLOWMIZ', 'EXNLESTO', and 'PROBLEMA'.

Handwritten graffiti on the bottom-right sign, featuring large blue letters that appear to be 'K' and 'M', a small blue sticker, and a blue star-like symbol.





Handwritten text in black marker on a teal surface, including the words "KID" and "BOY".

Handwritten scribbles in black marker on a teal surface, possibly including the words "MAY 1995" and "MAY 1995".

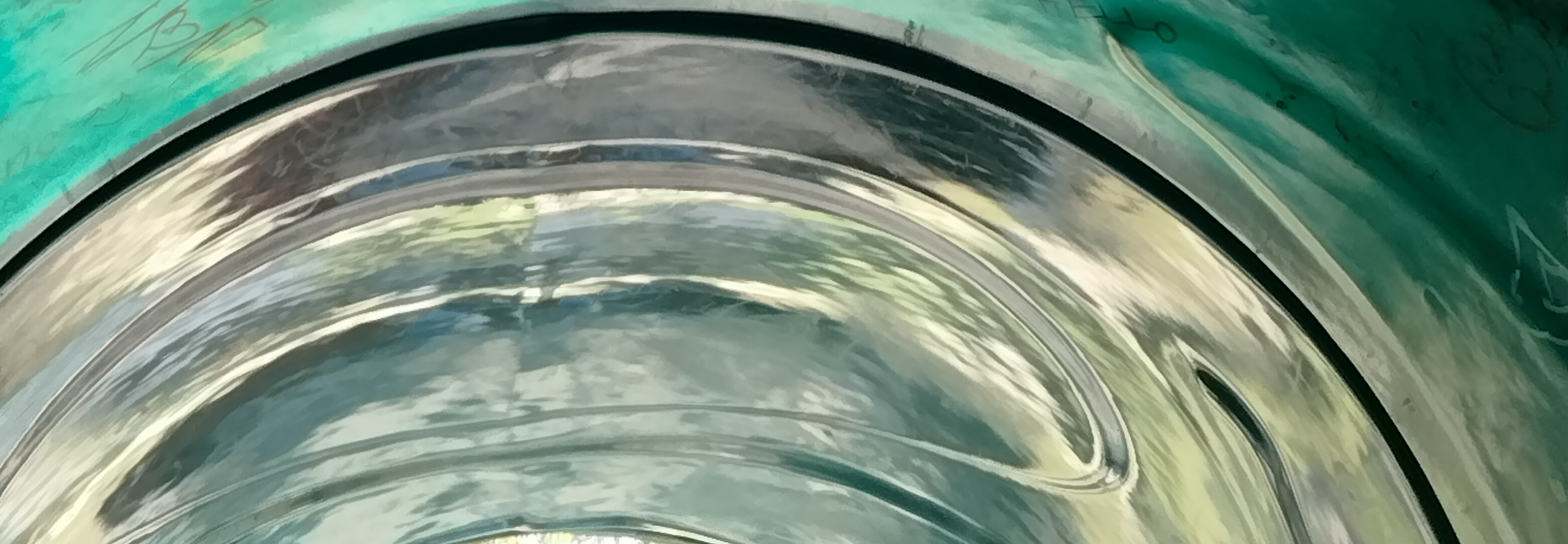


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Echo Park Lake

THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

ECHO PARK LAKE RULES

- NO ALCOHOL, NO SMOKING LAMC 41.27.C, LAMC 64.44.B.24
- NO SWIMMING, NO WADING, NO BATHING LAMC 63.44.D.1
- NO DUMPING, NO LITTERING LAMC 63.44.B.19
- NO TRESPASSING DURING HOURS OF CLOSURE LAMC 63.44.B.14
- NO SOUND AMPLIFICATION LAMC 63.44.B.4
- NO MUSICAL EVENTS OR CONCERTS WITHOUT PERMIT LAMC 63.44.B.5
- NO TEXTS, NO CAMPING LAMC 63.44.D.4
- NO OPEN FLAMES, NO COOKING LAMC 63.44.B.17
- NO BULKY ITEMS LAMC 63.44.B.25
- NO ATTACHING, HANGING ANY ROPES, STRINGS, CHAINS, BANNERS TO PARK PROPERTY, TREES, LIGHTS, OR EQUIPMENT LAMC 63.44.B.1
- NO BICYCLES, NO SKATEBOARDS, NO SCOOTERS, NO SKATING LAMC 63.44.D.3
- OBJECTS MAY NOT BE THROWN INTO TRAILS OR LANDSCAPE AREAS LAMC 63.44.B.13
- DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH, DEFECACTION MUST BE CLEANED UP BY THE OWNER LAMC 63.44.B.2
- NO FEEDING OF NON-DOMESTICATED ANIMALS LAMC 63.44.B.2
- SQUIRRELS, TRAILS, AND OTHER WILDLIFE IS A FELONY (CALIF. PENAL CODE (C.P.C.) SEC. 597(a))
- HARBASSMENT OF ANIMALS IS AGAINST THE LAW (C.P.C. 597(b), 14 C.C.R. SEC. 251)
- ALL MIGRATORY BIRDS ARE STRICTLY PROTECTED CA. FISH/GAME CODE SE 35001-35113
- NO INJURY TO PARK PROPERTY OR PLANTS, NO GRASSY, PAINTING, AFFIXING SIGNS, PROJECTIONS OR OTHER MATERIALS TO TREES, LANDSCAPES OR OTHER PROPERTY LAMC 63.44.B.1
- UMBRELLAS, SUN SHADES, OR CHAIRS MUST BE OPEN ON ALL SIDES AND MAY NOT EXCEED 10 FEET IN HEIGHT AND 7' (10) FEET IN DIAMETER OR WIDTH. ALL UMBRELLAS OR SUN SHADES SHOULD BE DISMANTLED AND REMOVED FROM THE PARK BEFORE THE PARK IS CLOSED. NO MOONOUNCES OR JUMPERS WITHOUT PERMIT LAMC 63.44.B.19, 63.44.B.25, 63.44.B.6, 41.57

PARK IS CLOSED FROM 10:30PM - 5:00AM LAMC 63.44.B.14
 FOR EMERGENCIES: CALL 911 LAPC NON-EMERGENCY NETWORK: 1-(877) 275-6273 311 / INFO (213) 485-6873 FOR PERMITS CALL: (213) 250-3570

FREE WI-FI



PARK CLOSED
10:30 pm - 5:00 am
 LAMC. 63.44.B.14

PERSONAL PROPERTY
 REMAINING IN THE PARK
 AFTER THE PARK CLOSES
 MAY BE REMOVED AND
 IMPOUNDED, AND MAY
 BE DISCARDED BY THE
 CITY IF NOT CLAIMED
 WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE
 CITY'S REMOVAL OF THE
 PERSONAL PROPERTY.

LAMC 63.44.B.25

NO OVERHANGING,
NO SIGNAGE,
NO CITY RULES AND REGULATIONS
 LAMC. 42.13.

NEEDS

In November 2004, Los Angeles voters passed Proposition O by an overwhelming majority. This measure provides funding to protect public health by improving water quality in the City's rivers, lakes, beaches, and oceans. Echo Park Lake was selected to receive Proposition O funding based on the recommendation of Proposition O oversight committees due to its significance within the Los Angeles River Watershed.

GOALS

- Stormwa
- Pollution
- Habitat a
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- Drinking
- Water Co

As part of the Proposition O measure, Echo Park Lake has been improved with sustainable elements and solutions. With the ultimate goal of improving the watershed, these solutions were designed to fit within the spirit of Echo



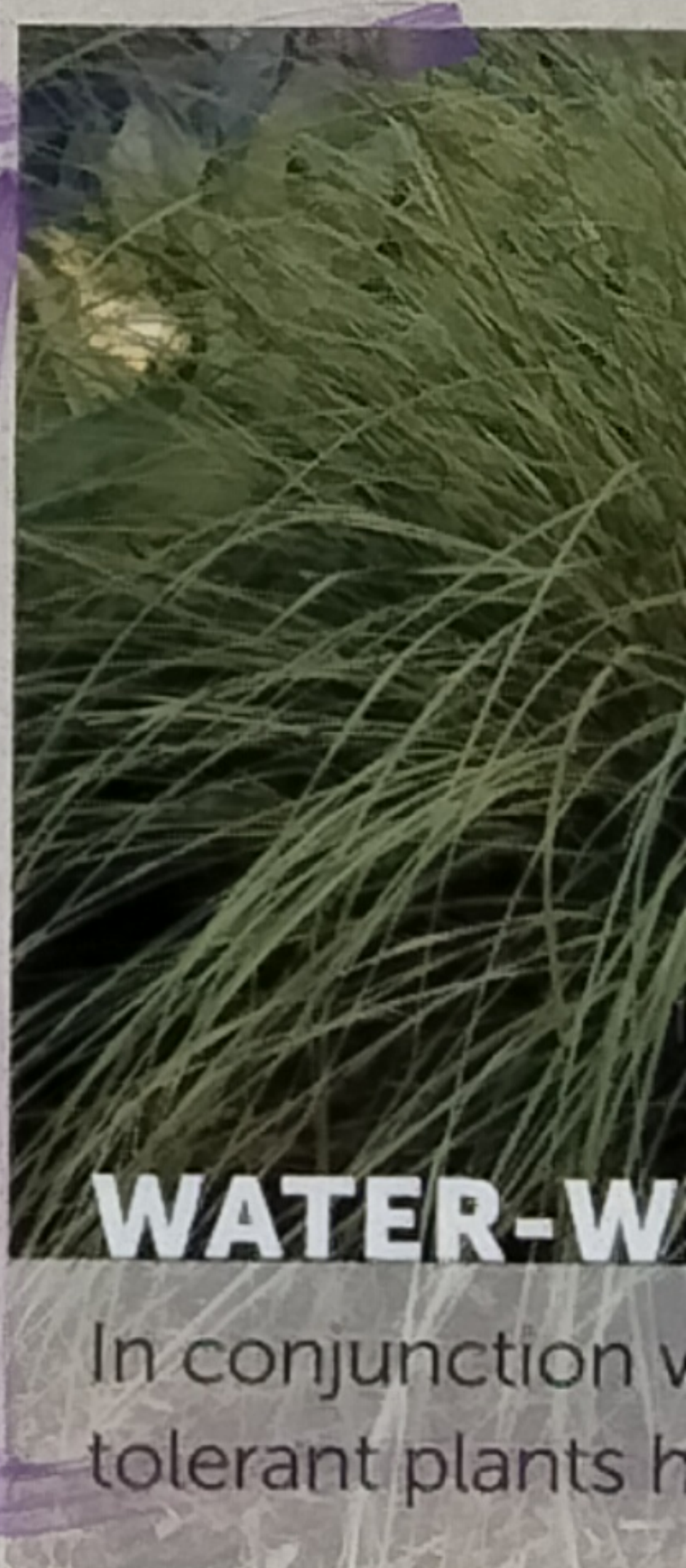
WETLANDS

Wetland plants filter and absorb stormwater pollutants, improving the quality of water.



LOTUS BED

A reconstructed lotus bed offers optimal conditions for the plants' return to glory.



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LAKE!



Major sources of contamination in the L.A. River Watershed include food wrappers, plastic/foam cups, cigarette butts, and pet waste.

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While using Echo Park, please deposit all waste in the containers located throughout the park. Also, when walking your dog, be sure to remove all droppings.

DO NOT LITTER



Food intended for human consumption lacks proper nutritional value for the bird and animal species that make the lake their home—and it can even sicken or kill them. Such food also decomposes in the Lake, worsening water quality.

FORBEN

Please help keep Echo Park's habitat healthy by not feeding the birds, fish, or other animals.

DO NOT FEED ANIMALS



Help keep Echo Park green! The plants within the park and lake filter pollution, provide habitat for animals, and prevent erosion. Please do not walk through planting areas or remove plants from the park or lake.

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NO WALK

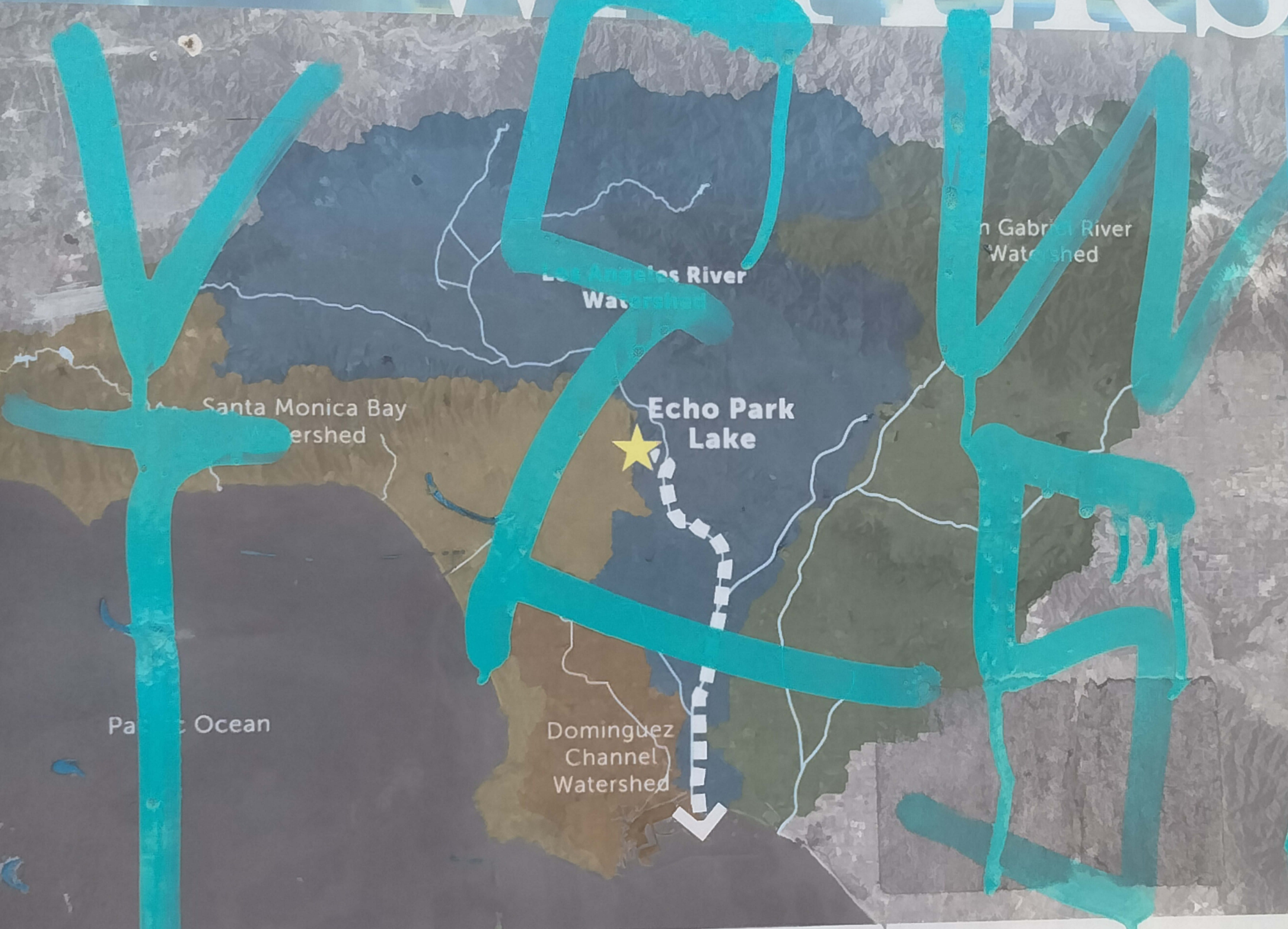
DO NOT DISTURB HABITAT

Echo Park Lake hosts a complex ecosystem comprised of plants and animals. All species depend on each other for food and survival. Adding unfamiliar species can upset this delicate balance.



Do not put any turtles, fish, plants, or other species in the park.

a JOURNEY through WATERSHEDS



A watershed is a geographic region that drains into a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean. Echo Park Lake is located in the Los Angeles River Watershed. Stormwater and urban runoff that enters the Lake from the watershed eventually drains into the L.A. River and the Pacific Ocean.

Keeping clean is beaches healthy!



Echo Park Lake

THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

For the safety of everyone

- NO ALCOHOL, NO SMOKING LAMC 41.27.C, LAMC 64.44B24
- NO SWIMMING, NO DIVING LAMC 63.44 D-1, LAMC 63.44.B-7
- NO DUMPING, NO LITTERING LAMC 63.44B.19, LAMC 63.44B-19
- NO INJURY TO PUBLIC PROPERTY LAMC 63.44.B.13
- NO BLOCKING PATHWAYS, FIRELANES LAMC 63.44.B.22
- NO TRESPASSING DURING HOURS OF CLOSURE LAMC 63.44.B.14
- NO STAGES, GENERATORS, OR SOUND AMPLIFICATION WITHOUT PERMIT LAMC 63.44.B.4
- NO TENTS, STAKES, CAMPING, OPEN FLAMES OR COOKING LAMC 63.44B.4, LAMC 63.44.B.17
- NO WRITING, PAINTING, AFFIXING SIGNS, PROJECTIONS OR OTHER MATERIALS TO TREES, LANDSCAPING OR PUBLIC PROPERTY. LAMC 63.44.B.13
- NO BICYCLES, NO SKATEBOARDS, NO SKATING, NO SHOPPING CARTS LAMC 63.44(B)13/63.44(B)17
- NO EVENTS MAY EXTEND INTO TREE OR LANDSCAPED AREAS & PLANTERS LAMC 63.44.B2/53.49
- DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH, DEFECTION MUST BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY LAMC 63.44.B2/53.49
- CRUELTY TO ANY ANIMAL IS A FELONY CA. PENAL CODE SEC. 597(a)
- FEEDING OF THE ANIMALS IS AGAINST THE LAW LAMC 53.06.5
- ABANDONMENT OF ANIMALS IS AGAINST THE LAW CPC SEC. 597(g)
- HARASSMENT OF ANIMALS IS AGAINST THE LAW DEPT. OF FISH /GAME SEC. 251.1 CPC SEC. 597(b)
- ALL MIGRATORY BIRDS ARE STATE & FEDERALLY PROTECTED CDFG CODE SEC. 2602, 3513
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- NO MOONBOUNCES OR OTHER PERKS WITHOUT PERMIT LAMC 63.44.B.14
- VIOLATE NO LAW



GRAND OPENING

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL LAPD EMERGENCY NETWORK: (877) 255-5273 • 311 / INFO (213) 485-5573 • FOR PERMITS CALL: (213) 250-3578

PARK CLOSED
10:30 pm - 5:00 am
LAMC. 63.44, B14

PERSONAL PROPERTY REMAINING AFTER THE PARK IS CLOSED MAY BE RECOVERED BY THE CITY IF NOT WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE CITY'S REPOSSESSION PERSONAL PROPERTY



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Greenfields Outdoor Fitness

Accessible Combo Butterfly & Reverse Fly
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FUNCTION:
Overstrength shoulders, shoulders, back, arms, and upper & mid-arms

INSTRUCTIONS:
Butterfly: Sit on the seat. Place hands or forearms on the long handle, staff arms together, then expand chest to release. Return slowly to start position.

Reverse butterfly: Sit on the seat with back against backrest. Grasp handles with hands. Arms should be at a 90 degree angle and parallel to the ground. Pull arms backwards in a semi-circular motion. Hold and slowly return to start position.

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User Guidelines
This fitness equipment is designed for your enjoyment. For your safety, we ask you to comply with the following:

1. NO CHILDREN UNDER AGE 14 ALLOWED WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION.
2. User assumes all risk and responsibility for using this exercise equipment.
3. Consult a physician prior to starting any physical fitness training program. Potential users with known adverse health conditions should not use this equipment. Before using the equipment, check for loose parts, breaks, cracks, or other conditions needing attention.
4. Perform exercises according to instructions on each piece of the equipment.
5. Perform correctly during physical activity.
6. Perform resistance exercises according to instructions in a slow, controlled manner over the full range of motion. Performing the movement too quickly may result in an injury. Use the equipment only within your capabilities.
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Handwritten graffiti in black marker on a green metal plate. The text reads "SCHOOL" followed by a large, stylized, illegible scribble. A small, illegible scribble is also present on the left side of the plate.

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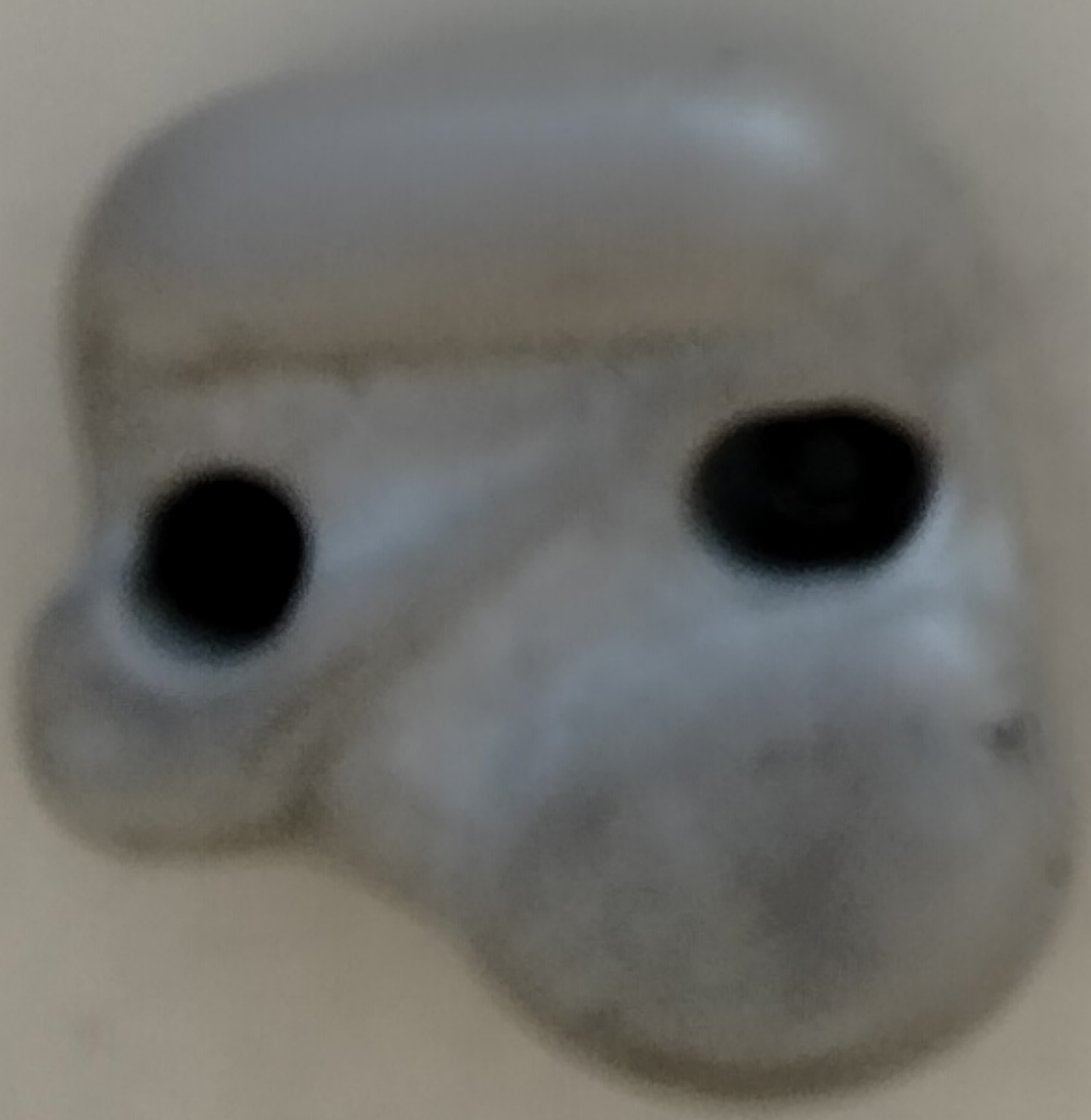
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Hand-drawn scribbles on a white background, including a wavy line, a zigzag line, a square, a triangle, and a circle.





Handwritten text on a teal surface, including the word "HOUSE" and other illegible scribbles.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Unauthorized vendors occupying Echo Park territory

1 message

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

Thu, May 30, 2024 at 2:02 PM

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 Thu, May 30, 2024 at 12:55 PM George The Great <

wrote:

Good afternoon City Officials.

This is a follow up regarding unauthorized vendors in Echo Park territory.







Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: SAVE EL BURRITO

1 message

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

Wed, May 15, 2024 at 8:05 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 Tue, May 14, 2024 at 1:31 PM Yaire Barboza < > wrote:
May 14, 2024

200 North Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
The Mayor's Office
Pacoima, Ca, 91331

Dear Members of the City Council,

I urge you to save an important part of los angeles (tongva land). The cultural heritage embedded within the burrito and the carreta have been a special part of many Mexican locals of your city, what makes LA, LA.

I am writing to express my strong support for the city council's efforts to combat the unlawful eviction of The Carreta (P-4), located on Paseo de La Plaza at the entrance of Olvera Street. El burrito and carreta is a historical, family-owned business that celebrates and represents Mexican-American culture in Los Angeles and should be preserved as a landmark. As residents of Los Angeles, we must uphold the values of our Mexican-American traditions, protect the merchant families at Olvera Street, and preserve our historical LA landmarks. For more than 50 years, this carreta has been a treasure that links our city to traditions. It is part of our identity as a city. We must not displace or allow unlawful evictions from our historical Placita Olvera.

The mission of El Pueblo states:

El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument promotes, safeguards, and preserves the City's birthplace and culturally diverse heritage through the effective management of its commercial and historical resources and events.

Yet the Hernandez family who have been merchants since the late '60s are facing unlawful eviction due to the death of their matriarch Trancito, "Tancho" Hernandez on April 16, 2024. The proper paperwork has been sent to the office of El Pueblo to add additional names to the contract since 2019, which in turn would extend the family contract, yet they are facing eviction. This does not reflect El Pueblo's mission.

I urge the city council to prioritize this issue and to take concrete steps to allow the Hernandez family to keep their contract as merchants with the city of Los Angeles and to continue to operate business as usual at P-4.

Unlawful evictions not only destabilize individuals and families, but also disrupt the fabric of our community. Our city and its residents face daily threats of displacement due to gentrification—not just in our homes, but in our businesses as well. We must preserve the historical businesses that make our city home.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Yaire Barboz

May 9, 2024

TO: Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Dept.
Office of Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 86328
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328

From:
Kieran O'Carroll

To whom it may concern:

As a nearby resident in the south Griffith Park area, I am excited about the possibility of a new Community Center in the area based on the Master Plan presented February 29, 2024 at a community meeting in Los Feliz. Our esteemed local groups, the Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA) and the Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB), have supported a community-driven Master Plan, which was NOT what was presented at the 2/29/24 meeting put on by the local 4th Council Office.

I understand from the community meeting the money immediately secured by CD4 is earmarked for the Griffith Park pool, some for planning for the Master Plan, and a consultant. That is some progress after 4 years yet NOT enough.

The recent community meeting of 100 plus attendees did not address the need for the community center that we want to be located on the site where the L.A. Shares building stood for years until homeless from the adjacent Bridge Home shelter and their affiliated criminals burnt it down, requiring the longstanding L.A. Shares building to be raised. The community was promised in 2020 through a passed Council Motion under then CD4 Councilman David Ryu that the community center would be cited where LA Shares building was located. Ryu's Motion also called for the current location of the Bridge Home shelter to return to a parking lot.

We are NOT okay with what was billed as a temporary Bridge Home shelter staying in the area that provides no revenue to Griffith Park Rec & Parks Dept. and is an established locus of crime and draw for homeless who use drugs without shelter operator (PATH) intervention! Though in attendance, and directly asked during the Master Plan meeting, CD4 Councilwoman Raman did not address a timeline for decommissioning the shelter in Griffith Park. Councilwoman Raman has refused to report back to the RAP Commission from the June 2023 for shelter closure timeline as requested by the RAP Commission Board. Our community has been more than patiently waiting for our elected to report back WITH NO RESULTS!

We now know the Bridge Home shelter for over 3.5 years has increased crime 300% to the immediate neighborhoods of Los Feliz and created a 468% increase in homeless to the area due to drugs being readily available.

The safety of our Los Feliz community is PRIORITY ONE. I implore the Rec & Parks Commission Board to work with our local community groups to close the shelter, while listening to OUR COLLECTIVE community voices about details important to create a functional Community Center that facilitates safety both within south Griffith Park, and at the community

center specifically. Our Councilperson's agenda does NOT represent the peoples' voices in Council District 4 who recreate near the Bridge Home shelter. This area has endured enough!

The Ambassador Program as proposed by Council District 4 Rep Raman to have 2 staff outside the facility to "deescalate" at the Bridge Home shelter and pass out already available Narcan, call police and fire with limited hours will be insufficient and will create a liability for Recreation & Parks - an anemic safety measure. As I understand, these personnel will be recruited from a yet-to-be identified third party vendor and will not have law enforcement training nor training or experience in clinical psychology, which is what is needed to ensure safety of Ambassador Program staff and shelter residents. Such a measure will merely add untrained staff, not aiding in increasing the safety around Bridge Home shelter that we the surrounding community have already called for on multiple occasions to be removed. We need safety NOW in south Griffith Park and to have our voices heard by the RAP Commission Board as we are being gaslighted by Council District 4 reps.

Please reply to my letter at _____ or by calling at _____ The favor of a reply addressing the above issues is appreciated in advance. We look forward to seeing our Board of Rec & Parks Commissioners at upcoming meetings.

Sincerely,



Kieran O'Carroll



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: South Griffith Bridge House

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 28, 2024 at 9:04 AM

To: Dawn Socha <

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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 Fri, May 24, 2024 at 4:41 PM Dawn Socha <

> wrote:

Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department
Office of Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 86328
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328

Jimmy.Kim@lacity.org

Brenda.Aguirre@lacity.org

Takisha.Sardin@lacity.org

RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org

RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG

May 24, 2024

Hello,

The community of Los Feliz was promised in 2020 through a successful Council Motion under then CD4 Councilman David Ryu that a community center would be built at Riverside and Los Feliz, behind the Mulholland Fountain. Ryu's Motion also called for the current location of the Bridge Home shelter to return to a parking lot. We are NOT okay with the Bridge Home shelter staying in the area providing no revenue to the Griffith Park Rec & Parks Dept. or the local community. It has been in the area so long that it has become an established nexus of crime and a draw for homeless who use drugs without shelter operator (PATH) intervention.

At the Master Plan meeting held in February of this year, CD4 Councilwoman Nithya Raman was asked by a concerned citizen about the Bridge Home, but Raman refused to engage in the discussion and would not address a timeline for decommissioning the shelter in Griffith Park. Councilwoman Raman has refused to report back to the RAP Commission regarding a shelter closure timeline as requested by the RAP Commission Board. Our community has been more than patiently waiting for our elected officials to make good on the temporary status of this Bridge House.

The Bridge Home shelter for the past 3.5 years has increased crime 300% to the immediate neighborhood of Los Feliz and created a 468% increase in homeless to the area due to drugs being readily available. The element of prostitution and a gang presence has increased in our neighborhood as well.

The safety of our Los Feliz community is PRIORITY ONE. I implore the Rec & Parks Commission Board to work with our local community groups to close the shelter as promised. Our Councilperson's agenda does NOT represent the peoples' voices in Council District 4. This Shelter is across the street from playgrounds, tennis courts and other family recreation. Hypodermic needles are found in the play areas and employees who should not have to handle these dangerous drug implements have to clean them up. The Bridge Home has been there too long, which is

creating a level of comfort for those who would take advantage of the residents of the Bridge House and the community. We have endured enough!



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: With great sadness

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 16, 2024 at 11:25 AM

To: mark mariscal < >

Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>, Joseph Cornwell < >, "Stephen R. Nelson" < >, "mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org" <mayor.helpdesk@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, May 15, 2024 at 2:54 PM mark mariscal < >

> wrote:

Dear GM Jimmy,

Thank you for all that you have done to help Ft. MacArthur Museum Association in our quest to get back the almost one million artifacts, papers, documents, metals, etc. that are owned by FMMA. When Joe Cornwell and I met with you on-site last April 30th, you asked for two weeks before FMMA would take any further action. Unfortunately, the two weeks have now passed.

Earlier today, we submitted a claim with the City Clerk's office. We do not know what else to do. We showed you in person the documents that we cannot get to (locked out) that shows how FMMA tracks the ownership of items given or purchased by FMMA. I have attached a copy so that others on this email can also see.

I am sure that moving forward, the RAP staff will no longer be able to communicate directly with any of the FMMA Board members. All future communications will probably be required to go through the City Attorney's Office. That is way too bad for the public. We have tried to do this without legal action. We have now turned to the LAST Administrative solution in trying to get back the property that is owned by the FMMA California Non-profit Benefit Corporation that has operated with Recreation and Parks approval for the last 35 years at Angels Gate Park. Being locked out stinks.

The claim number is C24-09945.

Mark Mariscal



Fort MacArthur Museum Association
Post Office Box 268, San Pedro, California 90731

DEED OF GIFT

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ACCESSION # ~~XXXXXX~~

Object: Telephone Box (Battery Commanders) Object Date: 1915
Dimensions: Height: 18½" Length: 13½" Width: 12" Diameter: _____
Origin: US Army Composition: Cast Iron and brass some wood
Condition: Fair, painted red over black
Significance: Found at construction site dump in Playa Del Rey. Believed to be from a remote fire control station for HDLA. Artifact location documented but nothing found nearby. See memo from Mike Taylor included in this file. MIA * Found 5/16/00

DONATION

As lawful owner (s) of the above described Object (s), I/We transfer ownership and all interest in the above described object (s) and objects included on continuation sheet # none to the Fort MacArthur Museum Association without condition.

SIGNATURE : Donor (s) _____

DATE: 10-26-99

NAME: (print) Michael Pohjola

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: Los Angeles

STATE: CA

ZIP CODE: 90064

TELEPHONE: _____

RECEIVED BY: _____

NAME: (print) Stephen R. Nelson

DATE: _____

TITLE: _____

Director/Curator



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Brentwood Barrington Recreation Center Proposed Plan submitted to Planning Department

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Nancy Freedman >
Cc: Carlos Luna Diaz <carlos.lunadiaz@lacity.org>

Thu, May 16, 2024 at 11:26 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, May 15, 2024 at 8:01 PM Nancy Freedman < > wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

It has come to our attention at this month's meeting that Barrington RC Facility Director submitted a renovation of the property to Planning a while ago.

The Board is very excited to make this improvement to the entire facility and would like to follow its progress going through the system.

Might you let us know when we can expect to hear from Planning, or whomever would be working on its layout?

The Board would also like to know the Commissioner assigned to Brentwood. Perhaps we can show him/her around the property to introduce ourselves and to understand what a wonderful park this can become.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Best Regards,

Nancy Freedman
President, Barrington Recreation Center Advisory Board



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Jim Suard and horse abuse

1 message

amelia < > Tue, May 21, 2024 at 1:43 PM
 To: " " < >, "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, "Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org" <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>, "contactCD4@lacity.org" <contactCD4@lacity.org>, " " < >, " " < >

Dear Trainers and Boarders,

There was an incident of extreme horse abuse at Barn B. The management has swept this under the carpet and is allowing the abuser to remain at the LAEC without consequence.

A boarder by the name Jim Suard was caught in B barn repeatedly punching another persons horse in the midst of a temper tantrum. People tried to stop it to no avail. Security was called. Tim Beals banned Jim Suard from coming near THAT horse. The management wagged their finger and said no no.

You were all warned about Mr Jim Suard. In case you forgot:

Jim Suard is a perpetual horse abuser. He has repeatedly abused his own horse for years. He lamed a horse named Catalina (a client of Paige Baker). He abuses a horse named Sugar (owned by Terry Rosoff).

Paige Baker, an assistant to Tim Beals, contracts Jim Suard to train horses contracted to her. She is well aware that Jim has an abusive past, that he is highly unqualified to train horses and is uninsured. She doesn't care because he works for her for free.

Jim Suard sexually harassed a 20 year old and a 21 year old in the Polo area. He broke into their tackroom to be able to touch their items (can you say creepy?). He cornered them in their stalls. He made inappropriate comments to them. They were in tears when they went to the office to report him. Unfortunately, Terry Rosoff gave Jim a character statement against the girls. Why? Because Terry needs Paige to train her horses. And Paige needs the free labor. (Paige is a pain pill addict). The office gave Jim the complaints. He then harassed those two girls, threatening to sue them, intimidating them every day until they left the center.

Jim Suard was caught with his pants around his ankles in an empty stall. He was masturbating while watching Paige Baker ride. Paige was told and she giggled and said "I know. That's why he helps me for free and I don't have to be here constantly for these f**king clients".

Jim Suard breaks rules by parking as he pleases. The management refuses to say anything because Jim goes to Paige, Paige goes to Terry Rosoff, who will go to Ivan and sob. Ivan then makes it all better while Paige unzips her top to show more cleavage and wraps herself around Ivan.

Jim Suard has tried to run over boarders. Crickets from management.

Jim Suard has fed "treats" that cause everyone's horses to break out into hives. Crickets from management.

Jim Suard pees into cottage cheese containers and throws it on peoples horses. Crickets from management.

Horse abuse should be an immediate expulsion. Abusing other peoples horses should be a 5 day notice. Tim Beals and his clients should immediately fire Paige Baker for theft (charging for services that she never gave), fraud (for allowing some boarder "train" their horses) and Animal Abuse (She knew Jom Suard abused horses in the past). If Mr. Beals isn't ethical enough to release, Miss Baker, the management at the LAEC has a moral and ethical obligation to ban her from being an assistant trainer at the LAEC. LAEC management also has an ethical

and moral obligation as well as a legal obligation to ban Mr. Suard from the Los Angeles Equestrian Center as well.

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

disabled children and veterans

1 message

amelia <

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Tue, May 21, 2024 at 12:06 PM

To: "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>,

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This was sent to every news outlet and newspaper

Over the weekend of May 18 - 20, The 35th year of Cal net disabled horse riding competition was scheduled to take place at the Los Angeles equestrian center. This riding show has been an existence for 34 years 95% of it taking place at the Los Angeles equestrian center. This year was to be no different. The park Rangers were set to do the free pancake breakfast as they always do. Riders in schools were ready to leave. Children who are not accustomed to change, were excited to come back to the Los Angeles equestrian center. To compete and show off their Skills.

Two weeks prior to the show, the management team of the Los Angeles, equestrian center along side of the city of Los Angeles, parks and rec unceremoniously threw out the disabled children and veterans in favor of a jumper show that had lost their venue and didn't want to change their dates.

The Los Angeles Equestrian Center management was hoping that this event coordinator would continue to do shows at the LAEC if they had provided a place for them for this. So they made a disabled show scramble for a brand new venue to bring in this event. The LAEC spent Thousands of dollars to roll out the red carpet for this event coordinator. As it turned out, the event coordinator did not want to be at the LAEC and by the end of the show had secured their show back at the Orange County facility.

So Los Angeles Equestrian Center screwed over our nations heroes and our disabled children, spent thousands of dollars on flags and laser grid Footing for an event that half the riders boycotted because they wanted nothing to do with this equestrian center, and at the end...the LAEC found out they aren't coming back.

Add to this managements incapability to remove drug addicts, drug dealers, violent borders, dangerous drunks and Horse abusers.

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: you need to clean up the equestrian center

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 16, 2024 at 11:27 AM

To: amelia <

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Cc: "mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org" <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, "contactCD4@lacity.org" <contactCD4@lacity.org>, "Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org" <Michael.A.Shull@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, May 15, 2024 at 11:50 PM amelia <

> wrote:

This should be a place of fun and enjoyment, instead it is a place of drunks, thieves, drug addicts and drugs, sexual predators, animal abusers, illegal trainers and violently insane boarders. Not a great place for you, your kids, and a terrible place for your horses. The current management refuses to address these problems because it would remove too many people. They instead removed and blamed the whistleblower.

Let's look at what the LAEC / ASM has to offer:

Tim Beals - a known drunk. This "trainer" has blacked out on several occasions. During these blackouts, he threatened to "smack the shit" out of female trainers. He has driven his vehicle over the curbs nearly missing riders. It only makes sense that he hired Paige Baker as an assistant.

Paige Baker - A liar, a thief, a known pain med drug addict. She has injured multiple horses through simple incompetence and ignorance. She has injured multiple people. She has stolen from multiple clients. She outsources her the work that is contracted to do to Jim Suard, someone who has multiple complaints against him for sexual misconduct, racism, and animal endangerment. She harasses boarders. She slanders trainers. She had her boyfriend punch a female at the center. She has to run for pain pills every few hours or she goes through withdrawals and cannot function.

Tim Keeling - Multiple complaints and reports from clients and assistants that left, saying they reported hard drug use as well as Heavy handed treatment of horses. He has stolen from clients. Harassed former clients by trying to get them thrown from their horses using his car and the horn as a weapon. Uses the arenas and roads as a personal ashtray as he is a chain smoker. Zero tolerance, doesn't apply to him.

HYT Polo - Multiple incidents of animal cruelty. Drunk riders who become drunk drivers on their way out of the center, Endangering other riders. They have an assistant named AJ Barnala who screams "C*nt" across the arenas at other boarders in a rage, in my opinion, that seems like it could be fueled by chemicals, he also a martial arts instructor that punches women at the center. They dangerously run 5 horses at a time with one rider, simulating a stampede. Against insurance and completely unsafe, but your safety only applies if someone says you yelled at them.

Joe Thorpe - Witnesses reported one his clients on the ground suicidal and sobbing. He had pressured her for a sex act, after getting her drunk AT THE BARN in his office. He then used that to continue to pressure her into doing that act repeatedly. He was known to have a young client at a show summoned to his hotel room for “strategy meeting”. He opened the door in just a robe. She ran. He is also known to drive from the center at the end of the day so drunk that he was seen driving up onto the curb at the perimeter crossing. Ran the red light.

Terry Rosoff - keeps a suffering mini horse alive even though it can barely move, hardly sees the sunlight anymore and is in pain. She has hit an assistant trainer with a chain during a psychotic episode. She has swung feed buckets at the faces of others. She has slandered several trainers and boarders. She is allowed to break safety rules with her stallion. On several occasions, tragic accidents were barely stopped. She files false reports to city and state officials. Breaks every rule in the contract but gets away with it. No one knows why she is allowed to operate outside their zero tolerance rule.

Rick Rosoff - Terrys philandering and belligerent husband, harasses boarders and trainers on a daily basis. Files false reports. Speeds through the center. Breaks rules without consequences. Screams obscenities. Threatens people. Operates outside the zero tolerance code of conduct because ASM plays favorites.

June Bracken - Verbally assaults boarders and trainers on a daily basis. Flipping people off. Drives through the center at high speed nearly missing riders and endangering both people and animals. Zero tolerance policy also does not apply to her.

Mark Farndale - incapable of training his horses to outside stimuli, instead verbally assaults others to stop and not spook his riders. Breaks the rules and laws of the state on a daily basis with off leash animals. One such incident involving Jaye Cherry, ended up with her leg being broken

Jaye Cherry - well known to be too heavy handed with her style of training. She beats the horses into submission and eventually,..into severe behavior problems. One such example is Pipi, bought by Terry Rosoff and used by Paige Baker for lessons, this pony was sold to be a quiet young girls horse but was turned out for Paige to try to fake her way as a trainer. Pipi bucks. Pipi is a dangerous horse. Everyone shrugs and says “it was a Jaye horse, what do expect”.

Alan Hicks - here’s a guy who wasn’t even allowed on the property but has somehow been allowed to steal clients, falsely claim to be an authorized trainer and set up a business in B barn. Rides without insurance. Harasses other trainers and boarders, going as far as to try to have cars towed illegally. Actively slanders others and bullies people on social media. Refuses to put his unaltered dog on a leash. Has used women clients personally, draining them of their finances. And is known to outsource his work to other less qualified riders. Pocketing 60% of his fee. Jumps on the horse, takes a photo and hands it off to people like Paige Baker, who outsources to people like Jim Suard. You haven’t a clue who is actually handling your horse when you hire him.

Jim Suard - multiple complaints about sexually harassing young girls, old management could not put anyone of Asian decent near him because of his racism. Tried to run down a trainer with his car. Screams obscenities. Was caught masturbating in a stall while watching Paige Baker ride. Swung a chain at another boarder. Feeds other peoples horses “home made treats”, those horses come down with hives. Breaks the centers rules of harassment, zero tolerance does not apply to him.

Karen Sund - a barely functioning alcoholic , a pathological liar and grifter. Hell, even her own friends are starting to question the validity of her health woes. She involves herself in the drama even tho she has no business at the LAEC. She illegally parks her golf cart at the center. She lies about almost anything and everything and causes drama between multiple people.



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Re: POND - URGENT Debs Park continued neglect

1 message

Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Tue, May 21, 2024 at 9:34 AM

To: Pae White <

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>, Julio Hernandez

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>, Tom Marble <

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<andre.branch@lacity.org>, Pamela Bean

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

Per our conversation,

The irrigation issues have been resolved, and the pond will be filled until it reaches the appropriate level.

Thank you for your patience

On Tue, May 21, 2024 at 9:01 AM Pae White <

> wrote:

Dear Yovonte

This is the third email in 5 days that I am writing about the pond at Debs Park. Today's condition was shocking. In 22 years I have never seen the pond in such bad shape. It is clear that the pump is broken and yet this does not seem to be a concern to anybody within the parks department. There seems to be no reporting except by community members.

Speaking of community members - I can assure you there will be every level of outrage if children have to see dead turtles and fish being picked out of the muck. I give it a week until the pond gets to this point. The vector issue will also be amplified.

Can the water at least be turned on manually (and for at least 3 - 4 days) until the pump gets repaired?

Thank you

Pae

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Re: NWWNC: ADA Access and Pedestrian Safety Improvements on Veteran/Westwood Park

1 message

Rudy Guevara <rudy.guevara@lacity.org>

Mon, May 20, 2024 at 12:05 PM

To: Jacob Wasserman

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Good afternoon Jacob,

Thank you for reaching out to LADOT Western District. Yes, we received your report & attachment with your neighborhood service requests.

Just some quick comments regarding a lot of these requests:

Sidewalks, ADA ramps, concrete bump outs or any concrete civil work are not LADOT items. These items are not under our purview. These belong to StreetsLA. I would suggest you work with the local Council Office and StreetsLA to identify what requests are feasible.

In relation to mark crosswalks, there are a few minimum requirements that a crosswalk must have in order for us to even consider to mark a crosswalk. One of those requirements is that any new marked crosswalk must have ADA ramps on both sides. As mentioned previously, ADA ramps are not done by LADOT. But I just want to make it clear that if a leg has ADA ramps on both sides, it doesn't necessarily mean that LADOT will mark a crosswalk. Please notice that as per California Vehicle Code, pedestrians can legally (unless signs say otherwise) cross at any intersection whether is marked or not.

We will take a look at your service requests listed in your flyer that falls under the purview of LADOT and get back to you on those. Please note that we have over 1,300 pending service requests in our office with limited resources so it could take a while to study and make a Determination.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best regards,

On Mon, May 20, 2024 at 9:07 AM Jacob Wasserman <j > wrote:
CD5 staff, LADOT staff, and Recreation and Parks Commissioners,

Good morning! Please find attached and [here](#) a unanimously passed request from the North Westwood Neighborhood Council, representing tens of thousands of stakeholders of the area, that a sidewalk on Veteran Avenue be built at Westwood Park and that the pedestrian crossings at Rochester Avenue and Wilkins Avenue be made safer:

This is also an ADA access issue for the park, and should be addressed under the Willits settlement.

Council and RAP staff, please review and let us know if you can sign off on this request.

Rudy and LADOT staff, please let us know the next steps.

Thank you.

Jacob Wasserman
Board member, Worker Seat and Secretary



- REQUEST FOR ACTION-

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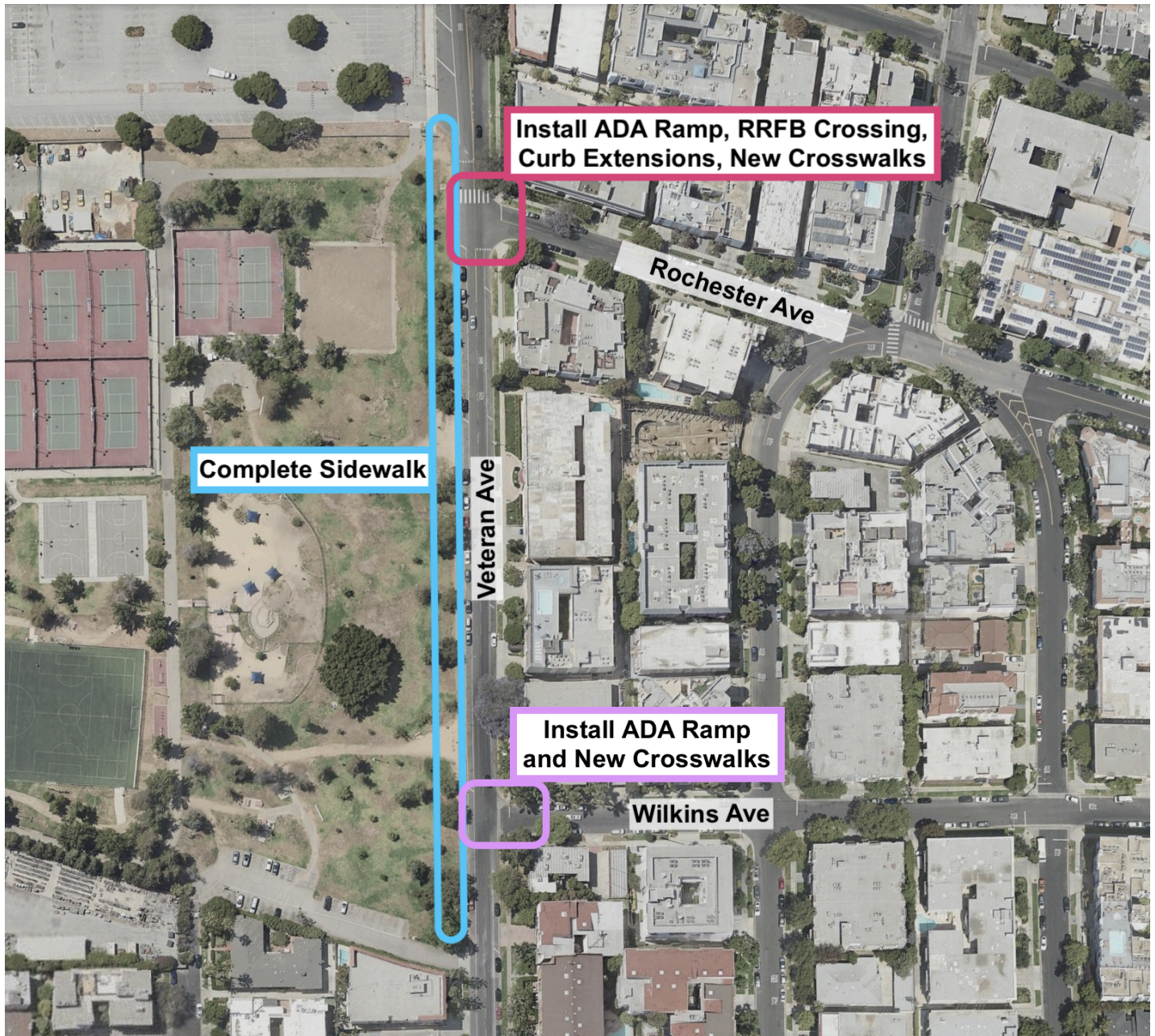


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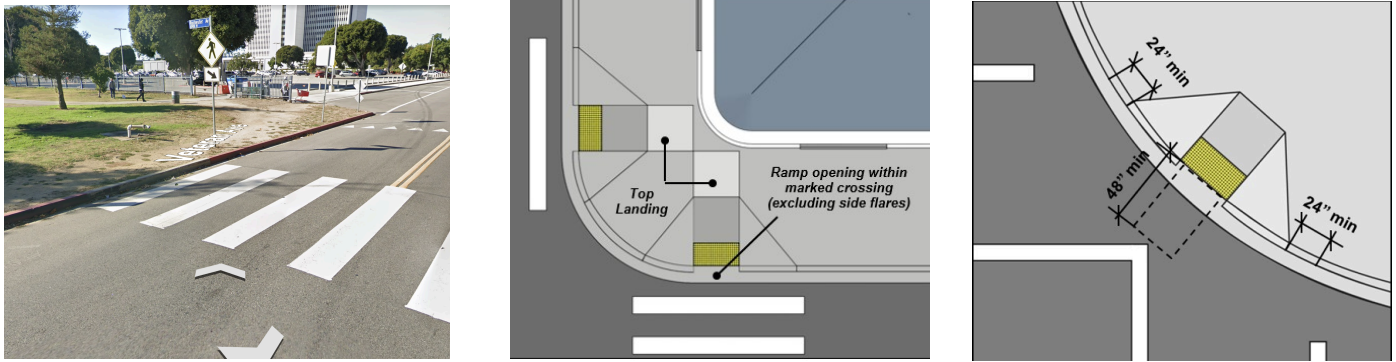


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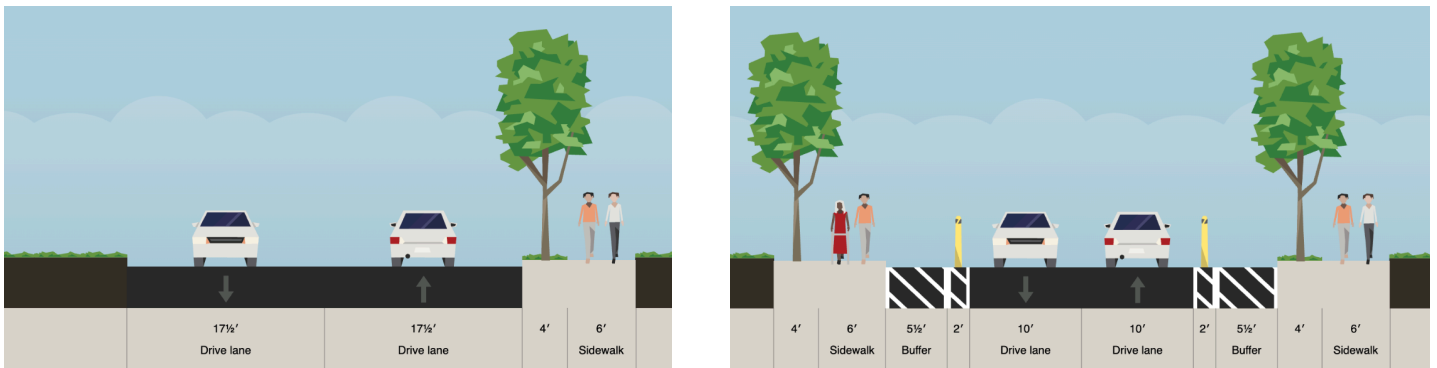


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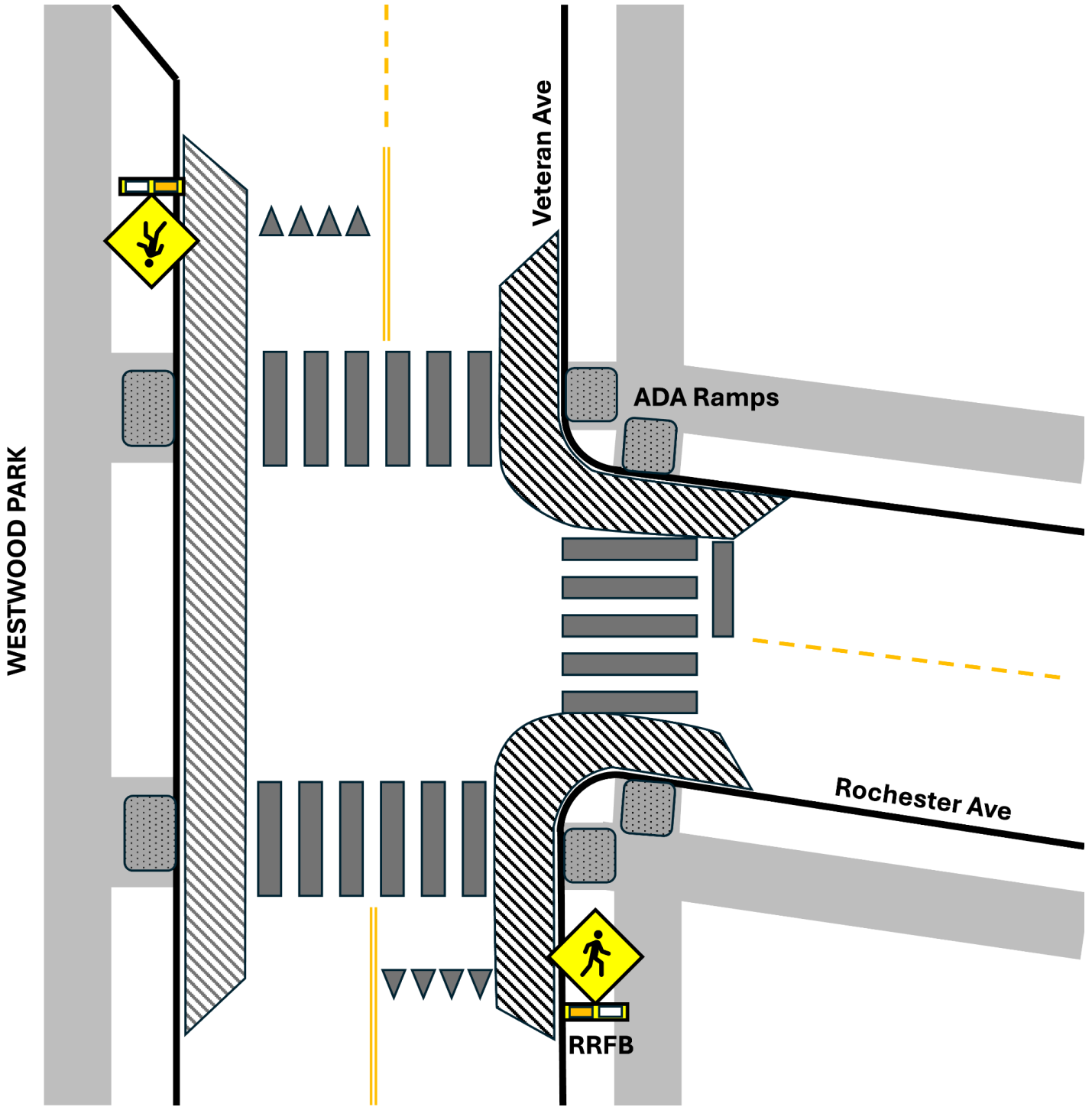


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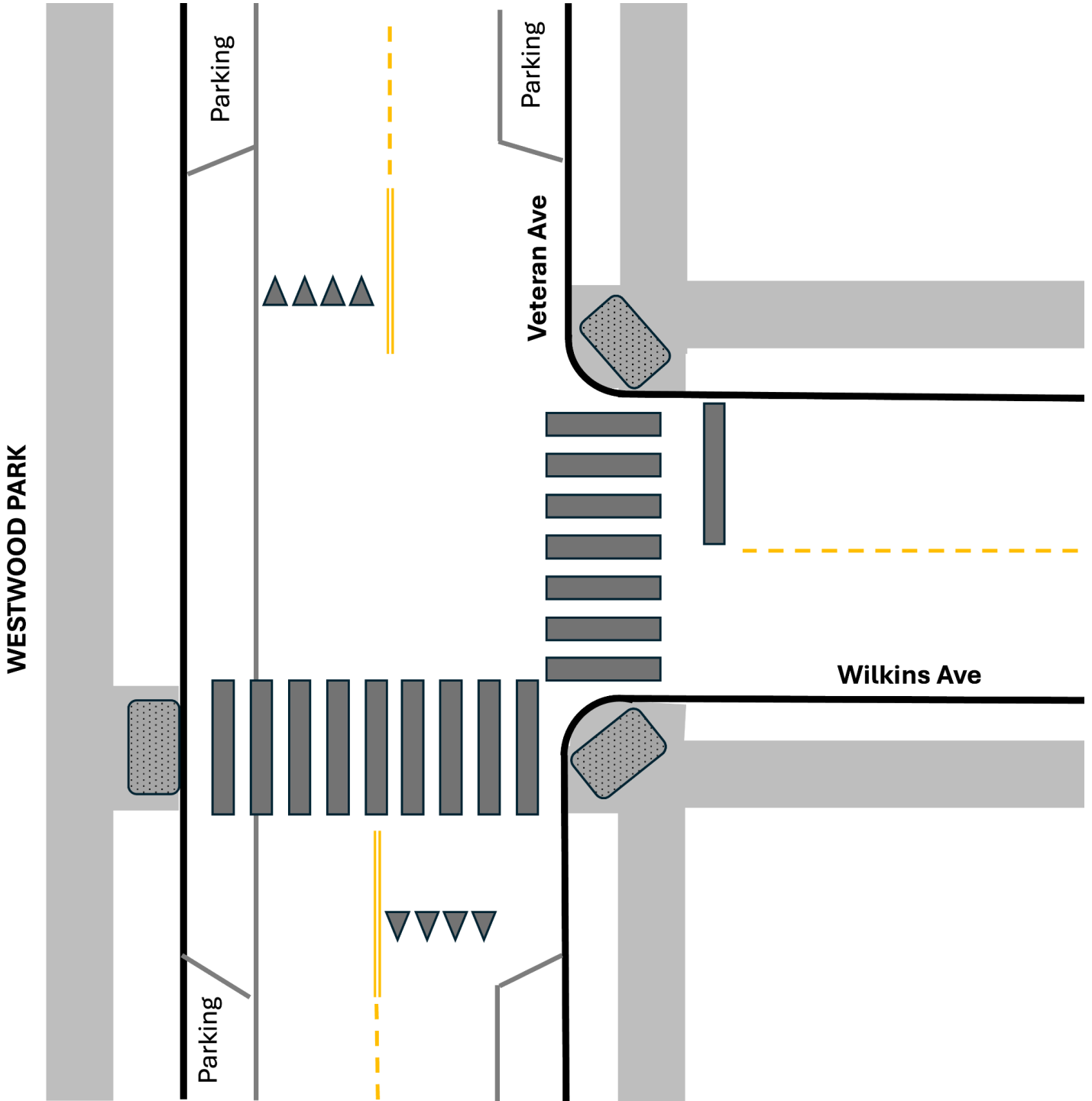


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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-1111-S16

1 message

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Tue, May 21, 2024 at 12:14 AM

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: North Westwood

Name: Jacob Wasserman

Email:

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/01/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Neutral Position

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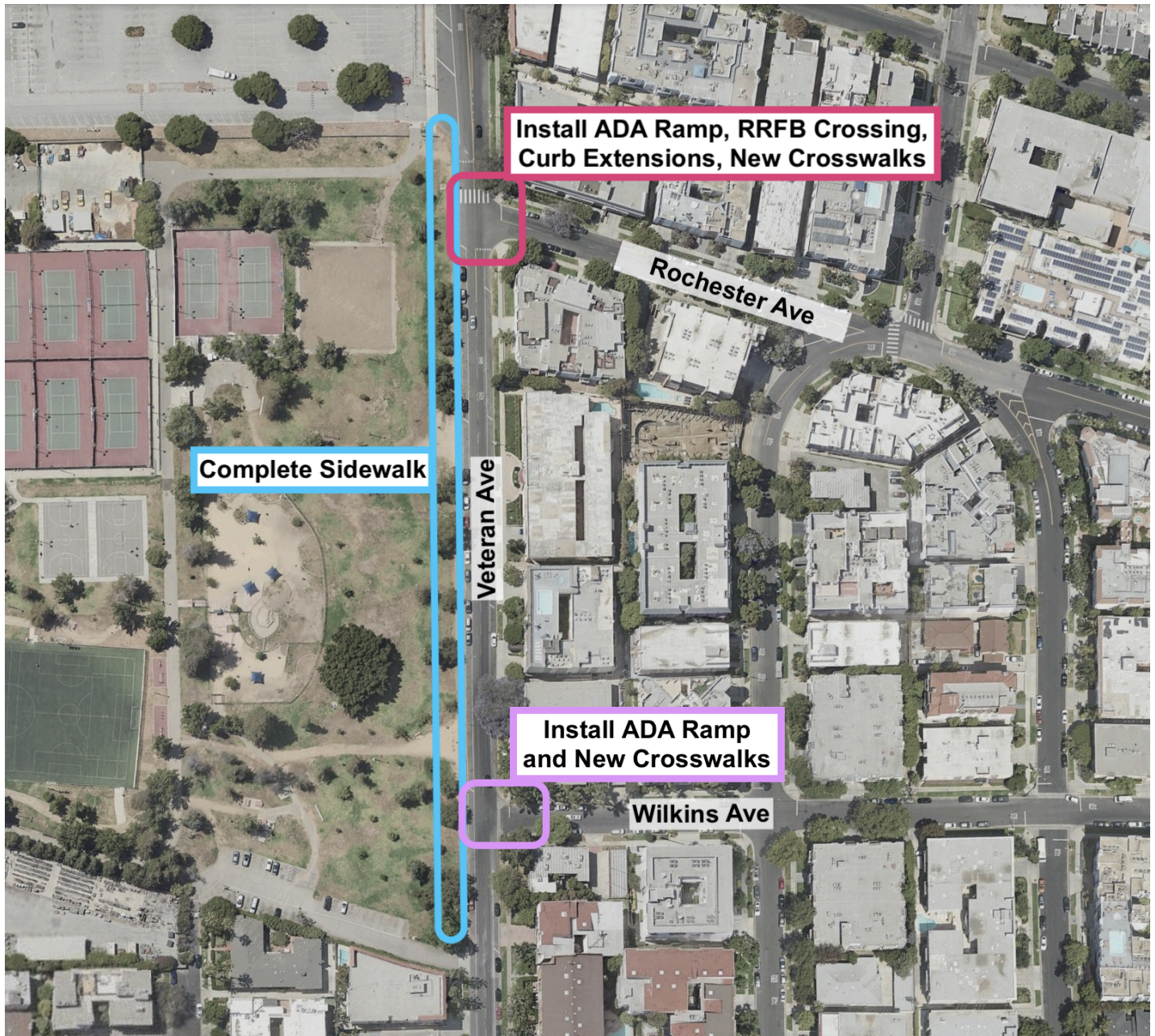


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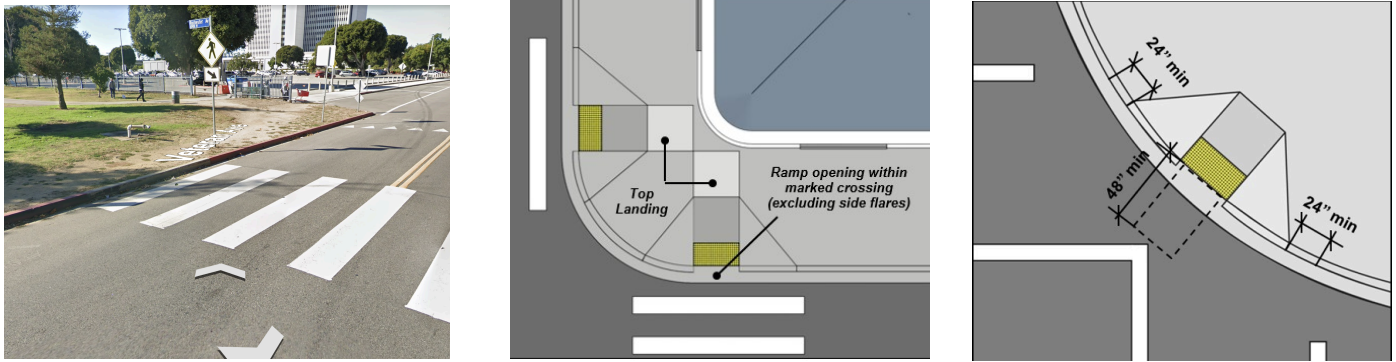


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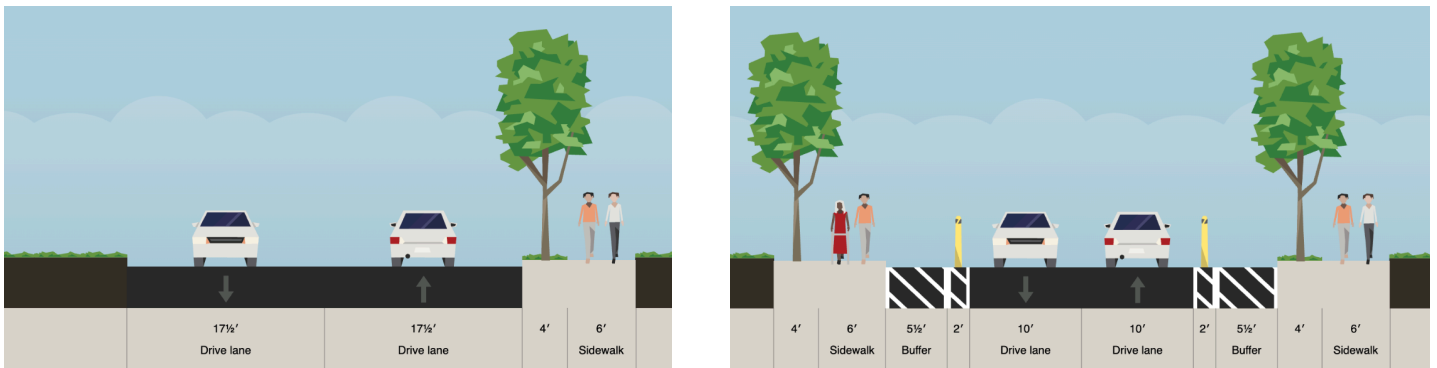


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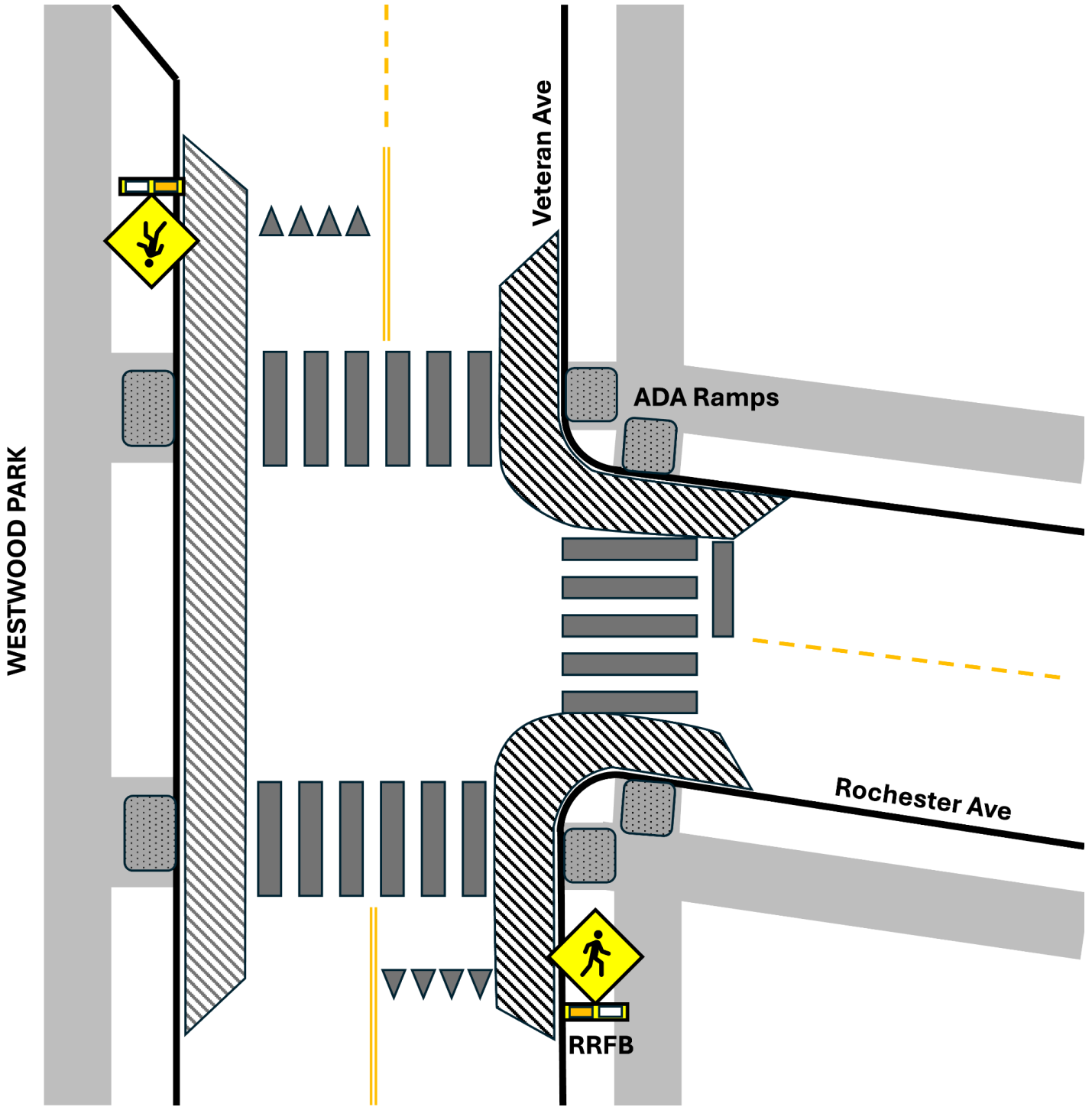


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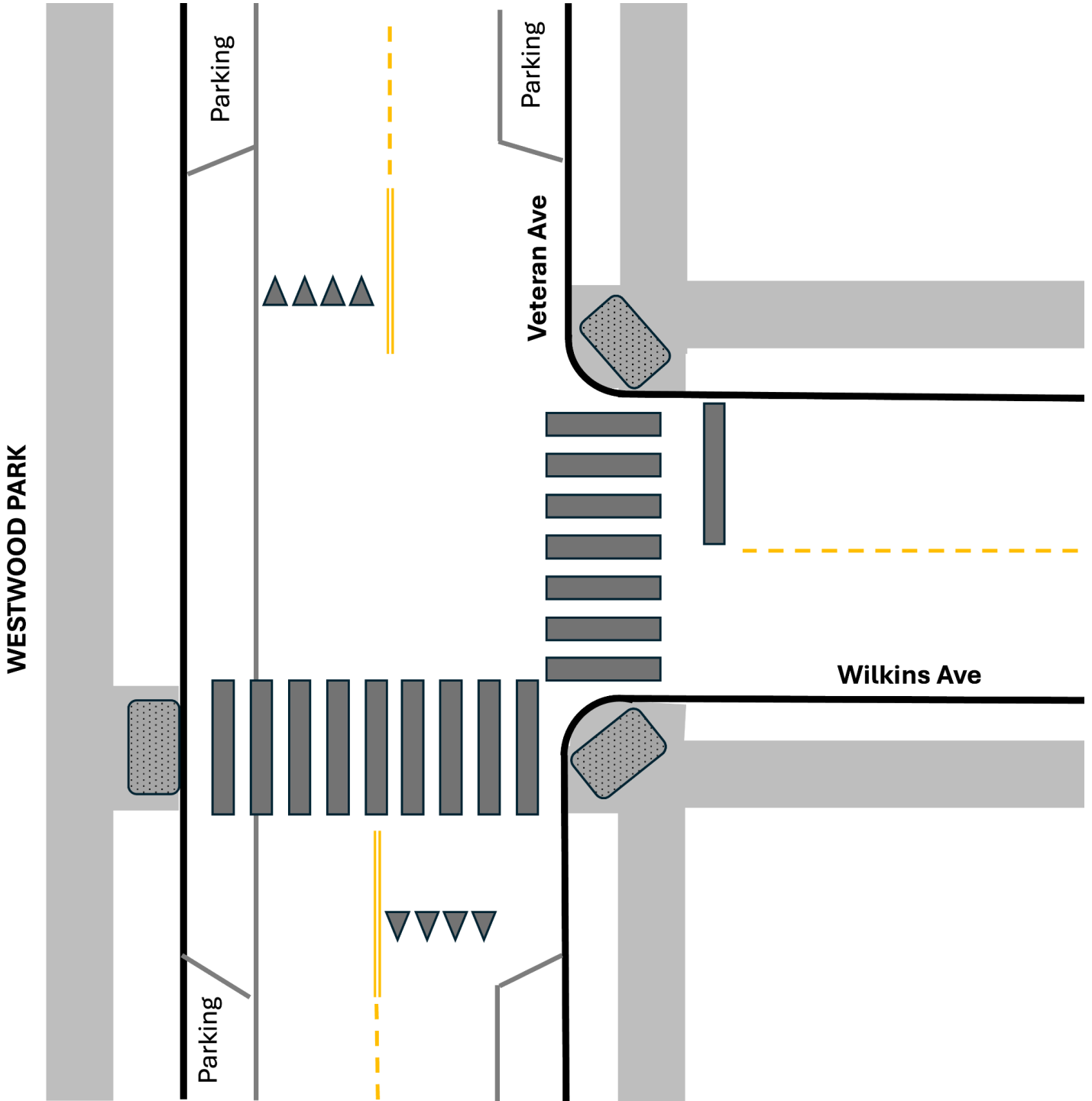


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Name: Jacob Wasserman

Email:

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Date of NC Board Action: 05/01/2024

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Impact Information

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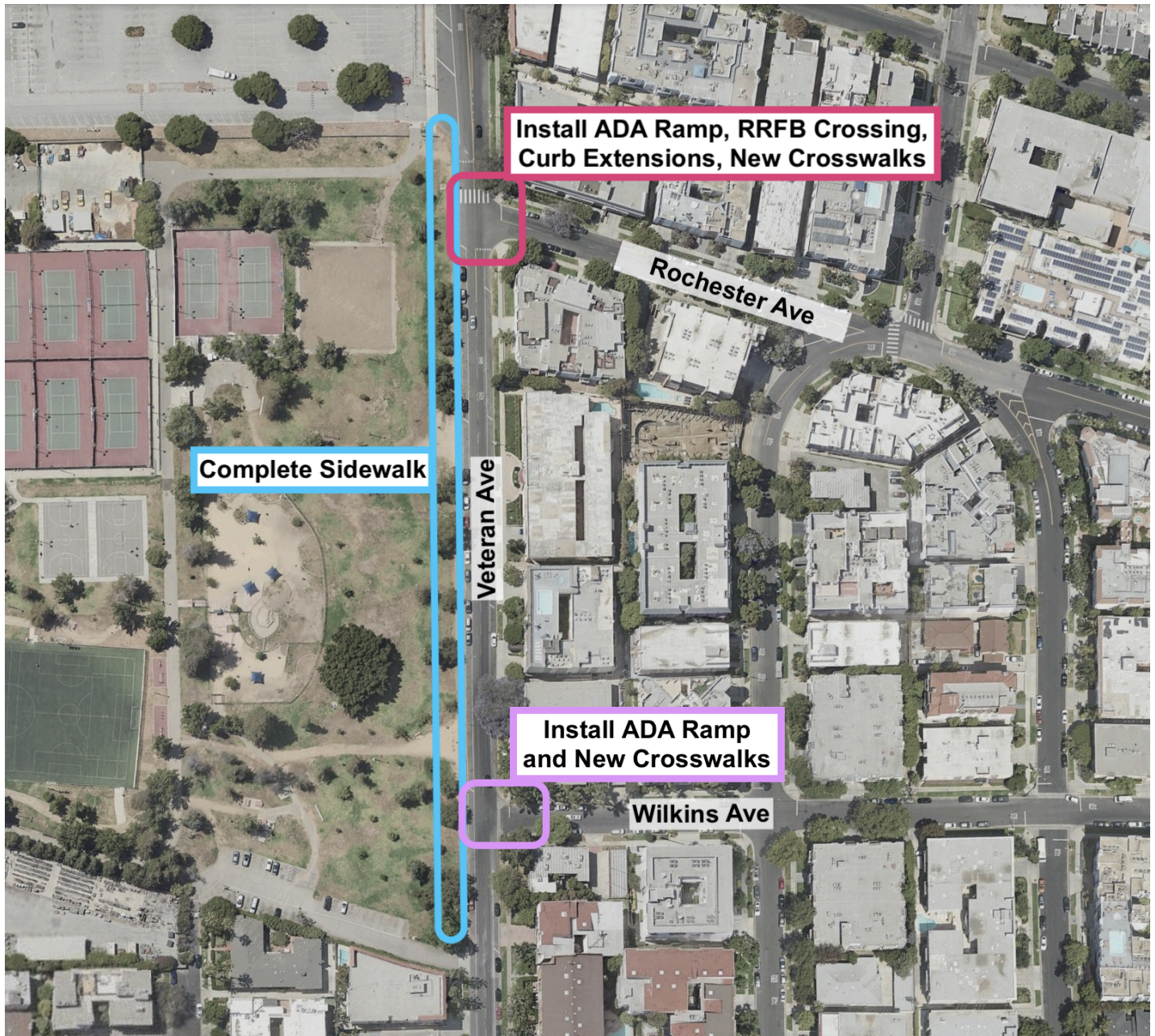


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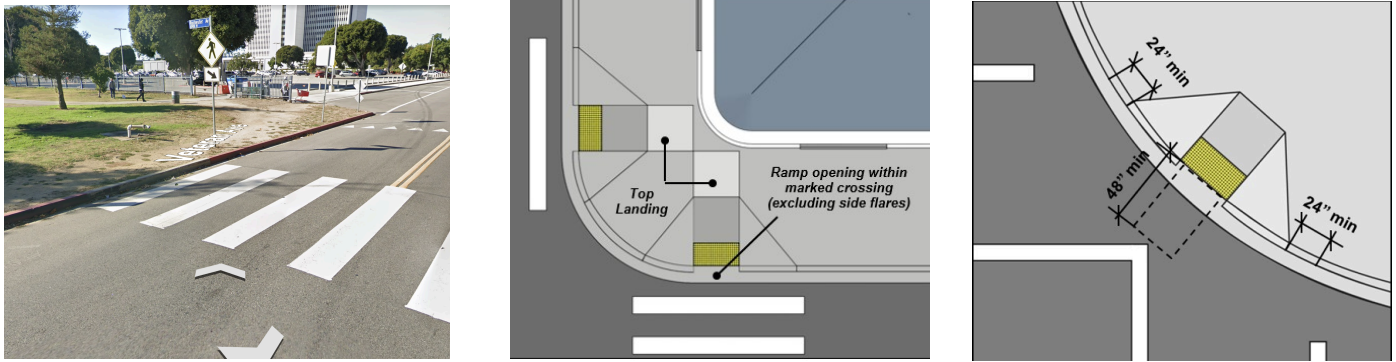


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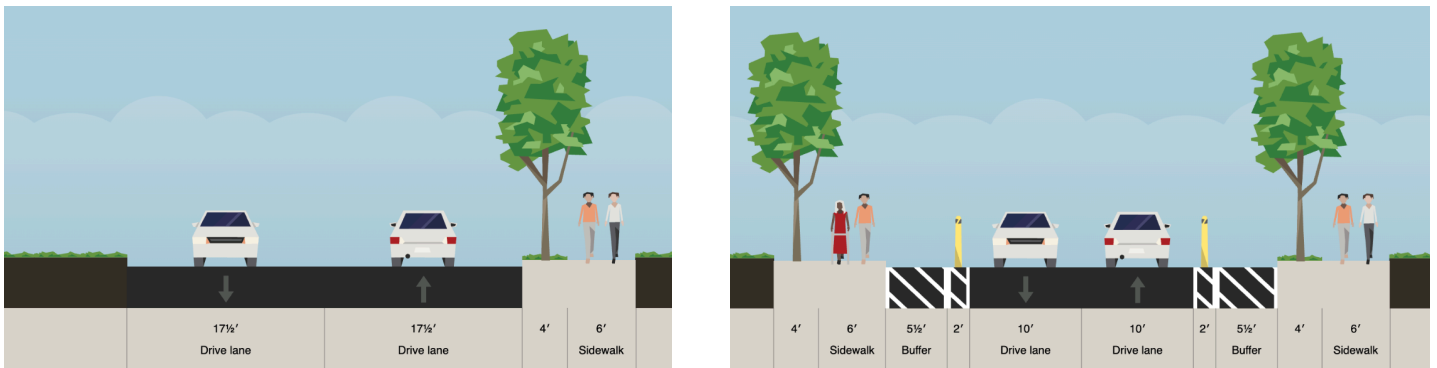


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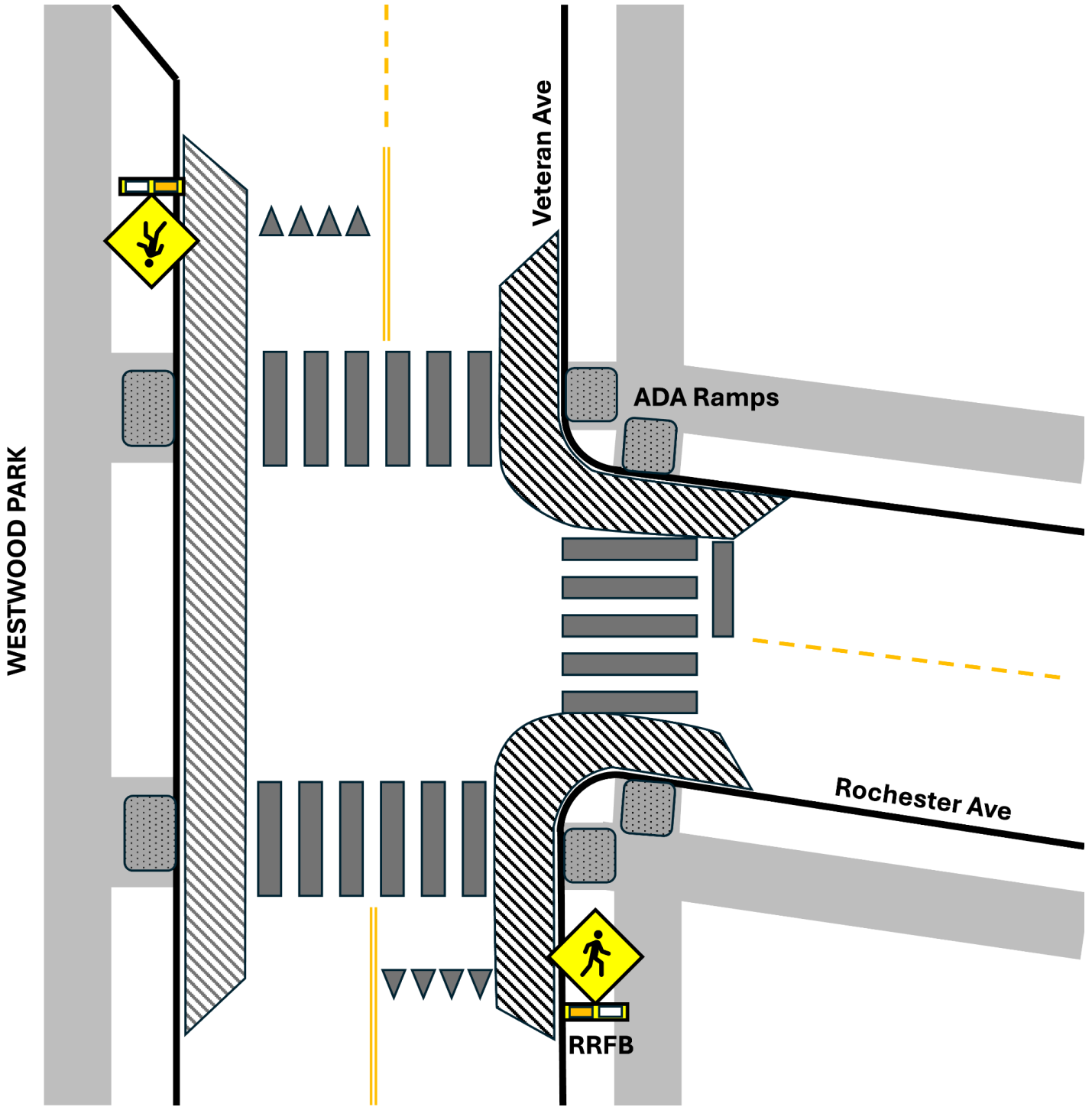


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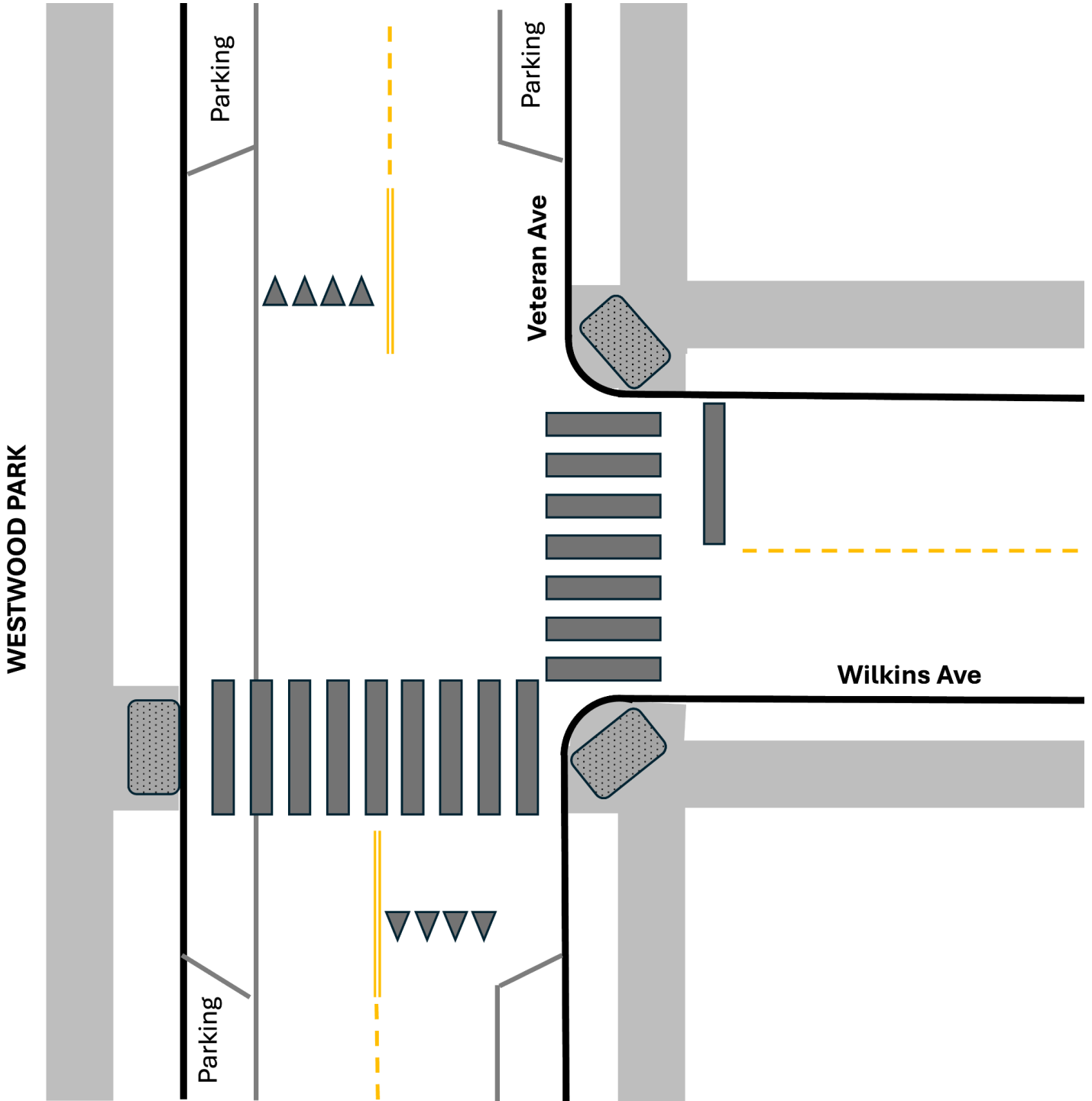


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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0000-S5

1 message

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 To: RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org

Thu, May 23, 2024 at 12:50 AM

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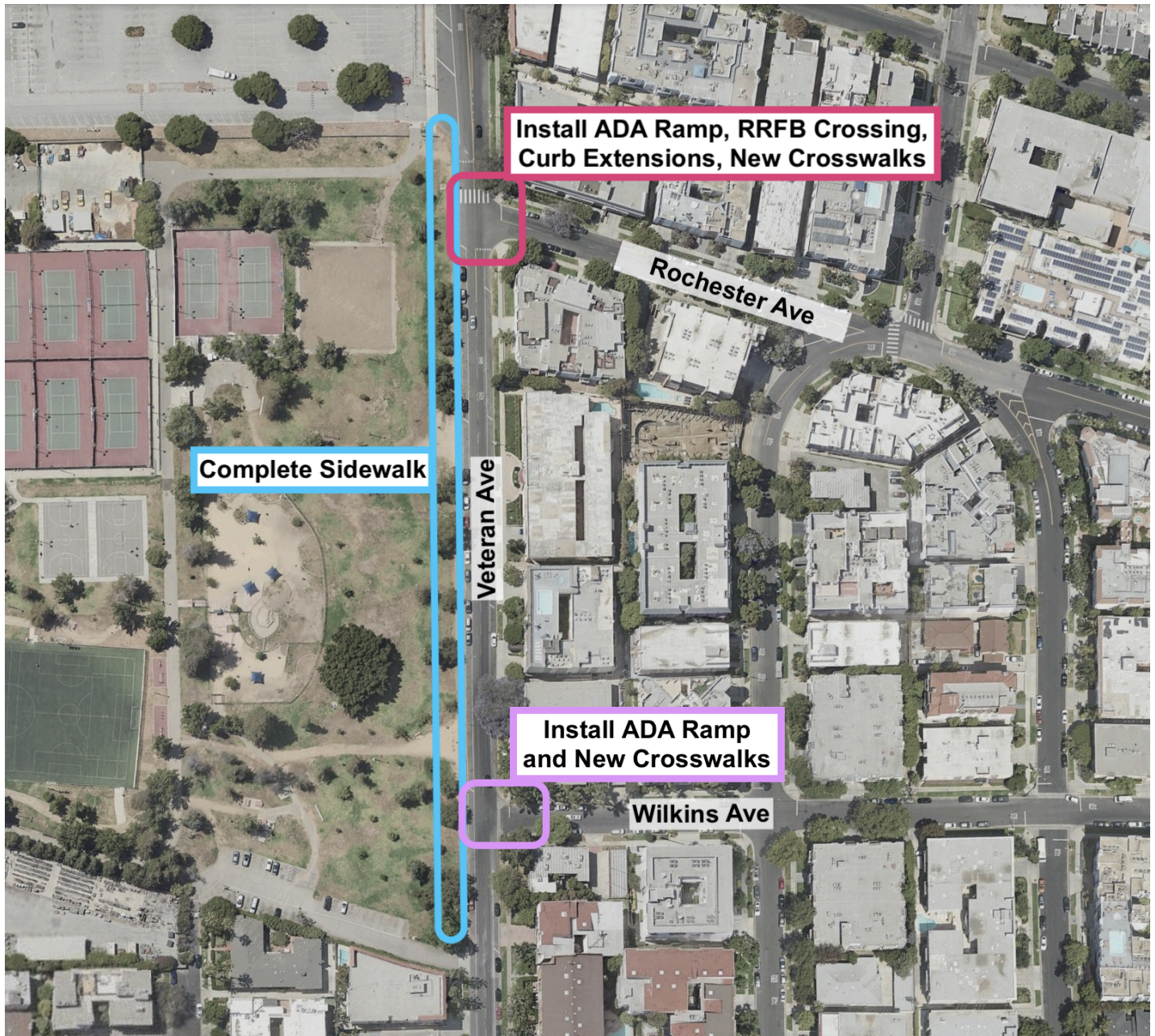


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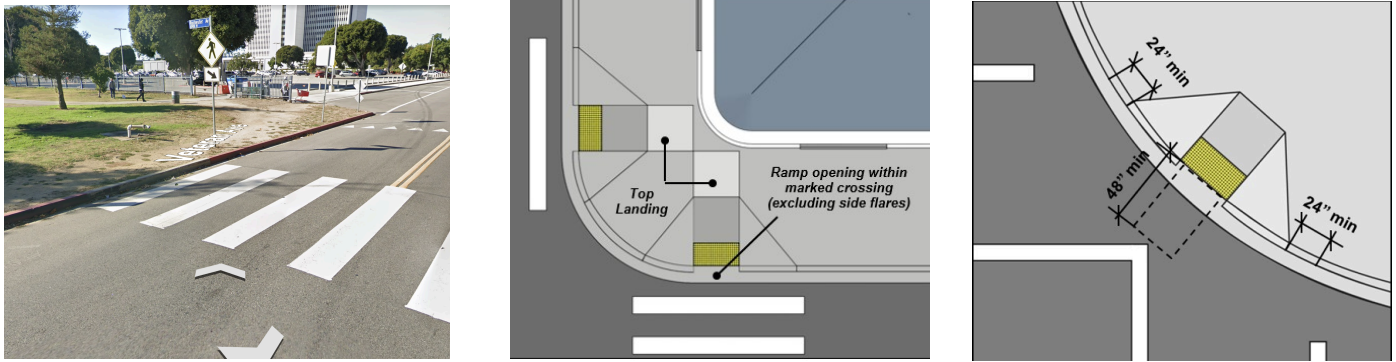


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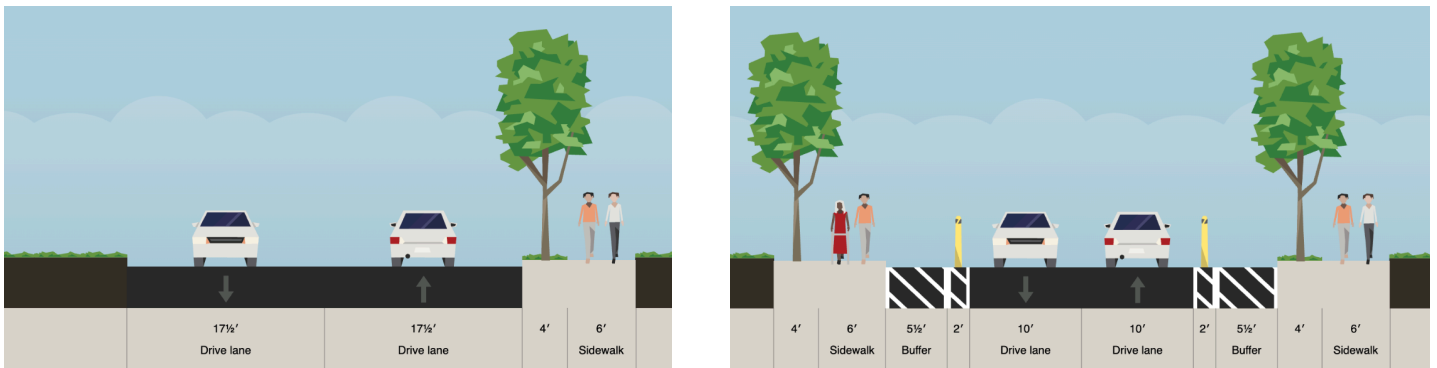


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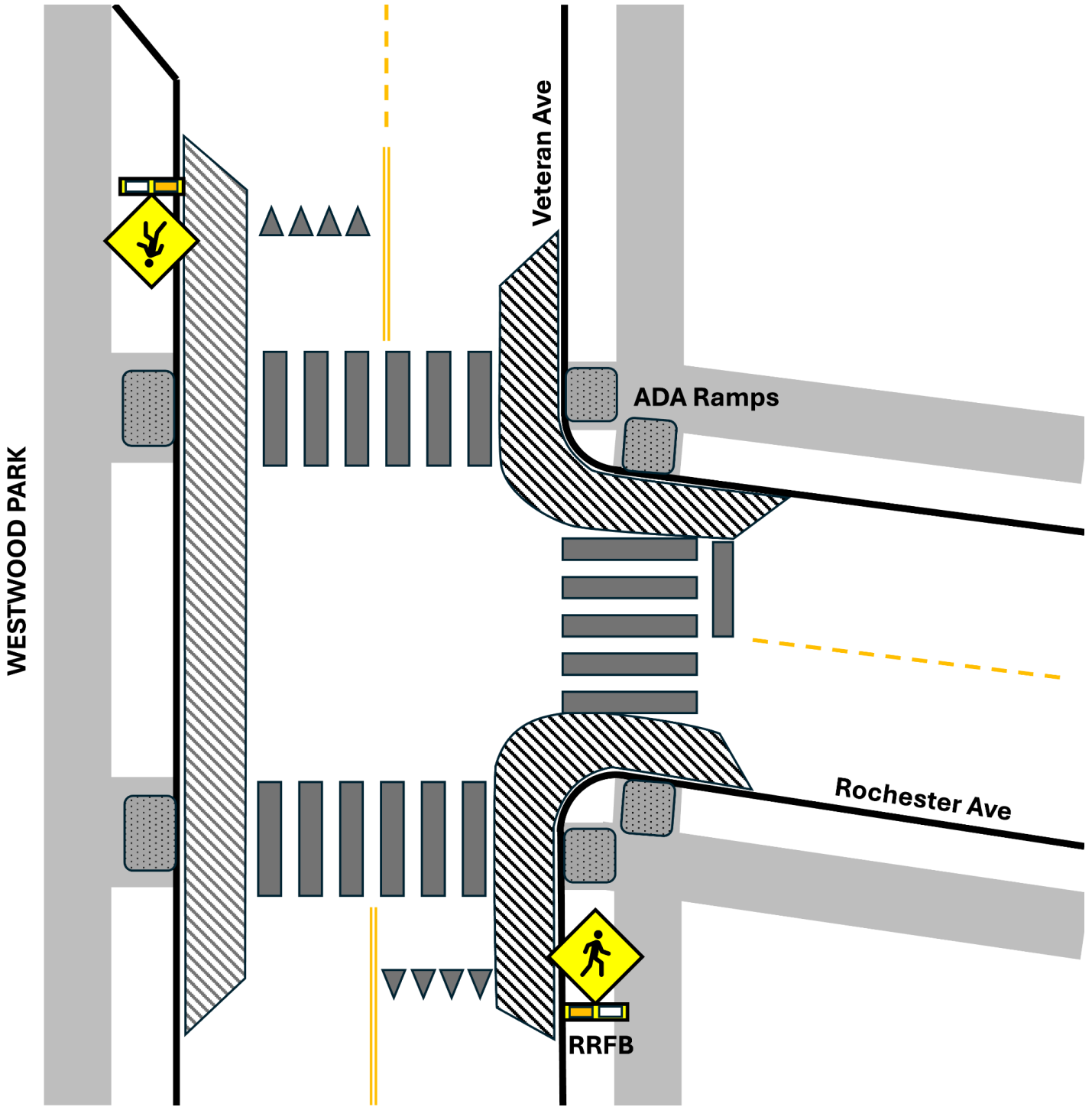


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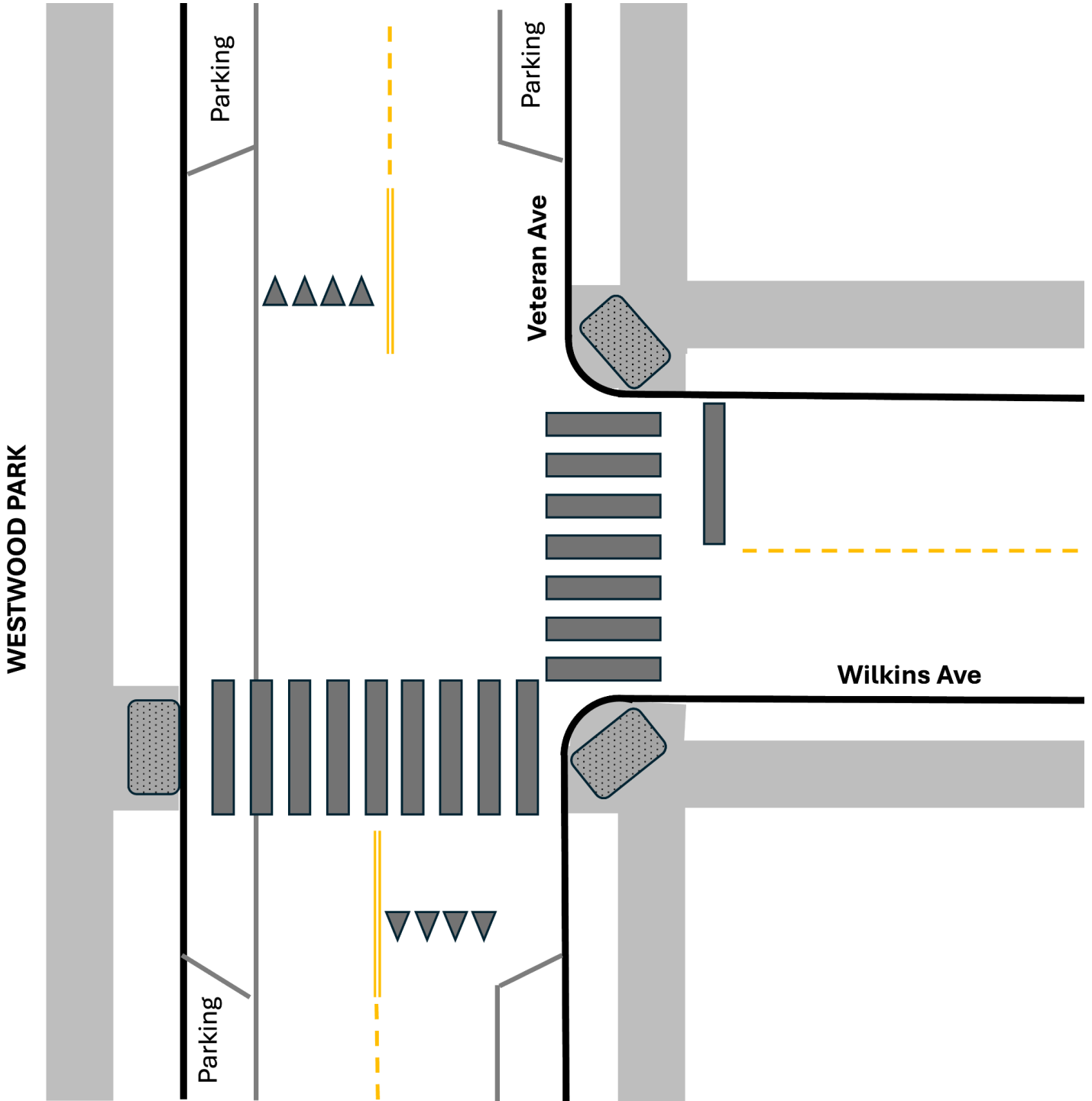


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Re: Hollywoodland and Memorial Day Holiday

1 message

Emma Taylor <emma.taylor@lacity.org>

Thu, May 23, 2024 at 2:35 PM

To: " " >

Cc: Nithya Raman <nithya.raman@lacity.org>, Mehmet Berker <mehmet.berker@lacity.org>, Walker King <walker.king@lacity.org>, Mayor Karen Bass <karen.bass@lacity.org>, Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, Tracy James <tracy.james@lacity.org>, Heather Mata < >, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Linda Doe < >, John Dotto <j >, Jeff Swofford >, Michael Paolini < >, Mysafela Info >, "lafdfirecommission@lacity.org" <lafdfirecommission@lacity.org>, David Shew < >, John Vidovich >

Hi Sarajane,

As I have previously said, if there is an emergency you need to call 911 and if there are traffic issues please call LADOT Traffic at (866) 561 9742. You can also contact LAPD West Bureau traffic and they can relay to the LAPD Motor officers who are on scene. I spoke with LAFD and they will also have people in the area monitoring the situation.

Best,
Emma

On Thu, May 23, 2024 at 12:00 PM

wrote:

Dear Emma,

We are still waiting for your reply to this letter.

The Holiday Weekend starts tomorrow, but already we are experiencing an uptick in the number of visitors.

At the very least we need a phone number contact where we can get immediate response as needed.

Please get back to us with that and hopefully some additional feedback of the issues mentioned below.

We will need assistance with the 50+ car bumper to bumper lines, residents unable to access or leave their homes, gridlocked streets etc.

Again these are all important public safety issues.

Thank you.

Sarajane Schwartz

On Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 09:46:09 AM PDT, SARAJANE SCHWARTZ <

> wrote:

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3) A new location that is not on your list is Innsdale at Mulholland. It has become a real magnet. There is a lot of illegal parking that makes the street only one way. Frequently the cars are not cited because there are a lot of blind curves that prevent the field of vision of stationary enforcers.

4) There have been so many people at the view site and LHE that you still may need more manpower.

5) There may be some problems at the very end of Beachwood. The broken gate has been repaired, but since then, because of the recent opening, visitors are going to this location and forcing the gate open. RAP has been alerted. Hopefully it can be fixed before the weekend. If not we will need manpower there. We've even had large buses that are going through after a pedestrian forces the gate open, goes inside, and opens it for a vehicle.

6) Will you or someone else be available over the holiday? In the past our councilpeople would have staff right in our neighborhood to observe and assist. If so, can we have a phone number for this staff member? If not, can we have a direct line to whomever is in charge? Although many things about the crowds are unpredictable, it would be very useful to be able to be flexible and adjust to what is needed and what we've learned as the days of the holiday go by.

7) I think you've made a good start. You know my views that you can't force a square peg into a round hole. But you are giving us resources. I hope you can take our input and agree to these suggestions in the interest of public safety. I am anxious to hear back from you. Do you have any questions for me?

Thank you, again.

Sarajane

On Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 05:39:18 PM PDT, Emma Taylor <emma.taylor@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Sarajane,

Our holiday weekend deployment has been laid out in the working group meeting several times and I have a [spreadsheet of costs](#) if you remember.

May 24-27
11am-9:00pm:

Two LAPD Motor Patrol Officers to look out for smoking, tour buses, unsafe congestion and any other hazards to the community.

LADOT TCO's At:
Beachwood Drive & LedgeWood Drive
Deronda Drive & Rockcliff Drive
[LedgeWood Drive & Rockcliff Drive](#)
6100 Mulholland Hwy
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Canyon Lake Drive & Arrowhead Dr

Additional Parking Enforcement at:
1 Officer at Lake Hollywood Park and Beachwood Canyon

Best,
Emma

On Tue, May 21, 2024 at 5:29 PM < > wrote:

I WANT THIS EMAIL TO BE PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD

Dear CD4,

The Memorial Day long weekend holiday is almost here. This is one of the busiest times of the year in Hollywoodland and one of the most unsafe. What are your holiday plans here as far as enforcement and supervision so that our streets and corridors are accessible and safe for pedestrians, vehicles and safety equipment, and that our homes and surrounding areas are free of fires?

You have not shared your plans with us. We wish we could take an active part in planning, but at the very least we would expect you to communicate to us how you will protect and preserve this area for residents, visitors, and the wildlife.

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What deployments and by what agency will there be? When and where? What procedures will you be using to determine that our extremely limited infrastructure with nothing for visitors and tourism is over capacity? What mechanism and where will you be using it in order to shut things down? Is there a specific contact and phone numbers that residents can use to report problems that need immediate attention? Have the missing no pedestrian signs on Mulholland Highway that you are aware of from many emails finally going back up?

As you continue to promote our fragile and inappropriate residential hillside area, 80% surrounded by dry brush, in a very high fire severity zone with our 100 year old substandard infrastructure that just barely handles the needs of residents, and where every parked car prevents two way traffic, a large number of enforcers who can actually ticket at various locations is a necessity.

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We await your response. The weekend is almost here.

Sarajane Schwartz
President
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association



Re: Hollywoodland and Memorial Day Holiday

1 message

SARAJANE SCHWARTZ < > Wed, May 22, 2024 at 9:45 AM
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2) The DOT deployments. My understanding is that a stationary DOT person will be put at each of these listed locations. If I'm wrong, please correct me. If so, thank you. My understanding is that there will also be barricades at dirt Mulholland (LedgeWood and Mulholland) and at Deronda and Rockcliff to prevent vehicular access. We have had a consistent problem though with some of these deployments that I want to share with you. The DOT officer will consider himself to be stationary. That means if cars are illegally parked 10 feet away, they will not move a foot in order to cite them. This has happened numerous times at various locations. The DOT officer will say I cannot move. I have to wait for someone else to come by to ticket them. Obviously this does not work. Can some changes be made to make this work more efficiently? If not, it's very frustrating for residents to see a half a dozen cars illegally parked, not ticketed and a DOT officer yards away. This happens at all of the magnets. We also have the problem on skinny Mulholland where there were the no pedestrian signs that have gone missing. Even when the signs were there, the DOT would say nothing to the pedestrians walking in the street. Maybe this is not under the control and only LAPD can do something. If the signs are back--great. It won't stop all of them, but at least it helps with enforcement. If not is there anything you can do about that stretch of road? It is so narrow, filled with blind curves, no sidewalks and the last place pedestrians should be. I've seen it filled with families, children and even infants. Someone can easily get killed. Also the DOT that are

stationary, particularly at the intersection of Mulholland and Canyon Lake Drive mainly sit in their car and do nothing.

3) A new location that is not on your list is Innsdale at Mulholland. It has become a real magnet. There is a lot of illegal parking that makes the street only one way. Frequently the cars are not cited because there are a lot of blind curves that prevent the field of vision of stationary enforcers.

4) There have been so many people at the view site and LHE that you still may need more manpower.

5) There may be some problems at the very end of Beachwood. The broken gate has been repaired, but since then, because of the recent opening, visitors are going to this location and forcing the gate open. RAP has been alerted. Hopefully it can be fixed before the weekend. If not we will need manpower there. We've even had large buses that are going through after a pedestrian forces the gate open, goes inside, and opens it for a vehicle.

6) Will you or someone else be available over the holiday? In the past our councilpeople would have staff right in our neighborhood to observe and assist. If so, can we have a phone number for this staff member? If not, can we have a direct line to whomever is in charge? Although many things about the crowds are unpredictable, it would be very useful to be able to be flexible and adjust to what is needed and what we've learned as the days of the holiday go by.

7) I think you've made a good start. You know my views that you can't force a square peg into a round hole. But you are giving us resources. I hope you can take our input and agree to these suggestions in the interest of public safety. I am anxious to hear back from you. Do you have any questions for me?

Thank you, again.

Sarajane

On Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 05:39:18 PM PDT, Emma Taylor <emma.taylor@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Sarajane,

Our holiday weekend deployment has been laid out in the working group meeting several times and I have a [spreadsheet of costs](#) if you remember.

May 24-27
11am-9:00pm:

Two LAPD Motor Patrol Officers to look out for smoking, tour buses, unsafe congestion and any other hazards to the community.

LADOT TCO's At:
Beachwood Drive & LedgeWood Drive
Deronda Drive & Rockcliff Drive
[LedgeWood Drive & Rockcliff Drive](#)
6100 Mulholland Hwy
Canyon Lake Drive & Mulholland Hwy
Canyon Lake Drive & Arrowhead Dr

Additional Parking Enforcement at:
1 Officer at Lake Hollywood Park and Beachwood Canyon

Best,
Emma

I WANT THIS EMAIL TO BE PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD

Dear CD4,

The Memorial Day long weekend holiday is almost here. This is one of the busiest times of the year in Hollywoodland and one of the most unsafe. What are your holiday plans here as far as enforcement and supervision so that our streets and corridors are accessible and safe for pedestrians, vehicles and safety equipment, and that our homes and surrounding areas are free of fires?

You have not shared your plans with us. We wish we could take an active part in planning, but at the very least we would expect you to communicate to us how you will protect and preserve this area for residents, visitors, and the wildlife.

We also have a growing number of homeless who are moving into this area and fire concerns can be alarming.

What deployments and by what agency will there be? When and where? What procedures will you be using to determine that our extremely limited infrastructure with nothing for visitors and tourism is over capacity? What mechanism and where will you be using it in order to shut things down? Is there a specific contact and phone numbers that residents can use to report problems that need immediate attention? Have the missing no pedestrian signs on Mulholland Highway that you are aware of from many emails finally going back up?

As you continue to promote our fragile and inappropriate residential hillside area, 80% surrounded by dry brush, in a very high fire severity zone with our 100 year old substandard infrastructure that just barely handles the needs of residents, and where every parked car prevents two way traffic, a large number of enforcers who can actually ticket at various locations is a necessity.

If you do not have the adequate resources, you must shut off this entire area from tourism. This has been done in the past. There is precedent, and it actually uses up fewer resources while achieving much greater safety.

We had hoped by now you would have reached out to us, since this holiday is a well documented time for serious safety concerns. We are anxious to hear back from you with how you will be representing us, your constituents. All we are asking for is that public safety be your most important consideration. That is the most basic responsibility of government, and among its many duties--the most important. Most of you have been sent the HHA formal fire assessment report that covers many of these concerns.

We await your response. The weekend is almost here.

Sarajane Schwartz
President
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Valley Plaza Public Safety Draft Report for May 2024

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, May 29, 2024 at 7:36 AM

To: Ron Bitzer <

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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 Sat, May 25, 2024 at 3:51 PM Ron Bitzer <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners, Here is a report about how safe the neighborhood of Valley Plaza Park may or may not be; a June 6th meeting has been announced for this site. Ron Bitzer

Valley Plaza Recreation Center, Alexandria Park & 100 Tiny Homes,
Laurel Grove Park & Victory Elementary LAUSD School

May 2024 Reported Incidents ONLY
by Volunteers, Residents & City Staff

Author: Ron Bitzer,

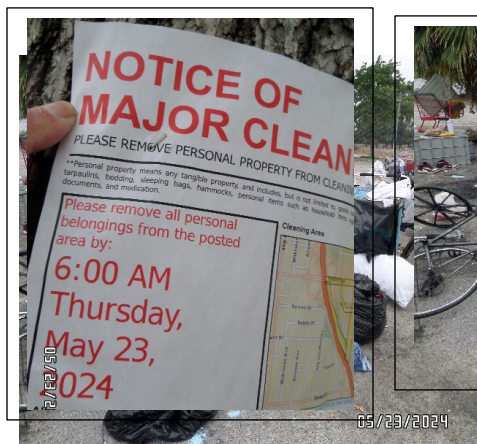
Valley Plaza Recreation Center 12240 Archwood

Thursday, May 9th Center parking lot was the scene of a shooting that failed to result in any physical harm; an outside basketball team was using the gym and players have requested a change of location. Security camera tape is blurred.

Wednesday, May 22nd ... Car parked in the Center parking lot was stolen at about 1 PM; car thieves were reportedly engaged with streaming multiple car thefts posted live on Instagram. Car will be returned to an 18 year-old staffer but has been damaged.

Alexandria Park (Location of 100 Tiny Homes featuring 200 beds routinely not fully occupied by persons experiencing homelessness).

MARCH 27TH & **MAY 23RD** ---- Two Major City Clean Ups at Alexandria Park, 6099 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood, also Return of campers 48 hours after the major clean up on May 25th.



Laurel Grove Park at Bellingham & West Park

A major restoration of amenities and trees at this small park is nearing completion thanks to the leadership of Council President Paul Krekorian and his staff.

May 23rd Clean Up by CalTrans Staffers

Neighbor posted May 23rd from Laurel Grove: Unbelievable!! They're crack heads just feet from school where kids play. I'm so sorry ... that they are right behind your house! I really don't understand why these people won't accept shelter at the tiny homes?? When will the policy be written that if you don't accept housing you are not able to camp out wherever you please!! I have seen 4 people today smoking crack on our street.

Ongoing Residents' Monitoring of Laurel Grove Park and Other Efforts to Discourage Camping / RV Parking

Residents employ formal and informal ways to alert the community about public safety issues. These include the May 27th morning meeting with Officer Hernandez over coffee at the park and a monthly committee meeting of the Valley Glen Neighborhood Council.



Victory Elementary School at 6300 Block of Radford Ave.

Kittridge Street gang members may be responsible for this tag of Victory Elementary LAUSD school, May 2024.

“Let em know”





Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Return of Open Play Pickleball in Pacific Palisades

1 message

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

Thu, May 30, 2024 at 7:34 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 Thu, May 30, 2024 at 7:18 AM Traci Mars < > wrote:

Hello All,

I am writing to advocate for the return of Pickleball open play at Palisades Tennis Center on weekends and varied day/evening hours during the week.

I commute from Palisades to Glendale for work and would very much like to walk to Pickleball in my free time on the weekends.

FACTS

There are NO pickleball courts north of the 10 freeway, West of the 405, South of the 101

If we want to play, it's no less than half hour drive (with no traffic) – the model city should be a 15 minute city, meaning everything should be available within a 15 minute drive to save energy and pollution

Currently there are 4 Open play tennis courts available at Palisades Rec= a total of 336 hours of play time per week available to Tennis players. Wouldn't it be fair if Pickleball had equal playtime tennis players get? How about 25% of what tennis players are offered?

Currently we have 0% of court time. Zero out of 336 hours of available court time

Before the courts were taken away from us, we used 12 hours of the 336 available to tennis players- or 3.57 % of available hours

If we had one court available to us the recreation could provide more citizens with activity and the remaining 3 courts combined.

I am very passionate about this sport as many are in our community. It provides friendship, exercise and stress relief. This sport is growing so quickly and loved by so many, and it is hard for me to fathom why we cannot have access to courts in the Palisades.

Thanks for your consideration.

All my best,
Traci Mars



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pickleball palisades park

1 message

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

Thu, May 30, 2024 at 7:43 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 Thu, May 30, 2024 at 12:59 AM Sydney douglas <
La city commissioners , Lacity and Parks department,

> wrote:

Dear Rap commissioners,

I wanted to express how the loss of the access to play pickleball has negatively impacted our community - that it is only fair to have equal access to recreational facilities like tennis players do. Currently, the disparity in court time between tennis and pickleball players is stark, with pickleball players having zero hours of court time out of the 336 available. Before our courts were taken away, we used just 12 hours, a mere 3.57% of the available hours for tennis players.

It is not just about the sport itself, but about providing opportunities for physical activity and community engagement. By having a small percentage of the court time available to tennis players, we could offer more citizens the chance to participate in recreational activities. It is not just a matter of fairness, but also of promoting a healthy and active lifestyle for all residents

We are not asking for special treatment, just what was promised to us as residents of this community. The courts in Pacific Palisades and Rustic Canyon often sit empty, presenting a perfect opportunity for pickleball to be played alongside tennis. This is a common practice in many recreational areas where different activities share the same space harmoniously.

Pickleball is here to stay, and we are not asking for exclusive use of the courts. Just like bike paths and ski slopes are shared by different groups, we believe that the courts should be open, free, and accessible to all who wish to use them. It is about inclusivity and fairness in providing recreational opportunities for everyone, regardless of age, income, or background.

Please let me know if you have any questions .I would love to support in anyway to get our access back to play Pickleball. It has been such a great loss for our community .

Thank you so much for your time and consideration!

Sydney Douglas



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pacific Palisades Pickleball

1 message

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

Thu, May 30, 2024 at 10:48 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 Thu, May 30, 2024 at 10:06 AM donna burkons <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

Once upon a time (March 2021), as the Covid Crisis was lifting, a rag-tag group of strangers got word that there might be some healthy activities at Pacific Palisades Rec Center. Together, this unlikely group of all ages, genders, races and various economic backgrounds played on the rough, black asphalt on the basketball court, using chalk to mark the lines for rousing games of PICKLEBALL!

Soon numbers increased and we were allowed to play between the two gyms, all the while the group chalked lines and brought nets, balls and paddles, welcoming anyone to play. Jasmine became our new Director of the Park and was fully supporting our program.

By January of 2022, seeing how the sport had engaged the community and lifted spirits of the players, the park gave us full permission to use Courts 7 & 8 three days a week/four hours at a time (a mere 12 hours a week). It was blissful! Seeing our new friends, having birthday celebrations, and staying active in the sunshine really epitomized the California Dream.

In May of 2022, we were told that permanent lines (hybrid) were approved, funded and budgeted for pickleball. Bids were made. We waited...

The lines never came to fruition and the Park ceased communication with us. On August 14, 2023 we were banned from playing on the courts without reason.

The disbandment of Pickleball has gutted our community and left us with no options to play anywhere on the Westside of Los Angeles, although there is an abundance of tennis courts, mostly unused. Other LA Parks have open play available in the valley and other areas (ie Petit Park) why are we in a Pickleball desert?

Our group has had numerous meetings with Sonya Young-Jimenez, Jasmine, Laura Island, Leslie Richter, Kortley Norris, and the Park Advisory Board to no avail.

We would like our court time back. We have a proposal for a pilot program we would like to present to you that is thoughtful, organized and will benefit the community.

I would like to meet with you and make this proposal.

Best,
Donna Burkons



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pickleball in Pacific Palisades

1 message

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

Fri, May 31, 2024 at 7:38 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 Thu, May 30, 2024 at 7:51 PM patricia borgeson < > wrote:

To whom it may concern:

Pickleball has meant so much to me and my family and many senior citizens here in Pacific Palisades. It brings groups of people of all ages and backgrounds together in a fun and social way. I am in my 70's and play with people in their 40's, 50's and 60's. It has given me new friends and brought me much joy. It has also given me the opportunity to play as a family. Pacific Palisades park has very little to offer for seniors and Pickleball is certainly a great opportunity for seniors to enjoy the great outdoors while having fun and being a little competitive.

I have lived in Pacific Palisades for over 50 years. I watched my kids play T-ball, Little League and tennis at the park. The tennis courts are basically empty during the day and it would be wonderful to put them to use with pickleball and share the courts with tennis. I played tennis many many hours on those very courts and it is sad to see that they are never full even on the weekends like in the past. However pickleball would certainly put them to good use— even if one court were designated to Pickleball.

I hope that you listen to all of us and realize a need for seniors and approve Pickleball outdoors at Palisades Rec Center.

Sincerely
Patricia Borgeson
Palisades resident.
Sent from my iPhone



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pickleball palisades please read

1 message

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

Fri, May 31, 2024 at 7:41 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 Thu, May 30, 2024 at 8:06 PM Tricia Taper < > wrote:

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Thank you so much for your time and consideration!

Tricia Taper



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Palisades Pickleball

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 31, 2024 at 7:42 AM

To: Stephanie 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 and staff.

On Thu, May 30, 2024 at 8:14 PM Stephanie Moore <

> wrote:

Good Evening Recreation and Parks Commissioners-

I thoroughly enjoyed playing pickleball in the Palisades. I have missed the community that we had built in the Palisades. It was a community full of laughter and enjoyment of our time outdoors in the beautiful Palisades.

What pickleball means to me is exercise, enjoyment, laughter, friendships, being outdoors and most of all ... community. The Palisades pickleball community has been built on these tenets. It is a fun-loving community who enjoys playing the game and helping one another be healthier and happier people. I know this is true for me and countless others in this group. I love playing pickleball in the Palisades. I love the beautiful Palisades Recreation Center where we used to get to play.

With mental health being on the forefront of newspapers and news coverage these days it is important for city leaders to help develop ways to support their constituents mental health and relaxation. Pickleball is a supporter of mental health and a wonderful tool of relaxation. I for one, come out and play pickleball, not for the competition but for the camaraderie. I have made so many friends through the Palisades Pickleball community. Further, being outside and moving your body helps center people in a way that activities just can't do.

I believe the Palisades should support their residents mental health and physical health by allowing us to return to our home in the Palisades and play the game we love... pickleball.

Thank you for taking your time to read this, it is vitally important to me and our Pali Pickleball Community.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Moore

Sent from my iPhone



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pickleball

1 message

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

Fri, May 31, 2024 at 7:43 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, May 30, 2024 at 8:34 PM Simonottiedoardo <

> wrote:

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Thank you so much for your time and consideration!

Edoardo Simonotti

Sent from my iPhone



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pickleball in Pacific Palisades

1 message

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

Fri, May 31, 2024 at 7:44 AM

Good morning,

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

On Fri, May 31, 2024 at 3:52 AM Nancy Seid <

Dear Commissioners,

Pickleball is so important to my life and that of dozens of others in my community! I recently retired, and my husband and I play several times a week. But instead of being able to play outdoors as we used to, we now have to play inside a gym with no sunshine, poor lighting, etc. We live in southern CA where the weather is right for outdoor play for kids of all ages - yet we're banished from the many, many outdoor courts in a way that is particularly unfair.

I'm asking you to allow pickleball outdoors on the city-owned tennis courts in the Palisades. Preferably, we would mark those courts with pickleball lines as they have been all over the country, which would allow pickleball and tennis to be played interchangeably. There is a huge desire for these courts, and it is only fair for our population of adults to be able to play outdoors.

Sincerely,

Nancy Seid

Pacific Palisades, CA



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Michelle Obama Sports Complex

1 message

Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>

Thu, May 30, 2024 at 1:50 PM

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

Cc: Melody Valenzuela <melody.Valenzuela@lacity.org>, Thara Innocent <thara.innocent@lacity.org>, Trevone Williams <trevone.williams@lacity.org>

Thank you we will look into this matter.

Sonya Young Jimenez

Superintendent of Venice Beach and West Region

City of Los Angeles

Department of Recreation and Parks

2459 Motor Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90064

Cell: (213) 312-7966

Website: laparks.org



On Thu, May 30, 2024 at 1:46 PM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Please see the email. For your information.

Thank you!

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

From: **Dominick Hendricks** < >
 Date: Thu, May 30, 2024 at 1:20 PM
 Subject: Michelle Obama Sports Complex
 To: rap.commissioners@lacity.org <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Hello my name is Dominick Hendricks and I am a member of the Baldwin Hills community. Single parent of 2 kids. Well I am contacting you to report an incident with a person that claims to be working for LA CITY. On this day 5-30-24 I arrived at the Michelle Barack Obama sports complex around 11:00am, little time after it is scheduled to open. I come here for physical and mental health therapy. I don't bother anyone and I stay respectful to everyone. On this day and time at 11:30 I was approached and told to move to another court so he and his fellow players can run a full court game. I refused, because he setup a full court game knowing I was playing on the court already. He instantly got upset and said "if you don't move I will shut this whole down", and then he proceeded to kick my sports equipment off the basketball court on to the out of bounds area. I told him he can't just shut down the gym because I disagreed with him, he said "yes I can, I am the supervisor". I told him I am here just like everyone else trying to play ball. I'm not here to cause any problems but to get physical and mental health therapy. I tried to ask him for his name but he told me not to walk up on him, so I took that as a threat and backed off. I didn't feel like what he was doing was right and he refused to give me his name so I can report him. I instead stated that I will call my Therapist for input. He heard this and said "

your therapist, you think I care about your therapist?" I did leave a message with my therapist at DMH and later I contacted a phone number from the Michelle Barack Obama sports complex website 213-202-2700. I spoke to a gentleman and he transferred my call to the appropriate person. I forget that lady's name but I called at 11:35 and she was very helpful and she took down my complaint and said a supervisor will contact me back. I left out the gym shortly after hanging up the phone for concerns that this man would seek retaliation.

Before I made the phone calls he began doing a half court game instead. So I was baffled because he seen there was many ways he had to approach this situation and he chose to pick the one that was very inappropriate and below someone with his title as Supervisor of a Sports Center. I deserve better my community deserves better supervisors with training and respect for all. Someone who will not use their position and body size to intimidate people to get what they demands. I take my mental health issues very serious and I have learned to think before I act. This situation had the potential to turn into something very worse but I restrained myself because I need this place to help me with anxiety and depression. The atmosphere turned toxic and I don't feel comfortable going back there until this is addressed by his supervisor. Everything he did was over the top and uncalled for (unprofessional behavior displayed towards me in front of others)

Please give me a call at

THANK YOU
DOMINICK HENDRICKS



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Lincoln Park Rec Center Experience

1 message

Amber Angell < > Thu, May 30, 2024 at 11:04 AM
To: "sharon.nishihara@lacity.org" <sharon.nishihara@lacity.org>, "rap.commissioners@lacity.org"
<rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Joe Newlin < >
Cc: "louise.merritt@lacity.org" <louise.merritt@lacity.org>

Hello,

The attached letter is to share with you our very positive experience with the Lincoln Park Recreation Center.

Please let me know that you have received this letter.

Thanks,

Amber Angell

On Mon, May 6, 2024 at 8:41 PM Amber Angell < > wrote:

Dear Ms. Nishihara,

The attached letter is to share with you our experience with the Lincoln Park Recreation Center.

Please reach out with any questions.

Thank you,

Amber Angell

USC Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

May 6, 2024

Sharon Nishihara
City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks
North District

Dear Ms. Nishihara,

I am an assistant professor at the University of Southern California, on the Health Sciences Campus, just next to the Lincoln Park Recreation Center. I am writing to share my experience as a parent whose child has been enrolled in after-school care, as well as winter, spring break, and summer camps, at the Lincoln Park Recreation Center.

In the fall of 2022, my son started the second grade at

We had hoped to get accepted into the after-school program on campus, but our application was received too late. Discouraged, we looked around and discovered that Lincoln Park had an affordable after-school program that would pick the students up from . Amazing! However, I needed to go visit the program and meet the staff, because my son had just gone through chemotherapy during most of his first-grade year, and while he was physically cleared for regular activities, he – and his dad and I – were all still recovering emotionally from that experience.

I spoke to Louise Merritt (“Ms. Louise”) on the phone, and from the first moment I interacted with her, I felt that she truly cared. She welcomed me to come look at the facilities, and she listened with empathy to the traumatic experience we had recently been through. I visited with my son, and she let us look around. I shared with Ms. Louise that my son was not totally back to normal after undergoing cancer treatment, and that he might get easily frustrated, tired, or overwhelmed. I remember distinctly that she turned to him, getting down on his level, and said to him, “If you ever feel tired or overwhelmed while you’re here, just let us know – we’re here to help you.”

Ms. Louise’s kindness and compassion in that moment is what allowed us to feel safe leaving our son in her care after such a challenging experience. Since then, we have been pleased with the consistency, structure, and reliability of the programming. My son has been thriving and now is completely comfortable at Lincoln Park Recreation Center (or, as he refers to it, “Lincoln”). We have tried a number of other recreation centers in northeast Los Angeles (primarily when Lincoln Park spots filled up too quickly!), and my son has *only* been comfortable and happy at Lincoln Park. The staff offer me a warm smile whenever I arrive. He is safe and cared for while his dad and I finish our work day.

University of Southern California



Under Ms. Louise's leadership, Lincoln Park is not just a great after-school program – it's a thriving community. She has created a culture where kids can learn, grow, and develop the skills they need for life. I express my wholehearted appreciation and gratitude for what she has created, and what she continues to nurture, at the Lincoln Park Recreation Center.

I would be happy to expand more on any of these experiences – please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amber M. Angell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Amber M. Angell, PhD, OTR/L





Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Lincoln Park - Louise Merritt

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 31, 2024 at 7:28 AM

To: Tyler Marks <

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 Thu, May 30, 2024 at 3:32 PM Tyler Marks <

> wrote:

Hello, My name is Tyler Marks and I have been a skateboard instructor at Lincoln Park since 2019. I just wanted to write a message regarding Louise Merritt and Lincoln park. With Louise as my director, I have always felt very safe and inclusive. Louise is fair and welcoming and my personal experience has been great and I couldn't imagine how different Lincoln Park will be without her. Hopefully things can continue and go back to the way they were.