


INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

April 03, 2025

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager 

SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

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

<u>From</u>		<u>Action Taken</u>
1. Jacob Wasserman commenting regarding the North Westwood Neighborhood Council supporting a package of actions for the Fires Destruction (Council File Number: 25-0006-S27,28,31,32,34,36 & 39)	#9853	Referred to General Manager
2. Nick Tucker comments regarding Downey Child Care Center	#9854	Referred to General Manager
3. Lucia Fabio comments regarding Downey Child Care Center	#9854a	Referred to General Manager
4. Athena Novak comments regarding Public Safety Concerns in LA Parks	#9855	Referred to General Manager
5. Gene Smith comments regarding the Remarkable Transformation of Culver-Slauson Recreation Center	#9856	Referred to General Manager
6. Tim Rudnick comments regarding their Support for the Venice Oceanarium Proposal	#9857	Referred to General Manager
7. Lenore Grossman comments regarding Dogs in the Play Area at Cheviot Hills Park	#9858	Referred to General Manager
8. Mauro Garcia comments regarding Graffiti at Sycamore Grove Park	#9859	Referred to General Manager

9. Fred Jacob comments regarding Sand on Bike Path near Venice to Santa Monica Pier	#9860	Referred to General Manager
10. Patricia Lopresti comments regarding the Oakridge Estate Funded Projects	#9861	Referred to General Manager
11. Cameron Flanagan comments regarding the Riverside Bridge Home Shelter	#9862	Referred to General Manager
12. Felice Blair comments regarding Warner Ranch Park Rules	#9863	Referred to General Manager
13. Phyllis Ling comments regarding Request for Action on Elysian Park Fires	#9864	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Rosa Cartagena, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S39

1 message

LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>

Tue, Mar 25, 2025 at 9:33 AM

Reply-To: LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>

To: , RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: North Westwood

Name: Jacob Wasserman

Email:

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(3) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/05/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 03/25/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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City Planning Number:

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Ref:MSG12095860



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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S36

1 message

LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>

Sat, Mar 22, 2025 at 1:53 AM

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To: , RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org

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Email:

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Date of NC Board Action: 02/05/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 03/22/2025

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S34

1 message

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

Fri, Mar 21, 2025 at 11:48 AM

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Mar 21, 2025 at 10:54 AM LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com> wrote:

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Contact Information

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Name: Jacob Wasserman

Email:

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Date of NC Board Action: 02/05/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 03/21/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Council File Number: 25-0006-S34

City Planning Number:

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Ref:MSG12081134



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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S32

1 message

LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>
Reply-To: LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>
To: RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org

Thu, Mar 20, 2025 at 12:25 AM

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Contact Information

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Email:

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Date of NC Board Action: 02/05/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 03/20/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S31

1 message

LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>
Reply-To: LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>
To: RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org

Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 9:49 AM

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Email:

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Date of NC Board Action: 02/05/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 03/19/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Council File Number: 25-0006-S31

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Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S28

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 8:00 AM

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Email:

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Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 03/18/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0006-S28

City Planning Number:

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Ref:MSG12054244



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S27

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 8:00 AM

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Email:

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Date: 03/15/2025

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Ref:MSG12045977



- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

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- Undergrounding utilities
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- Best practices from other fire-affected areas on issues like temporary housing and recovery planning
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- Lobbying the state and federal government for financial support for rebuilding and applying for grants from them

Furthermore, the Council supports putting on the ballot a bond measure to fund improved firefighting infrastructure.

Council File: [25-0006-S1](#)

Title: Special Motion 1 / After Action Report / City and County Emergency Response / Procurement / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S8](#)

Title: Special Motion 8 / Wildfire Management / Los Angeles Fire Department / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S10](#)

Title: Special Motion 10 / Temporary Housing Program / Paradise / Malibu / Best Practices / Landlord Participation Incentives / Housing Code / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S12](#)

Title: Special Motion 12 / 2025-2026 Federal Legislative Program / Response and Recovery Effort Continuation / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S13](#)

Title: Special Motion 13 / Impacted Workers / Resources and Assistance / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S15](#)

Title: Special Motion 15 / Long-Term Recovery Plan / Pacific Palisades / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S17](#)

Title: Special Motion 17 / Low Water Pressure / Dry Hydrants / Santa Ynez Reservoir / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S20](#)

Title: Special Motion 20 / Water Utility Bill Charges Waiver / Water Tier Reduction / Sanitation Service Charges Removal / Rate Payers / Destroyed or Damaged Properties / Burn Zones / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S23](#)

Title: Special Motion 23 / Infrastructure Status / Affected City-Owned Facilities / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S24](#)

Title: Special Motion 24 / Debris Flow / Landslide Risks / FEMA Reimbursement / Palisades Burn Area / Post-Fire Hazard Map / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S25](#)

Title: Infrastructure Protocols and Procedures / Los Angeles Department of Water and Power / Reservoir Maintenance / Extreme Weather Adaptability / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S26](#)

Title: Power Outage Susceptible Areas / Intense Santa Ana Winds / Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S27](#)

Title: Emergency Preparedness Plan / Mudslide Risk / Evacuation Plan / At-Risk Areas / Standard Operating Procedures / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S28](#)

Title: Underground and Aboveground Utilities / Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones / Powerline Undergrounding / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S31](#)

Title: Federal and State Declarations of Emergency / Response and Recovery / Grant Application and Award Authority / Leaf Blower Prohibition / Los Angeles Administrative Code / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendments / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S32](#)

Title: Palisades Fire Burn Area / Debris Flow / Landslide Risks Assessment / Mitigation / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S34](#)

Title: State of California / Temporary Financial Assistance / Pacific Palisades Fire / Unforeseen Expenditures / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S36](#)

Title: Los Angeles Water and Power Fire Preparedness / Human Activity / Climate Change / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S39](#)

Title: Los Angeles City Employee / Property Damage or Destruction / Negative Financial Impact / Support Programs / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S44](#)

Title: Basic Income Program / Emergency Cash Assistance Program / Worker Job Loss / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S49](#)

Title: South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) / Air Quality / Warning Advisories / Conditions and Guidance / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0006-S52](#)

Title: Wildfire Aid Package / State of California / Frontfund Recovery Costs / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Council File: [25-0046](#)

Title: 2026 Ballot Measure / Bond Measure / Fire Station Maintenance / Fire Station Construction

Position: For



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Downey Child Care Center

1 message

Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 17, 2025 at 1:02 PM

To:

Cc: Rap Commissioners <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>

Good Morning,

Following up on Board President Simril's email about the Downey Child Care Center, we are taking proactive steps to ensure continued service. We have 12 centers in the licensing pipeline. While we await budget confirmation to determine funded locations, we are moving forward with a Request for Proposal for 8 centers. This approach will allow us to secure qualified childcare providers and maintain operational continuity.

We will provide additional information at either the 1st or 2nd Board Meeting in April.

--

Jimmy Kim
General Manager

City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

question from a concerned LA parent

1 message

nrtucker4

Mon, Mar 17, 2025 at 11:01 AM

To: rsimril@la84.org, luis.sanchez@lacity.org, RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org

Cc: kaitlin murphy

Hi Renata and Luis,

I'm sure you are busy, so I'll try and keep it short:

My son attends Downey Childcare Center, and we have been notified that it is on the short list of centers to be closed. I spoke to Miss Stoneham over at Parks & Rec and she confirmed that Downey was indeed on the list. However, I reached out to Ysabel Jurado's office and they said the budget for next fiscal year doesn't come out until 4/20/25 and that their liaison to the mayor's office has not heard wind of any pending closures.

I was hoping you can shed some light on this. Will eight of the twelve (?) centers under RAP be closing? If so, is there anything us parents can do to keep these centers open?

Respectfully,

Nick Tucker



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Budget considerations for Downey Child Care

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 7:59 AM

To: Lucia Fabio

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Mar 18, 2025 at 9:29 AM Lucia Fabio wrote:

Dear Members of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners,

Please see the attached letter from the parents of Downey Child Care. We are concerned that our RAP child care center, and seven others, are not included in the 2025/2026 city budget. We are asking for clarification and your assistance in keeping our child care centers open.

I thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,
Lucia Fabio and the entire parent body at Downey Child Care

--

Lucia Fabio
Curator and Researcher

March 18, 2025

Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Fiona Hutton

Marie Lloyd

Luis Sanchez

Renata Simril

Benny Tran

200 N. Spring Street, Room 460

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Members of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners,

As the parents of Downey Child Care we are greatly concerned that our center, and other Los Angeles Recreation and Parks child care centers, will not be operational after the end of this fiscal year. It has come to our attention that the Department of Recreation and Parks has sent a proposed budget to the Mayor requesting funding to operate a reduced number of child care centers for FY 2025/2026. The proposed document requests funding for four childcare centers: Joy Picus Preschool Childcare Center (which serves city employees), Ralph M. Parsons Child Care Center and Jim Gilliam Child Care Center were named, while the fourth center is nameless.

Many of the families enrolled our children in Downey Child Care after the completion of its renovation at the end of 2022. A grant of \$20 million, allocated through the American Rescue Plan Act, funded the renovation of 10 of the city's child care buildings and the first year of operations. We believe that it is unjustified to complete these renovations between 2021-2023 without allocating the funds to provide services at said centers. As per the RAP Child Care site, "as a result of the Great Recession of 2008, Recreation and Parks was forced to close its licensed child care sites due to lack of funding. The COVID-19 crisis highlighted the need for licensed preschool programs. In response to this crisis, our City Council took immediate action by identifying funding to restore and open low cost licensed preschool facilities." These centers, statistically located in underserved neighborhoods, are now bustling with children. The need for affordable and quality childcare is just as prevalent now as it was during the height of the COVID pandemic. It would be irresponsible for RAP to allow these vital centers to close. At our center alone there is a 53 child-long waitlist: the demand is obvious.

RAP argues in the proposed budget that, "these variable costs were previously covered by the American Rescue Plan Act funds. It should be noted that RAP was previously directed to self-operate an additional 10 childcare facilities; however, the FY24-25 budget eliminated childcare staffing and directed RAP to operate childcare services through an alternative service delivery model. Therefore, this request is premised on the identification and selection of qualified childcare service providers, which is currently in progress." There is precedent for the Childcare Center budget line to be zero with funding reinstated in the following year.¹ We do not agree with RAP's assessment.

¹ Figures collected from budgets posted on lacitycontroller's website. <https://controller.lacity.gov/budgets>

2024/2025 Child Care and Learning Centers -\$0

2023/2024 Child Care and Learning Centers - \$5,000,000

2022/2023 Child Care and Learning Centers - \$0 (Expect for renovations of several facilities from general budget)

2021/2022 Child Care and Learning Centers- \$20,000,000

2021/2022 Child Care Business Assistance- \$10,000,000

If the city cannot continue to subsidize the centers, we request that alternative funding options be presented. Currently, Downey Child Care is operational because of a grant, which is set to expire at the end of this fiscal year. The estimated grant line in the proposed budget shows an increase of expected grant funding. Have those funds been secured to continue operations at the current child care centers? Downey Child Care Center remains tuition-free; however, a fee was supposed to be instituted for parents who did not meet the financial obligations of the grant program. Many of us are still waiting and able to pay this fee (which we were quoted roughly \$200/week based on other child care centers). We request that the city implements a tuition fee for applicable families before closing the center altogether.

We stand united with parents from other city child care centers, who will be similarly impacted if this valuable resource is taken away, and their childcare disappeared. We are asking for transparency on the state of not only ours, but of all of the RAP child care centers. We have seen our children thrive at Downey Child Care. We cannot sing praises loud enough about the director of the center, Allison Tillman and the teachers she has staffed to nurture and care for our children. It is a testament that parents do not have to pay thousands of dollars a month to ensure high quality child care. Witnessing our children flourish over the last few years has demonstrated beyond a doubt that these civically-run childcare centers are vital, safe, and essential for the community. Please do not take this resource away from the future residents of Los Angeles.

Respectfully,
The Parents of Downey Child Care

Lucia Fabio and Andrew Mueller; Elianna and Jesse Friedman; Chris Rodriguez; Melinda Ly and Steven Wong; Kaitlin and Nick Tucker; Jonathan and Lisa Talbert; Rofida Alshafia; Kelly Coats-Salazar and Felix Salazar I; Xavier Vargas and Catherine Gillespie-Vargas; Jenny Rubin and Jonathan Brier; Raquel Carranza; Noah and Grace Poole; Sofia Londono and Carlos Morera; Ana and William Griffin; Spring and Duncan Peabody; Rose and Loren Zitomersky



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Westside Current Destruction of LA Parks

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 11:14 AM

To: ATHENA NOVAK

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 8:40 AM ATHENA NOVAK

wrote:

Good morning - Please may we ask if you can print and or forward the link attached of the Westside Currents report to our Park Commissioners for their response and action. We are watching our beautiful and once protected Public Parks become flea markets where the vendors threaten our Park Workers and Staff with violence, they ignore and shame our Park Rangers and the homeless are in summary simply invading the area with toxic chemicals and persons with mental health issues preventing the public from wanting to enter due to safety.

What is going on and why are our commissioners allowing this. They have been appointed to their position to not turn our parks into the 3rd world country squatter villages but to protect them and insure they are safe and clean for the public and all activity taking place is done so in a lawful manner.

We are going to request a public records request of the funds paid by the city and developer fees and grants to Park and Recreation and ask where is this money going.

Best,
Athena Novak
President
Homeowners of Encino



Encampments and Drug Trade Fuel Costly
Destruction of Los Angeles Parks
westsidecurrent.com

On Mar 13, 2025, at 8:23 AM, ATHENA NOVAK

wrote:

Thank you. We look forward to their prompt action and response.

Best,
Athena Novak

President
Homeowners of Encino

On Mar 13, 2025, at 8:17 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 Wed, Mar 12, 2025 at 2:56 PM Athena Novak wrote:

Hello - Please may I ask if the attached letter can be sent to all the Park and Recreation Commissioners for action. This is a very serious matter.

Thank you for your kind help. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Best,
Athena Novak
President
Homeowners of Encino



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Culver/Slauson

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 10:35 AM

To: Gene Smith

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 9:35 AM Gene Smith

wrote:

To whom it may concern,

We are writing this letter to share our the remarkable transformation of Culver-Slauson Recreation Center. Our children are involved in multiple programs and the community has been transformed over night. The dedication of the staff and leadership are inspiring

The dedication and commitment of Director Jacqueline Lauderdale has positively impacted the community in ways we could not have imagined before.

Jacqueline “Coach Jackie” Lauderdale has been instrumental in transforming Culver-Slauson Park into a thriving hub for the community. Through strategic engagement with local gangs, she has fostered peace and inclusivity, while attracting upwardly mobile families to recreational programs. Her leadership has bridged gaps between Black and Brown residents, creating employment opportunities and hosting culturally enriching events.

Once marked by gang activity, the park now stands as a safe, vibrant space that reflects the evolving economic demographics of the area, where a historically working-class community is now integrating more middle-class residents. Coach Jackie’s work exemplifies the best of LA Parks and Recreation, ensuring that all feel welcome and empowered.

Respectfully,

Gene Smith(parent)

Sending from iPhone.....please excuse any typos...

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*****Confidential *****



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Venice Oceanarium

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 20, 2025 at 3:29 PM

To:

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 1:49 PM

wrote:

March 17, 2025

Board of Commissioners
Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 350
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Support for the Venice Oceanarium's Marine Museum Proposal

Dear Board Members

I am writing to urge your support for the Venice Oceanarium's proposal to establish a marine museum at the end of the Venice Fishing Pier. This visionary project presents a unique opportunity to enhance the cultural and educational offerings of Venice Beach while promoting marine conservation and scientific curiosity for both residents and visitors alike.

For over 30 years the Venice Oceanarium has been a cherished community resource, offering free marine education programs, exhibits and outreach that inspire thousands of residents and visitors. By fostering a deep appreciation for the ocean and marine life, the organization plays a vital role in raising awareness about the need for environmental conservation. Establishing a permanent museum at the end of the Venice fishing pier would provide an iconic and accessible space for people of all ages to learn about marine science, local ocean ecosystems and the history the Venice coast line of Venice. And by hosting interactive programs the museum will serve as a valuable resource for schools, and families and tourists.

The Venice Oceanarium museum will be built with a simple design consistent with the environment. It will be built and operated by the Oceanarium with no expense to the City. NO CITY FUNDS WILL BE NEEDED.

The museum will be open and free of charge to the general public .

The upcoming Olympic Games present a timely and compelling reason to expedite this project. With Los Angeles preparing to welcome a global audience, the marine museum would be a world-class attraction that showcases our City's dedication to environmental education and cultural enrichments. Completing this project before the Olympics would maximize its impact and provide an unforgettable experience for visitors and residents alike.

I respectfully ask the Department of Recreation and Parks to actively support and facilitate the approval of this proposal, insuring that the necessary steps are taken to bring this important vision to life in time for the Olympics. Your leadership in championing this initiative will leave a lasting legacy for Los Angeles and reinforce our city's position as a leader in marine conservation and public education.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your favorable support of this proposal and would welcome any opportunity to discuss it in the future.

Please see attached PDF link of The Venice Oceanarium Proposal below.

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting673c188c452f7.pdf>

Sincerely

Tim Rudnick
Director, Venice Oceanarium



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Concerns About Dogs in the Play Area at Cheviot Hills Park

1 message

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

Mon, Mar 24, 2025 at 11:06 AM

To:

Bcc: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Dear L. Grossman,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your concerns about dogs in the enclosed play area at Cheviot Hills Park. We understand how important it is for young children to have a safe and enjoyable environment when visiting the park.

As employees of the Department of Recreation and Parks, we are responsible for programming and maintaining our parks; however, we do not have enforcement authority. That responsibility falls under the jurisdiction of Animal Services and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). That said, we take your concerns seriously and will work with the appropriate agencies to address the issue.

We will notify Animal Services about the recurring presence of dogs in the play area and request increased monitoring. In the meantime, we encourage you to report violations directly to LA Animal Services at **(888) 452-7381** or LAPD's non-emergency line at **(877) ASK-LAPD (275-5273)** when you witness dogs in the restricted area.

We appreciate your feedback and will continue working to ensure that Cheviot Hills Park remains a welcoming space for all families. Please feel free to reach out with any further concerns.

--

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





Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: NO ATTENTION TO THE LAW

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 20, 2025 at 3:00 PM

To:

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 Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 2:49 PM

wrote:

HELLO

I am a Voter, a Taxpayer and a Mother. On the week-end I like to take my children age 3 and 5-1/2 to the Park in Cheviot Hills where there are wonderful play equipment, including swings, climbing fun, sand for play & learning. But for the last week-ends onto a 2 month period of time it has been a disaster and very frightening to my children, the reason is because people with DOGS have been in the enclosed PLAY AREA.

Even though there is a SIGN WHICH STATES

NO DOGS ALLOWED

LAMC 63.44 B2 (d-3)

And may I add the people in charge are DOING NOTHING TO COMBAT THE ISSUE. I'm sure the City wants this Ordinance Fully Performed. Thy is the City of Los Angeles being ineffective in their performance and obligation in which they are legally bound.

I sincerely hope the Commission can change this behavior of the dog owners and the staff at Cheviot Hills Play play area for young future citizens.

L. Grossman



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA COUNCIL HERNANDEZ

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Mar 21, 2025 at 10:48 AM

To: Garcia Incareal

Good morning,

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

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

On Thu, Mar 20, 2025 at 3:54 PM Garcia Incareal

wrote:

MARCH 20

LA Council member Eunisses Hernandez

The Sycamore Grove Park has Gan Graffiti

Attach are some pictures

Mauro Garcia



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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: sand on the bike path (near Venice to Santa Monica Pier)

1 message

Robert Buenrostro <robert.buenrostro@lacity.org>
To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Mar 21, 2025 at 1:59 PM

[+Fernando Flores](#)

Hello,

The bike path does not fall under RAP's jurisdiction. It belongs to LA city Public Works.

Fernando-Please contact the supervisor at Public Works that schedules the sweeping of the bike path..

Thank you,

Robert Buenrostro, Principal Grounds
Maintenance Supervisor II
City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks
West Region MaintenanceOn Fri, Mar 21, 2025 at 11:59 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Please see the email received by the Board Office. For your information.

Thank you

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

From: **Fred Jacob**

Date: Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 12:21 PM

Subject: sand on the bike path (near Venice to Santa Monica Pier)

To: <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>, <rosa.cartegena@lacity.org>**The path is blocked by volumes of sand , and has been this way for over a week.****Fred Jacob**



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: sand on the bike path (near Venice to Santa Monica Pier)

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Mar 21, 2025 at 11:57 AM

To: Fred Jacob

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 12:21 PM Fred Jacob

wrote:

The path is blocked by volumes of sand , and has been this way for over a week.

Fred Jacob



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Public Comment Questions asked at March 06 2025 Meeting

1 message

Joel Alvarez <joel.alvarez@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 25, 2025 at 6:27 PM

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

Cc: Priya Macwan <priya.macwan@lacity.org>, Darryl Ford <Darryl.Ford@lacity.org>, Gary Lam <gary.lam@lacity.org>, Mariana Valdivia <mariana.valdivia@lacity.org>

Hello Board Office,

I have to defer to Planning staff (copied) regarding the Oakridge Estate Residence RFP process and schedule of work under the Treatment Plan. The Partnership Section's involvement with the Oakridge Residence is the administration of the MOU with the Friends of Oakridge, the nonprofit organization that supports the Residence.

Joel

On Mon, Mar 24, 2025 at 8:41 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Morning Priya and Joel,

We received the following questions regarding Oakridge Estates.

Thanks,

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

From: **patricia lopresti**

Date: Fri, Mar 21, 2025 at 2:51 PM

Subject: Public Comment Questions asked at March 06 2025 Meeting

To: <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Cc: Myrka Martinez <myrka.martinez@lacity.org>

Dear Commissioners,

On Thursday, March 6th during public comment I asked two questions concerning Oakridge Estate funded projects for repair, rehabilitation and upgrade. The residence treatment plan funds have been approved by RAP and approved funds for the ADA/exterior of the residence and Oakridge Estate Park lighting/sunshades are Prop K Funds

My exact questions were recorded.

1. When do you anticipate RFP's to be sent out for the approved treatment plan. (approximately \$800,000.)
2. When do you anticipate a LVNOC will be appointed for Oakridge residence exterior and needs at Oakridge Estate Park?. (approximatively \$640,000.)

The community continues be interested in his historic LA City Cultural Monument and wants public access to the residence.

I was instructed to leave my name and email address with the woman who was monitoring/recording the meeting. I did provide that written information and she placed it in a folder.

Your response is much appreciated.

Regards,

The Oakridge Estate Park

Dedicated to the Citizens of Los Angeles in 2018
Council District 12

This historic 8-acre site was once part of Marwyck Ranch, a famous 130-acre Thoroughbred breeding farm, co-owned by actors Barbara Stanwyck and Zeppo Marx. The mansion visible atop the hill was built for Stanwyck in 1937. Comedian Jack Oakie purchased the house on 9.5 acres in the early 1940s and named it Oakridge. Victoria Oakie was instrumental in obtaining the Historic Cultural Monument designation in 1990 (#484).

In 2009, the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks purchased Oakridge ensuring its preservation for future generations.

Plaque donated by Northridge West and Northridge East Neighborhood Councils.







Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Riverside Bridge Home interim shelter in Griffith Park... and what the community deserves to know

1 message

Takisha Sardin <takisha.sardin@lacity.org>

To: Cameron Flanagan

Cc: RAP-GPAB@lacity.org, Brenda Aguirre <Brenda.Aguirre@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <Jimmy.Kim@lacity.org>, RAP.PUBL

Good Morning,

We received your emails.

Thanks,

Takisha Sardin

Board Secretary
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 221 North Figueroa Street, Suite 300
 Los Angeles, CA 90012
Takisha.Sardin@lacity.org

Park Proud LA

On Mon, Mar 24, 2025 at 8:00 AM Cameron Flanagan

wrote:

March 25, 2025

Via email to:

RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG Jimmy.Kim@lacity.orgBrenda.Aguirre@lacity.orgTakisha.Sardin@lacity.orgRAP-GPAB@LACITY.ORGRAP.PUBLICINFO@LACITY.ORG

Dear Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners, General Manager Jimmy Kim, and Assistant General Manager Brenda Aguirre,

On March 5, 2025, District 4 Councilperson Raman attended the LA Breakfast Club meeting at Friendship Auditorium and said she is bringing Griffith Park Mas election campaign).

At the last Commission meeting, General Manager Kim mentioned agendizing an update about south Griffith Park Master Plan. Please agendize the south Ma:

Currently, the community understands a Consultant was hired in February 2025 to begin outreach and focus groups for the south Griffith Park Master Plan, and RAP for this information via separate letters as well. The community only has information per the Griffith Park Adult Community Center newsletter (see attache

This Commission has heard from hundreds of people over several years about ongoing shelter safety issues inside and outside the Riverside Bridge Home into Councilmember Raman, chooses to ignore thousands of photos and some videos, and shelter resident complaints CD4 was personally served with in October Mulholland Fountain (which has been well-chronicled) starting fires, and doing drugs inside and outside the shelter has magically gone away. Attached are mor

Further, what is the timeline for decommissioning the Riverside Bridge Home shelter? The residents of the shelter need to know, and the broader community d the shelter for the lease renewal: 1) for a functional shelter, which is not the case per the CAO report (less than 8% graduate to permanent supportive housing) matter what CD4 tries to elucidate.

Additionally, may the Commission please invite Councilmember Raman to appear before the Commission to detail her plans for south Griffith Park?

On March 6th at the RAP Board of Commissioners meeting CD4 Homelessness Director Patrick Siggins tried to convince the Commission there is a functional serving does donuts, coffee, and toiletries to the unhoused, as well as transporting folks between the Riverside Bridge Home shelter and the Silver Lake Comm outreach since they, as reported by SELAH Executive Director Reyes to the Commission on March 6, are not engaged in added safety at the shelter or in house

Apparently, as of January 26, 2025, a contract was signed between SELAH and CD4. I am specifically referencing the contract by CD4 with SELAH that City A per internal CD4 emails that have been furnished to this Commission last month. Does RAP have a copy of the referenced contract? Further, does this vague c The contract only calls for SELAH reporting to CD4, which will share report findings with the community as these entities (PATH, SELAH, and CD4) deem nece elected them.

As well, while SELAH has obtained a permit to do work on parkland, there is no named insurance. My concern is liability may ultimately rest with RAP has histo SELAH's engagement does not add security as promised by CD4 with an Ambassador Program. Any CIRCLE team on the shelter exterior 2 nights per week is are routinely preyed upon outside the shelter by drug-imbibed men who are former, current or existing homeless.MCouncilmember Raman needs to come to th including the shelter. Please invite her.

Per Executive Director of SELAH, Sarah Reyes, SELAH has received \$42k for shuttles and distribution of toiletries and connections with unhoused yet Ascens Raman's discretionary (taxpayer) funds. Please ask for and release any contract between CD4 and SELAH that led to the \$42k pass through of taxpayer funds (no business address), and appearing with CD4 Homelessness Director Siggins on 3/6/25 to discuss the donuts and coffee and "friendship". Right now, it seen Bridge Home shelter housed as, since January 25, 2025, and to date, there is no functional Ambassador Program.

With Councilmember Raman's statement March 5, 2025 at the LA Breakfast Club about bringing the long-promised south Griffith Park Master Plan front and ce Master Plan. Councilmember Raman should get every one of the people in the inappropriately placed, poorly executed, and badly managed shelter housed an south Griffith Park.

The solution is in the hands of your capable leadership, Commissioners. Please heal both the community and issue a directive for decommissioning the shelte

Sincerely,
C. Flanagan



GRIFFITH PARK ADULT COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

GPACC is closed
on March 31st for
Caesar Chavez
National Holiday

From the Facility Director . . .

I will be out of the office until March 10th. Any questions please contact Mario or Niomi at the front desk. The Getty Museum trip is filling up fast with only a few spots left, first come first serve. Let's all look forward to a possible trip in **June to Dodger Stadium**. Final details are in the works and more information will be coming later. Check with the front desk about a new six week class starting **March 14th at 1:00 pm** on how to use a computer tablet. There are only 10 spots available, once again first come first serve. Tablets will be provided.

Rick Swanson

P.S The GPACC Advisory Board monthly meeting is postponed until the third week of March.

Improved South Griffith Park Update by Stephanie Vendig

We were informed by Mehmet Berker, Field Deputy of CD4 that the consultant who would manage the South Griffith Park Improvement Plan will be coming on board in March.

This plan includes improvements relating to the swimming pool and the areas on both sides of Riverside Drive including a new GPACC. We hope to help by planning discussion or focus groups and presentations for GPACC and the community so that it is clear to all what the community wants.

The Bridge Housing is scheduled to end June 2025. In the meantime, it will not interfere with the planning that goes on.

If you have any ideas relating to the plan, please leave your message at the desk where they will be put in a folder that would be provided to the new consultant when he comes aboard.

Thanks. Here's to a new future!

Who is Cesar Chavez?

Cesar Chavez Day is a U.S. federal commemorative holiday, proclaimed by President Barack Obama in 2014. The holiday celebrates the birth and legacy of the civil rights and labor movement activist. The activist co-founded the **United Farm Workers (UFW) union** and led the movement to **improve working conditions and rights** for farmworkers in the United States.

LA City Department of Recreation & Parks,
Griffith Park Adult Community Center (GPACC)
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Re: Warner Ranch Park Rules

1 message

Joellen Ammann

Mon, Mar 24, 2025 at 9:30 AM

To: Felice Blair

Cc: RAP <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Sarah Swanseen

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Hi Felice,

Here is what was sent to me. They are not specific to Warner Ranch, I am awaiting the exact rules for smaller parks. The City is short handed, and is going through many overhauls right now. We need to be a little more patient with them.

Here are the park rules you asked for. Have a great weekend.

Park Information: Municipal And Penal Codes

<https://www.laparks.org/park/park-information-municipal-and-penal-codes>

Rules and Regulations for Vending Food and Commercial Items

<https://www.laparks.org/vending>

Joellen Ammann
Director of Operations
Valley Cultural Foundation

On Mon, Mar 24, 2025 at 8:37 AM Felice Blair

wrote:

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Fri, Mar 28, 2025 at 12:05 PM

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Greater Warner Ranch Park Neighbors



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Re: Request for Action on Elysian Park Fires

1 message

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Fri, Mar 28, 2025 at 12:04 PM

To:

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

On Sun, Mar 23, 2025 at 11:18 PM HCNNC Board

wrote:

Please find attached the Request for Action letter approved by the Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council's board of directors regarding fires in Elysian Park.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Ling
Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council
Chair, HCNNC
Chair, HCNNC Outreach Committee
Solano Canyon Business-Owner/Employee/Non-Profit/Property-Owner Representative

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February 24, 2025

To: CD1, CD13, Park Rangers, Department of Recreation and Parks

Cc: LAFD, LAPD

Subject: Request for Action on Elysian Park Fires

The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council represents communities that include homes in Solano Canyon, Chinatown, and Victor Heights that are flanked by Elysian Park. With embers capable of traveling for miles, Elysian Park is a tinderbox waiting to ignite. We need your partnership and collaboration to alleviate the extreme fire danger threatening the Elysian Park area.

Our immediate request is:

- **Remove all dead brush, trees, tumbleweeds, and limbs from the park immediately.**
- **Close Elysian Park during Red Flag Warnings.**
- **24-hour Park Ranger Patrols**
- **Remove all encampments in Elysian Park that are within 200 feet of any residential property, church, school, or commercial building.**
- **Increase outreach and offers of shelter to the unhoused in Elysian Park.**

Our communities are on high alert at all hours of the day and night. Both arson and campfire flare ups occur frequently in Elysian Park, especially on Radio Hill. Although the recent catastrophic fires in Altadena and the Pacific Palisades were not caused by unhoused individuals trying to keep warm, camp fires have in the past erupted in Elysian Park, less than 10 feet away from homes. If it is logistically impossible to eliminate all encampments in Elysian Park, there must be, at the very least, a buffer of defensible space from homes where the ban on camping is strictly enforced. In addition, camp fires and arsons in dry windy conditions are capable of spreading embers just as much as fires caused by other sources. We shouldn't have to wait for the widespread catastrophic destruction of our neighborhoods to mitigate the ongoing fire risks in Elysian Park.

What we don't want is for our park to be the place where the City relaxes enforcement of anti-camping bans because "out of sight is out of mind." The risks are not out of mind for residents who smell the campfires almost every night or hear the fire trucks racing down our streets. There is the reality that people living outdoors need to stay warm, and campfires in Elysian Park pose a huge safety risk. We need as much (if not more) attention, outreach, services, and effort to be dedicated to housing the unhoused who are camping in Elysian Park and as to those who are camping on our city streets. The Rangers and LAFD have responded rapidly and effectively to the continual fires that erupt on Radio Hill, but can we expect them to always be there in time when fires are burning there every night?

The LAPD's and LAFD's all-important communications system is also at risk. Radio Hill in Elysian Park houses communication towers for LAPD and LAFD. **Radio Hill is in a Very High Fire Hazard Zone**, and yet for years, encampments have been allowed. Over the years, fires have repeatedly broken out in and around Radio Hill. **If those towers caught fire and were destroyed, this could result in a catastrophic disruption of critical citywide communication systems.**

There are laws in place that are not being enforced.

LAMCC 63.44 - Overnight camping is not allowed in any City park, and yet people are living in the park and camping overnight.

LAMCC 57.25.14 Smoking and open fires are not allowed in the Park.

People - both unhoused and not - are constantly seen smoking or having open-fires in the park.

The Solano Canyon community is in a high-risk danger zone. Our over 300 wooden homes, along with Historic LAUSD school Solano Avenue Elementary, historic San Conrado Mission Church, and even Dodger Stadium are in the direct path of possible devastation. And as we've seen from the recent fires in Altadena and Pacific Palisades, a fire that starts in windy and dry conditions in a park such as Elysian Park can easily spread beyond the urban/wildland interface to destroy entire neighborhoods such as Solano Canyon, Chinatown, Echo Park, Elysian Valley, and Lincoln Heights, adding to the City's dire affordable housing shortage.

Very concerned residents have shared that they are ready to be of assistance and service in stopping the danger before it's too late. Residents are clearing areas around homes and yards, and are ready to mobilize able bodies to collect branches and tumbleweeds. We are requesting action from the City to assist residents in this effort. For example, where can residents take these branches and tumbleweeds for disposal?

Community members have asked the Dodgers organization to clear the brush area that surrounds their parking lots. Community members have reached out to Council District 1, Council District 13, and to LAPD. We understand that CD1 replied that the park gates are closed, and thus prevents activity that can result in fire. We disagree with this assessment because while the gates stop vehicular traffic, people can enter the park at any time by walking around the gates.

We respectfully request that all City entities addressed in this letter meet with stakeholders in our communities as soon as possible. We look forward to working with you on these concerns.