

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

March 06, 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. Inna Savluk comments regarding Alley Repairs	#9827	Referred to General Manager
2. Cameron Flanagan comments regarding the riverside Drive Bridge Home	#9828	Referred to General Manager
3. Dennis Chew comments regarding the riverside Drive Bridge Home	#9828a	Referred to General Manager
4. Jon Warner comments regarding the riverside Drive Bridge Home	#9828b	Referred to General Manager
5. Dr. Suzanne Wenzlaff comments regarding the riverside Drive Bridge Home	#9828c	Referred to General Manager
6. Alex Zamm comments regarding Improvement of Fire Preventative Measures, Neighborhood Safety & Traffic Control in Los Feliz	#9829	Referred to General Manager
7. George the Great comments regarding Graffiti at Echo Park	#9830	Referred to General Manager
8. Jacob Wasserman comments regarding the North Westwood Neighborhood Council supporting a package of actions for the Fires Destruction	#9831	Referred to General Manager

9. Christy Blackman comments regarding Board Report 25-019	#9832	Referred to General Manager
10. Toni Osseck comments regarding Board Report 25-019	#9832a	Referred to General Manager
11. Demian Willette comments regarding an Infographic about the Ascot Hills Park	#9833	Referred to General Manager
12. Misty LeGrande comments regarding for Process of Improvements and Recommendations for Clearer Education and Communication during Red Flag Warnings	#9834	Referred to General Manager
13. Elysian Park Retraining comments regarding Complaint Form for the Park Rangers	#9835	Referred to General Manager
14. Individuals commenting regarding issues with Claude Pepper senior citizen center	#9836	Referred to General Manager
15. Quan Zhu comments regarding a Situation at Rancho Park Golf	#9837	Referred to General Manager
16. Christine Sacani comments regarding Maintenance and Reopening of Crestwood Hills Park	#9838	Referred to General Manager



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**Re: FW: ALLEY PROJECT GARDNER/BEVERLY**

1 message

**Thao Tran** <thao.tran@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 18, 2025 at 10:40 AM

To: Inna Savluk

Cc: Kevin Nahai <kevin.nahai@lacity.org>, "jorge.plascencia@lacity.org" <jorge.plascencia@lacity.org>, "RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG" <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>, "tracy.james@lacity.org" <tracy.james@lacity.org>, "rob.fisher@lacity.org" <rob.fisher@lacity.org>, "alison.simard@lacity.org" <alison.simard@lacity.org>, "mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org" <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, "mayra.guevara@lacity.org" <mayra.guevara@lacity.org>, "Tabatha.yelos@lacity.org" <Tabatha.yelos@lacity.org>

Hello Ms. Savluk,

I just left you a voicemail. Let me know a good time to connect with you so I can answer your questions below and clarify how the process of resurfacing alleyways.

Please consider [signing up for our weekly newsletter](#) to stay up to date with the actions of our office.

Respectfully,

[cd5.lacity.gov](http://cd5.lacity.gov)

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Los Angeles City Hall  
 200 North Spring St., Room 440  
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

On Sat, Feb 15, 2025 at 11:47 PM Inna Savluk

wrote:

Hello,

I hope you are doing well. I am following up on my previous emails regarding the urgent need for repairs in the alley next to my property at

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I appreciate your time and commitment to addressing this issue and look forward to your response. Please let me know if there is anything further I can do to assist in moving this process forward.



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1 message

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

Wed, Feb 19, 2025 at 7:54 AM

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Best regards,  
Inna Savluk

Inna Savluk / Creative Director



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**From:** Inna Savluk  
**Date:** Monday, November 30, 2020 at 11:38 AM  
**To:** Kevin Nahai <[kevin.nahai@lacity.org](mailto:kevin.nahai@lacity.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: ALLEY PROJECT GARDNER/BEVERLY

Hello Kevin,

Hope you well and staying health. I wanted to go back to conversation about alley and to be honest I'm sad and disappointed that it hasn't been done and what have been done was a worse patching job ever that now causes more dust and rocks. Every garbage or delivery truck just has trash falling due to the movements of the trucks and dust everywhere or water splashes. When I My neighbor had conversation with Debra Harris, and she made it sounds like yes she can make it happen if we keep calling her and keep asking. When I spoke to you back in March you told me there is no need to make tons of calls and make waves that you putting us on priority list (which Debra confirmed you did that and I thank you for it) but now year is almost over and besides wasting money with patching job nothing has been done. I don't want to re write how much money I spend to make that house up to code, but all alley around our areas has been fixes and repaved but ours. If its not planning to be fixed lets put sings that no large trucks can go there until its fixed. I don't know how else to protect my house and health of my family.

Inna

Inna Savluk / Creative Director

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I understand. I will keep you updated!

On Tue, Jul 21, 2020 at 2:01 PM Inna Savluk

wrote:

Thank you for your respond! I sent you email with whats been done today with three patches.. I fee so sad they waisted city money on poor patching :( Breaks my heart that it can't be done once and instead they keep spending more money it. Thank you so much for taking care and helping with this. I appreciate it so much!

Warmly,

Inna

Inna Savluk / Creative Director



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**From:** Kevin Nahai

<[kevin.nahai@lacity.org](mailto:kevin.nahai@lacity.org)>

**Date:** Monday, June 29, 2020 at 11:54 AM

**To:** Inna Savluk

**Subject:** Re: ALLEY PROJECT GARDNER/BEVERLY



Hi Inna,

I hope you had a great weekend. Yes, I have put your alley at the top of our High Priority list for Street Services. This week the City Council will be voting on and determining the City's budget for this fiscal year, so I should know within the next week or so how much money has been allocated for repaving of alleys. Either way, I will continue fighting for your alley.

On Sun, Jun 28, 2020 at 10:38 AM Inna Savluk

wrote:

Good Morning Kevin,

Hope all is well with you. I'm emailing you to remind about our alley repaving and creating drainage, I understand there must be a lot of things that need to be repair, so thank you for putting me at the front of the list. I attached original email, let me know if there is anything I can help with. I do weddings and events flowers (obviously now our business is stopped) but if city needs any type of bouquets or something in that matter I would be more then happy to donate my services.

Thank you!

**From:** Inna Savluk  
**Date:** Friday, May 1, 2020 at 12:16 PM  
**To:** "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>  
**Subject:** ALLEY PROJECT GARDNER/BEVERLY

Hello,

My name is Inna Savluk, and I live at \_\_\_\_\_ property

We remodeled and followed all rules and regulation to make sure this house up to code in historical district, we build, drainage, rain barrel and went through all hoops to make sure its up to code and help our environment. Since our house is on the alley and garage/gates opening that way we have been having a lot of issues with the alley. I'm attaching all images there is a lot more of pictures, but it will give you ideas of whats happening. When I reached out to myla311 they informed me that they have order placed for patching, and there is alley project one, but nothing has done as they need council approval/budget. There is no need to spend money to patch 100' of the alley, when it needs to be fully redone, and its constant patching. There is no drainage, there is dirt, potholes and all that creates not only rotten water, attracts mosquitos but causes health issues for our two houses. When we had gate open my 4yo was splashed with water and dirt, so All other alleys have been remodeled but not ours, why? Its makes no sense. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE fund and approve it to fix it, all other alley in our areas were fixed.

I came from Ukraine and have a lot of love for USA, but alley reminds me condition of roads in Ukraine if not worse, I lived through Chernobil and my health is very important to me to me and I don't want to have complication or any infection because someone didn't fix it.

Here is what I see wrong with alley, I also talked to representatives from myla311 and they agreed that road needs to be fully redone including doing proper drainage and they fully aware of the situation.

1. Its in a bad condition, there is lots of pot holes and they very deep.
2. it created dust/dirt that goes to our property, and my little one who is 4 year old and 15 year old been having none stop allergies
3. those holes collect water and all insect go there and to our house/yard, there is also tiger mosquit that we seeing now present that can transmit sickness
4. not only alley collect water it collect all the dirty water from all the business included but not limited to both restaurants who wash they trash, kitchen, back area with chemicals/soaps and all that also go to the potholes and we get all the dirt and splashes on our houses as there is no drainage system

Thank you so much in advance to looking at this matter,

Inna Savluk

Inna Savluk / Creative Director





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**Re: Regarding unmet conditions on June 2024 Riverside Drive Bridge Home permit renewal/lack of action on south Griffith Park Master Plan/use of public monies funneled to Councilmember-founded nonprofit without Ambassador Program for exterior shelter safety as promised to community and RAP Board**

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 19, 2025 at 9:25 AM

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Feb 17, 2025 at 1:55 PM Cameron Flanagan  
February 16, 2025

wrote:

Dear General Manager Jimmy Kim, Assistant General Manager Brenda Aguirre, and the entire Board of Recreation & Parks Commissioners:

I want to bring a few facts today to your attention after finally receiving documents requested nearly 2 years ago from Councilmember Raman through a Public Records Act request.

Firstly, the Ambassador Program is an empty promise from Councilmember Raman. It was not going to materialize at all until the RAP Board wisely conditioned the Riverside Bridge Home shelter lease renewal on the implementation of an Ambassador Program. Eight months after Rec and Parks required one, there is still no functioning Ambassador Program for the Riverside Drive Bridge Home in south Griffith Park, leaving the chronic safety and mental health issues unaddressed. Public records demonstrate there was never any money which could have been spent for the CD4-promised Ambassador Program.

As of December 31, 2024, Raman's office paid \$42,000 out of her discretionary fund to an organization Councilmember Raman founded in 2018, SELAH, under the guise of an Ambassador Program. SELAH has historically and currently continues to engage in limited volunteer work such as distributing toiletries, coffee, donuts, and clothing on Griffith Park parkland for 2 hours, one Sunday per month (see attached screenshot of their scope of work from SELAH website) and three hours on Saturdays at a local church. SELAH has no documented experience providing security or mental health services, the two community concerns that Councilmember Raman promised to address with the Ambassador Program. The scope of work and performance requirements for SELAH to act as Ambassadors were never defined for City Council and are absent in Councilmember Raman's original motions to pay SELAH. No contract between CD4 and SELAH has been provided, though the payment was executed (see attached proof of check issued to SELAH in



December 2024 and cashed by Executive Director Sarah Reyes). Additionally, SELAH appears to be working for CD4 on parkland without any park permits.

Councilmember Raman ignored over 4000 known and documented public health and safety incidents in south Griffith Park (MRSA outbreak, rapes, assaults, thefts, vandalism, and more), which she learned of in May 2023 as the community continued to experience these problems. Rec & Parks' and the broader community's safety and security interests were and continue to be ignored by Councilmember Raman. Additionally, based on an email between Patrick Siggins, Homelessness Director for CD4 and Councilmember Raman, the internally defined scope of work for the Ambassador Program was "event coordination" and further support for PATH as shelter operator. There was no consideration for added security or safety around the exterior of Bridge Home shelter in south Griffith Park, as was represented to the community since December 2023 by CD4. See attached email exchange attached as proof. No wonder it took 2 years and a lawsuit to get this information from Councilmember Raman.

To the best of my research, there are no performance criteria defined or contract evident between SELAH and Council District 4 for an Ambassador Program, which exposes RAP to liability and leaves south Griffith Park unprotected. With another Ambassador Program report coming due from CD4 (February 20, 2025), the RAP Commission has an opportunity to hold the Councilmember accountable. The Commission may request the contract, scope of work, and performance requirements, and gain an understanding of how the Ambassador Program is providing enhanced safety and addressing mental health issues around the shelter, per the Councilmember's original promise. The BCommission Board may also consider reaching out to Sarah Reyes, SELAH's Executive Director and asking for any contracts from City Attorney Andrew Said who was of counsel in this scheme.

Equally important, as a vendor operating on parkland, why is SELAH not required to have a permit to operate in the park like every other vendor in Griffith Park?

The Ambassador Program was a contrived circumvention from Councilmember Raman, as seen in the email exchanges between her and her staff, where she and her team and her Director of Homelessness Patrick Siggins, minimize the massive health and security issues experienced outside the Bridge Home. Councilmember Raman has continually ignored requests by the community to place a special enforcement zone or added security around the shelter exterior, which is the existing City remedy for these issues. Gangs and chronic homeless flock to the Bridge Home shelter, many for the freely available drugs, free toiletries, and stolen goods, free toiletries and stolen goods that create an atmosphere that further ruins South Griffith Park and the surrounding community.

Rec & Parks and the community have been lied to by Councilmember Raman about the Ambassador Program. Instead of leveraging existing City processes, the elected Councilmember passed money to her nonprofit organization with no clear scope of work or accountability for an Ambassador Program to protect the park, the community, or the shelter residents while opening RAP to serious risk.

Secondly, the CAO report of December 19, 2024 and the previously forwarded analysis of the report, highlights the woefully inadequate permanent housing placement of Riverside Bridge Home shelter

clients (termed “throughput” by Councilmember Raman, as though these PEOPLE are livestock). At 8% permanent placement from this shelter, the rate is substantially below LAHSA's published 40% target for permanent placement from interim shelters, and it is also below LAHSA's current City average of 12.5%. Per City Controller Meija's audit and the County Auditor-Controller reports, LAHSA is gravely deficient in fulfilling its mission. However, that is no reason for the independently functioning Bridge Home shelter in Griffith Park to follow suit. Yet, that is the reality, with 92% of the people stuck there for years, unable to transition.

My worst fears have been confirmed - people in the shelter are being warehoused. I now understand why so many are using various drugs and committing crimes around the area. The shelter in Griffith Park is a manifestation of a citywide broken system where nonprofits profit while the unhoused suffer and are unable to move on in their lives. No matter the how public funds are expended, the lack of accountability and transparency means little if funds actually do not go directly to help people in crisis.

At this point, absent an effective Ambassador Program and the severe underperformance of Bridge Home shelter shown in the CAO report of December 19, 2024, the community is asking to have the two use conditions that were set by the RAP Board for lease renewal enforced and to start planning to not renew the lease. We have a dysfunctional shelter without program rules sitting on parkland with very minimal security.

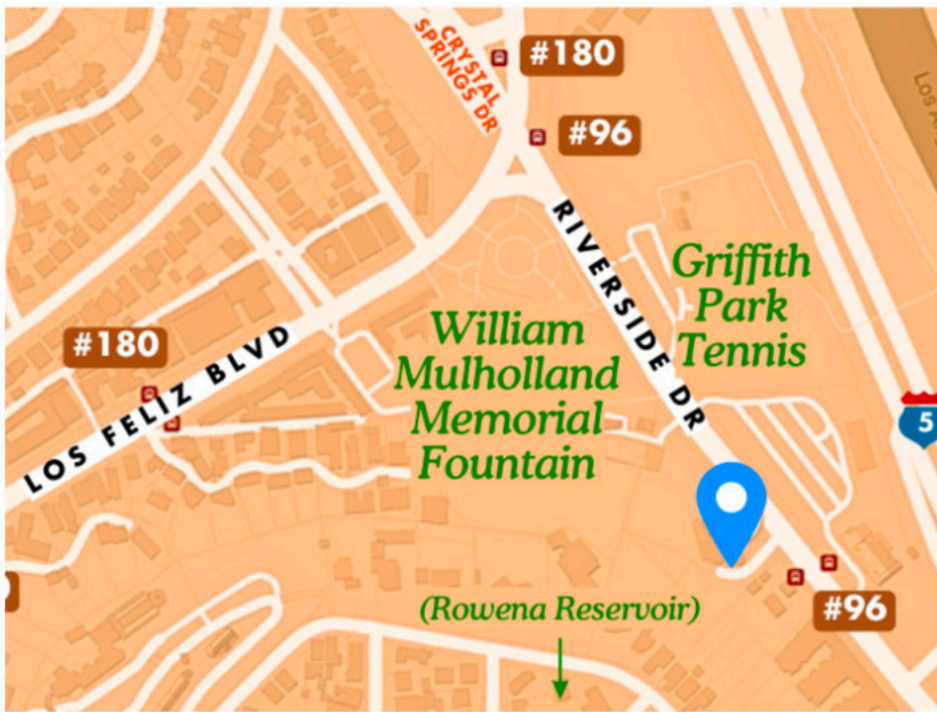
There exists an immediate urgency, as it will take time to find placement for the remaining clients before closure. We need to start now to transition these folks off parkland to ensure they have a place to stay.

It is long past time to house the people in the shelter and close it by July 2025.

Please let the community know how we can work with the RAP Board to start this process. The favor of a reply to this letter is greatly appreciated in advance.

Our community looks forward to seeing you all on December 20, 2025 at 9am at El Sereno Recreation Center (4721 Klamath Street in Los Angeles).

Sincerely,  
C.Flanagan



## **Sunday Social at Riverside Park**

William Mulholland Fountain Park

3220 Riverside Drive LA, CA 90027

First Sunday of every month / primer Domingo  
del mes

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Hot coffee, food, hygiene items and help with  
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On Fri, Jul 19, 2024 at 6:15 AM Nithya Raman <nvr@lacity.org> wrote:

Dear Patrick,

Thank you for this - this is much clearer for me than what I understood from the call. Can you also please provide me the original scope of work or proposal that PATH had provided for the Ambassador program?

Warmly,

Nithya

On Thu, Jul 18, 2024 at 5:31 PM Patrick Siggins <patrick.siggins@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Councilmember and all,

As discussed in our weekly meeting yesterday, here are some bullet points outlining how I was envisioning utilizing SELAH in an official capacity for the Ambassador Program.

Happy to discuss further.

- The area adjacent to ABH Riverside no longer has the level of encampments and unsheltered PEH that generated the initial need for a dedicated small-footprint Ambassador outreach team. We believe we can fulfill the area's proactive & reactive outreach needs 24/7 with existing resources by coordinating with Circle, Ascencia, and, if needed, one of our CD-directed LAHSA teams.
- Despite the diminished need for a dedicated outreach team for the area around ABH Riverside, we have promised the community an Ambassador program and we want to fulfill that commitment. However, as the needs of the site have

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changed, it seems only responsible for the programming to evolve as well. We envision SELAH creating a more robust, community-based engagement zone at ABH Riverside, both for enrolled ABH participants and PEH who may over time arrive in the area, hosting activities and events that SELAH already has experience coordinating at other locations

- Outreach case management and referrals would still be completed by the existing outreach providers, but SELAH would be funded to do more events, engagement, and advocacy they are already doing and do well, while deepening their supportive role for participants enrolled at Riverside, document support, benefits enrollment, life skills, etc..
- We envision SELAH having a more official role in and around ABH Riverside with regular weekly programming and more frequent and regular participant interaction that we feel would promote participant retention, augment existing case management, increase throughput, and offer a more visible ambassador-style zone around the site.
- SELAH could be in regular contact with the outreach teams to support on newly arrived PEH and also help manage some of the ABH-enrolled participant presence outside of the site often misunderstood by neighborhood observers as unsheltered PEH.
- This would be an opportunity to partner with a volunteer-based, community organization and dedicate resources for them to augment the existing outreach in the area (described above) with an Ambassador-style engagement zone in and around ABH Riverside.
- This program has the potential to be stood up quickly with Discretionary Funds while the RFP process for a dedicated Ambassador outreach team continues should that route be deemed necessary.
- As a grassroots, neighborhood organization, SELAH is particularly well-suited to play this role. This would also speak to the concerns of those who express that the local community itself is not engaged enough in the process.
- During recent conversations with SELAH leadership, they have expressed specific interest in being more engaged with our interim housing sites, ABH Riverside, specifically.

**Patrick Siggins** (he/him)  
Director of Homelessness Services  
213-645-7309

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**Re: RAP Commission 02.20.25, Agenda Item 4, "General Public Comment"**

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 8:48 AM

To: D Chew

Good morning,

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

On Sat, Feb 22, 2025 at 11:15 AM D Chew

wrote:

Dear General Manager Kim and the Board of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Commissioners,

On February 20, 2025 I appeared in front of the RAP Board of Commissioners to plead for the non-renewal of the Riverside Drive Bridge Housing contract. By not renewing the contract, removing the temporary structure, and to replace the area with the previously planned Senior Center the Park's property would be better used.

Councilperson Raman has not met her stated goals or the intended purpose for The Bridge Housing Project and Program. The Bridge Housing Project has not met the criteria that RAP Commissioners requested as a minimum to maintain and proceed with the project. Note that the Commission has not received: The Scope of Work addressing its progress, formal materials for The "Ambassador Program" that is to provide assistance, public health and safety in and around the Shelter and surrounding area.

Documentation of the CAO Report shows that the project isn't doing its intended purpose.

Not to use comparisons, but the County of Los Angeles has been doing better as well as some non-profit organizations. The use of their programs and methods should be monitored if there should be progress for the unhoused and in medical need individuals in the Riverside Drive Bridge Housing Project/Program.

**CANCEL THE CONTRACT TO RIVERSIDE BRIDGE HOUSING AND BUILD THE LONG AWAITED PLANNED SENIOR CENTER!**

Thank you for your attention,  
Dennis Chew



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**Re: Bridge Home Shelter, Senior Center, Mulholland Fountain and pool**

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 8:37 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 4:17 AM Jon Warner

wrote:

February 26, 2025. Via email

Dear Board of Recreation Commission and General Manager Kim and Assistant General Manager Aguirre,

Crime in the immediate area due to the draw of the Bridge Home shelter for drugs remains high. Last reported by LAPD, Los Feliz had 40% increase in property crimes this past year. People from the shelter return to Los Feliz to commit crimes. It was reported to police that a previous Bridge Home shelter client returned to the Los Feliz Business District to steal wire while First Responders were occupied working on the Palisades and Eaton Canyon fires.

Random homeless people continue to come to Griffith Park for drugs and sex with shelter residents from MacArthur Park, Hollywood, Downtown LA. **Rec & Parks is the overseer of the largest and greatest park in the nation. Time to manage our Park.**

**We need the long promised Community Center, the Mulholland Fountain and the pool!**



**Please help our community heal the south Griffith Park area and make it safe again.**

The community needs more detailed information about the status of the south Griffith Park Master Plan from Rec & Parks that was touted by CD4 during Raman reelection campaign a year ago. It would be appreciated if General Manager Kim could coordinate this with the appropriate RAP staff and get back to us at the March 6, 2025 Board meeting.

Jon Warner



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**Re: Riverside Bridge Housing**

1 message

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

Thu, Feb 27, 2025 at 8:25 AM

To: Louis Wenzlaff

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 4:56 PM Louis Wenzlaff

wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work managing many disparate issues, and thank you for hearing my 2 minute testimony at El Sereno Park last week.

As you know, in August 2024, you Commissioners required 2 conditions of councilwoman Raman in order to continue leasing the Bridge Housing located (we were told temporarily) on park property on Riverside Drive. You said that if these conditions were not met, you would refuse to continue her lease to the facility.

These conditions HAVE NOT been met, and there NOW need to be the reasonable consequences of non-renewal as you stated.

Condition #1-An accountability report on the success of the shelter. The City Administrator Officer, did a report and stated that over the almost 5 years a mere 8% of the occupants have received permanent housing. (And at the cost of \$3+ million/year). For the occupants, for the community, for the city, and for Griffith Park this EXPERIMENT IS A FAILURE. Raman has exercised no oversight nor accountability of this very expensive facility.

Condition #2-An Ambassador program for greater safety. Although told to implement her plan, Raman has not done so, and according to emails obtained, never intended to do so. Instead, her personal non-profit cashed a \$42,000 city check ostensibly to help with security. This non-profit and the money sent to it were never approved by City Council, and in actuality are being used for her promotion such as by sponsoring coffee and donuts at Griffith Park(and done without a permit).

**Disregarding your directive** to implement an Ambassador program, Raman illegally sent thousands of dollars to her non-profit which is completely incapable of providing security to our neighborhood which has experienced a 300 % increase in crime, multiple fires, and vandalizing of our precious Griffith Park.

PLEASE in good conscience, do not continue to facilitate and support Raman's intransigence and failure of a facility which has attracted criminal elements and terrorized the good people of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Suzanne Wenzlaff



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: REQUEST TO IMPROVE FIRE PREVENTATIVE MEASURES,  
NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY & TRAFFIC CONTROL IN LOS FELIZ**

1 message

**Nithya Raman** <nithya.raman@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 18, 2025 at 10:34 AM

To: Alex Zamm

Cc: mehmet.berker@lacity.org, emma.taylor@lacity.org, stefanie.smith@lacity.org, brenda.aguirre@lacity.org, jimmy.kim@lacity.org, joe.losorelli@lacity.org, rap.commissioners@lacity.org, andrea.conant@lacity.org, emd.dutyofficer@lacity.org, jenny.delwood@lacity.org, celine.cordero@lacity.org, rafael.prieto@lacity.org, Jennifer.hull@lacity.org, joseph.cortez@lacity.org, Anthony Robles &lt;anthony.robles@lacity.org&gt;, anthony.gallo@lacity.org, 37484@lapd.online, 32490@lapd.online, richard.fields@lacity.org, gerry@friendsofgriffithpark.org

Dear Alex,

Thank you so much for writing to us, and I have deep empathy for the concerns you raise.

Some of these are issues that our office and the respective departments have already been working on, including improvements in red flag day operations, responses to home burglaries, and Griffith Park maintenance. During this most recent emergency, it was because of our office's work at the Emergency Operations Center that we were able to preemptively close our hillside parks and we worked closely with the Rangers, Rec and Parks, DOT and LAPD to enforce these closures during a time when resources were stretched very thin. We were very grateful for the partnership within the city with these departments, but also recognized that better procedures needed to be in place going forward, both during and outside emergencies.

You've asked about a very broad range of issues - Give us a few days to coordinate some responses and information on the questions you're asking, and we can take it from there!

Warmly,  
Nithya

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On Tue, Feb 18, 2025 at 12:31 AM Alex Zamm  
February 18th, 2025

wrote:

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## Re: REQUEST TO IMPROVE FIRE PREVENTATIVE MEASURES, NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY & TRAFFIC CONTROL IN LOS FELIZ

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 19, 2025 at 8:27 AM

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We are a close-knit community who all look out for one another and endeavor to preserve the wonderful quality of life here in Los Feliz. This letter and the requests below represent the desires of our community to have the city implement better measures in protect us...

- 1) **RESTRICTING TRAFFIC** - It would be beneficial to have cones and a park/city person stationed at Glendower Road during park closures since map services such as Google Maps and Apple Maps mark Glendower Road (a dead end road) and the fire road adjacent to it, as ways into the park. This causes traffic log jams on Glendower and Catalina which would make getting fire trucks up here virtually impossible. And should there be a fire, these traffic log jams would make escape for residents equally impossible and a potentially life threatening hazard.
- 2) **BETTER SIGNAGE** — Having large and well-marked signs at key access points to the neighborhood would better inform drivers that Catalina and Glendower Ave are not routes to get to Griffith Park and the Observatory. The number of drivers who are lost trying to get to the Observatory via Glendower and Catalina is constant and burdensome.
- 3) **GOOGLE MAPS CORRECTION** - It would have enormous weight if the city vs the local citizens reached out to Google Maps and Apple Maps to correct the error in their routing which directs traffic to the Observatory and Park via the fire road at the end of Glendower

Road. The volume of this traffic increases exponentially whenever the park is closed as well as when there are events at the Greek Theater.

4) POLICE PATROLS - There has been a significant uptick in crimes on Glendower Avenue. A number of homes have been broken into and there has also been an increase in the number of homeless coming north of Los Feliz Blvd looking for homes to squat in, rob, or to sleep in the park. There have been mentally unstable characters screaming expletives and racial slurs at all hours, as well as unsavory types scoping out homes and cars to rob. Having regular patrols by our police force could be helpful to keep crime and would-be criminals at bay. Many of us do have the alarm company, ACS patrolling the area as well and have made them aware of the increasing issues. But our police force carries much more weight and are best trained to handle crime and other issues.

5) ELIMINATE HOMELESS LIVING IN THE PARK - With homelessness on the rise, some individuals have taken to living in the park. This exponentially increases the potential for fire in the park. As case in point, the homeless and mentally unwell man who started the fire in the park near Glendower Road, was it turns out, living in the park for some time. One neighbor had called Park Services to complain but nothing was done to remove him. The fire that he started with firecrackers could have been a disaster for both the park and the neighborhood. And then this individual had the gall to come a week later, looking to move back into the spot he lit on fire, but neighbors called the police and he quickly moved on. But who knows if he now decided to camp into another part of the park. How he was not charged with arson is baffling.

Considering the billions of dollars these recent fires have cost the city and citizens, not to mention the enormous heartbreak, we feel it is imperative that the city implement better precautions to safeguard our park and neighborhood. So far, we have been lucky, but like all luck, it never lasts. And so, to this end, we would like to suggest the use of the following...

DRONES & THERMAL CAMERAS- We feel that the park should use drones and rangers to periodically check for homeless encampments. Not the whole park, but the perimeters and areas with the most access. These camping spots can be very hard to spot and in the past, neighbors have reported well-hidden spots where homeless individuals have set up places to reside. Drones are one of the best and most cost tools to cover a lot of ground efficiently. Thermal cameras are another inexpensive tool that rangers and police can be issued that easily enable them to identify people hiding or residing in dense brush. Our park needs to remain a safe place not, become a campground and the people who protect our park need the right tools to be as effective as possible.

6) PARK CLOSURE ON RED FLAG DAYS AS FIRE PREVENTATIVE MEASURE — Whenever there are Red Flag days, we feel that the park should be also closed too. Having the park open during Red Flag days invites the greater potential for fire because of the thousands of people who visit the park every day. What is the point of merely protecting the park from the outside by making the roads more passable to firetrucks, but not do anything to protect the interior of the park itself? The current approach seems like an ineffective half-measure that is not maximizing a preventative approach to the very real fire issues that confront this city.

In light of the recent devastation to our city where the fires have leveled entire communities, we have been lucky so far that a fire has not ravaged Griffith Park and the surrounding community. But that's all we've been – lucky. It is our hope that we can learn from this recent disaster and better prepare ourselves with preventative measures so that history is not doomed to repeat itself.

In closing, we love our neighborhood and Griffith Park and want them to be safe and we want to preserve the wonderful quality of life both the community and the park provide. Thank you for your consideration of these requests and possible solutions to address the problems at hand that impact all of us.

To help illustrate for you some of the issues which we have been facing, here is a link with video clips and photos:

<https://vimeo.com/1057400949?share=copy#t=0>

A copy of this letter has been posted on Change.Org, and as you will see in the link below, the number of supporters is substantial and growing daily....

Can you spare a minute to help this  
campaign?  
chg.it



We look forward to hearing your thoughts on these matters and to effecting positive and meaningful improvements together.

Sincerely,

The Los Feliz community north of Los Feliz Blvd.



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: Graffiti on Park Bench Not Removed over 2 Months Now**

1 message

**Laila Molina** <laila.molina@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 18, 2025 at 9:43 AM

To: George The Great

Cc: Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;, Edwin Canales &lt;edwin.canales@lacity.org&gt;, jacqueline.chilin@lacity.org, councilmember.soto-martinez@lacity.org

Hello George, thank you for your emails and apologies for the delay- we will follow up with RAP maintenance about this request. Thank you!

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City officials

wrote:

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1 message

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To: George The Great

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This picture taken on November 26, 2024



This video/picture was taken on December 30, 2024. Video below.



This picture was taken on January 25, 2025.



Painter who refused to cover the graffiti on the bench 11/26/24

Supervisor who neglected to supervise adequately.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/tZqLc2uhRsoY3C91A>

Tax Payers  
Community Members  
Park Goers



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

## Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S20

1 message

Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 9:56 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 8:08 AM LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com> wrote:

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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: 02/26/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0006-S20

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

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Ref:MSG11940991



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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## Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S17

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 9:52 AM

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Date of NC Board Action: 02/05/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 02/25/2025



Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0006-S17

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Item Number:

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Ref:MSG11932029



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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## Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S15

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>

Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 9:51 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Feb 23, 2025 at 2:11 PM LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com> wrote:

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Date of NC Board Action: 02/05/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 02/23/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0006-S15

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Ref:MSG11921265



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S12

1 message

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

Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 9:09 AM

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Date of NC Board Action: 02/05/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 02/20/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0006-S12

City Planning Number:

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Item Number:

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Ref:MSG11907978



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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S10

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 19, 2025 at 1:28 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(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: 02/19/2025  
Update to a Previous Input: No  
Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners  
Council File Number: 25-0006-S10  
City Planning Number:  
Agenda Date:  
Item Number:  
Summary: The North Westwood Neighborhood Council urges a comprehensive and rapid response to the

devastating fires in our area. We support a package of actions including: A full after-action investigation and report; Reporting on the progress of firefighting, obstacles to firefighting, water pressure challenges, dry reservoirs and hydrants, reservoir maintenance, power outages, infrastructure and risks to it, and climate change risks; Planning for and mapping mudslide and landslide risks; Undergrounding utilities; Waiving of water bills at affected properties; Banning leaf-blower use in burn-affected areas; Best practices from other fire-affected areas on issues like temporary housing and recovery planning; Developing programs to assist affected workers, including city workers; 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.

Ref:MSG11898222



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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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## Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S1

1 message

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

Fri, Feb 14, 2025 at 9:40 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, Feb 14, 2025 at 9:11 AM LA City SNow <[cityoflaprod@service-now.com](mailto:cityoflaprod@service-now.com)> wrote:

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### Impact Information

Date: 02/14/2025



Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0006-S1

City Planning Number:

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Ref:MSG11883652



- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

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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 &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: RAP Board Report, 2/20/25: #25-019**

1 message

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

Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 8:06 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Feb 19, 2025 at 6:27 PM Christy

wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

Board Report #25-019 fails to provide any insight into LAEC types of operational costs, plans for increasing non-board revenues, or meaningful criteria for measuring actual progress.

- The request for \$1.9M funding comes without transparency into current operations

Please vote NO until such planning and status is provided and shared with us clients. Transparency was promised in 2024.

As a boarder and as a Los Angeles tax payer, the lack of transparency, accountability, and reporting is shocking at best. It's easy to spend OTHER people's money, then claim more is needed--without verifiable and substantiated justification. What drives the \$1.7M overrun projected in year 2 for 2025? Un-utilized meeting spaces, wrong staffing levels, delinquent rents, trainer subsidies etc.?

Commissioners, please share what accountability was guaranteed under this City managed agreement?

- Do the Commissioners continue to approve, without compliance to prior meeting actions? What's the point?
- Can you share the City's management vision, LAEC execution plans, staffing roles and responsibilities, and follow-up process for supposedly completed projects for final safety concerns.
- How is the City accountable for performance to their plans?
- Lastly, how can the City spend money without auditable fiscal responsibility and measurable stewardship?

Sincerely,  
Christy Blackman



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**Re: \$.1.9 funding to ASM for Los Angeles Equestrian Center**

1 message

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

Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 8:13 AM

To: "Jageck(Toni)"

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 12:24 AM Jageck(Toni)

wrote:

Hi

As a long time boarder of the Los Angles Equestrian Center, I have several questions to address.

First off, the facility is still in dire need of bringing up to appropriate scale for what we have been paying all this time, AND the current board raise we recently received.

The boarding barns are still in shambles, with faulty electrical issues that have not been addressed.

I am aware the one barn, BARN C, has had some electrical wiring redone, replacement of rotted out wood on stalls, and repainted.

I am under the understanding that come late spring they will then start with another Barn to start getting back in working condition.

Can it be made clear what this money if given to them is to actually be spent on at the facility?

I think the most important issues to be taken care of first with any ad'l money spent is the Barns the boarders use on a daily basis, and pay every month to be at. I think that needs to be the priority of ASM, and the city. We need to be paying for our horses to be in a safe facility.No faulty electrical wiring- roofs leaking-fences not maintained-maintained turn out areas-,sufficient lightening(inside barn and out)-sufficient amount of non dusty shavings daily in our stalls- maintained fly system-maintained wash bays-There are so many things the facility needs to have done for what we are already paying. I do not believe it is fair that any money be spent on any other part of the facility till the boarding barns are ALL back to the level they should have been, many many years ago. We did not need a Saloon on property, updated kitchen facilities, new remodeled offices,etc. We pay alot of money monthly for our horses to be in a boarding barn that has STILL not had any work done to them.

Please take this into consideration when funds are sent to be used, as to what it is actually spent on.

It would be wonderful to be in a safe maintained facility for once.

Toni Osseck





Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: Infographic shared at today's RAP Board of Commissioners meeting in El Sereno**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: "Willette, Demian" <

Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 11:12 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 11:05 AM Willette, Demian

wrote:

Dear honorable LA Rec &amp; Park Board of Commissioners,

Good day. My name is Demian Willette and I am chair of the Ascot Hills Park Advisory Board. I shared public comment at today's Board of Commissioners meeting regarding Ascot Hills Park and its many values to our community.

I am sharing the infographic presented at the meeting for your reference.

Do feel free to reach out with any questions. The Ascot Hills Park Advisory Board and I would be happy to elaborate on any of these shared statistics.

Sincerely,

Demian Willette

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Démian A. Willette, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor, Biology  
Core Faculty, Environmental Science Program  
Loyola Marymount University

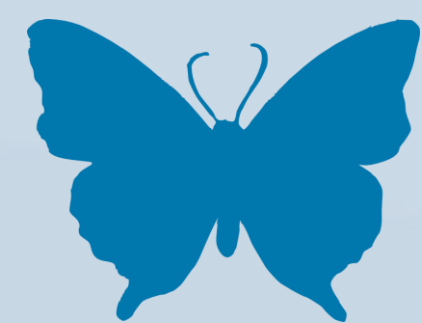
**[Watch our Ignite Innovation video here!](#)**

*As part of Loyola Marymount University, we acknowledge the Tongva peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar and the presence of LMU on this traditional, ancestral, and unceded land. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live, learn, study, and be in this place.*

# ASCOT HILLS PARK

## AT A GLANCE

Ascot Hills Park, opened in 2006, is a 93-acre urban park in northeast Los Angeles. The park offers hiking trails, panoramic city views, picnic areas, and community events throughout the year.



### BIODIVERSITY

**300+** species of plants & animals make Ascot home<sup>1</sup>

Included the protected Engelman oak tree and Southern California black walnut tree



### EDUCATION

**1,200+** K thru college student visits/year<sup>2</sup>

From LA Unified School District, CSULA, USC, LMU, and many more



### BENEFITS

**\$2.9 million** worth in ecosystem services/year<sup>3</sup>

Carbon sequestration, air purification, rainfall run-off avoided, ozone removal



### RECREATION

**3.5 miles** hiking trails

The Annual Ascot Hills 5K Challenge, Earth Day Kite Festival, community morning fitness classes, bird walks



### RESEARCH

**7** recent scientific studies<sup>4</sup>

Micro-forest/micro-grassland monitoring, invasive species control, native animal habitat creation, & long-term mapping

Prepared by:





Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

## Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S35 - Agenda Item Number: 10ci

1 message

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

Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 3:14 PM

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### Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Los Feliz  
Name: Misty LeGrande

Email:

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(20) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/17/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 02/20/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, City Council and Committees, Fire Commission

Council File Number: 25-0006-S35

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date: 02/17/2025

Item Number: 10ci

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Ref:MSG11912759



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## - COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [25-0006-S35](#)

Title: Red Flag Warnings / Declarations / Particularly Dangerous Situation (PDS) / National Weather Service / Protocols and Procedures / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: Support

Summary:

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**PASSED 20-0-0**



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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## Re: Forms

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 10:49 AM

Good Morning,

You may visit the website below to find information on this matter.

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

Thank you

On Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 10:44 AM ElysianParkRetraining  
| How do I get a complaint form for the Park Rangers?

wrote:



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**ANONYMOUS CALL. ISSUES WITH CLAUDE PEPPER**

1 message

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**Krystian Alcala** <krystian.alcala@lacity.org>  
To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 12:03 PM

Hello,

I have a few individuals that called the Executive Office regarding issues with Claude Pepper senior citizen center. The calendars on the website that display upcoming activities are not up to date. Any cancelled events are not displayed on the website calendars.

Scheduling of transportation needs to be monitored better.

Several volunteer members were not well informed about the center, to help with any questions guests may have. And staff was not practicing good customer service

These individuals wanted to remain anonymous and they hope the issues will be resolved.

Best,

Krystian Alcala  
*Administration Clerk*  
*Recreation and Parks Executive Office*  
*Figueroa Plaza*  
*(213)202-2622*



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: Rancho Park club play**

1 message

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

Thu, Feb 27, 2025 at 8:26 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, Feb 26, 2025 at 2:59 PM Quan Zhu

wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

I am forwarding below an email I sent to Mr. Rick Reinschmidt. Since I haven't heard any reply from him, I'm attaching the email here for your review.

Thank you,

Q. Zhu

Santa Monica

LA City Department of Recreation and Parks

Golf Division

Attn: Rick Reinschmidt, Golf Division Head

221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 350

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Reinschmidt and the Golf Division Team,

I am writing to express my deep concern and frustration regarding an ongoing situation at Rancho Park Golf Course that undermines the principles of equitable access to a public recreational facility. Specifically, the Ladies Club has been permitted to reserve *every* daylight tee time on Tuesdays, effectively excluding all other golfers—including senior players like myself who rely on weekday discounts—from accessing the course during those hours. This practice stands in stark contrast to the intended purpose of a public golf course and echoes the challenges that prompted recent reforms in tee time reservations. I urge the Golf Division to address this issue promptly to restore fair access for all golfers.

Rancho Park, as a municipal course operated by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, should serve the broader public, not cater exclusively to a single group. The current arrangement with the Ladies Club effectively privatizes the course on Tuesdays, leaving no opportunity for other players to book tee times,



even through cancellations. This is particularly galling given the Golf Division's recent efforts to curb tee time monopolization. Not long ago, the prevalence of brokers—many within the Korean community—scooping up desirable slots at Rancho Park and other city courses led to widespread outcry from regular golfers. The introduction of a \$10 non-refundable deposit policy in 2024 was a direct response to that inequity, aimed at deterring such practices and ensuring broader access. Yet, the Ladies Club's blanket reservation of Tuesday tee times replicates the same exclusionary effect, boxing out everyday players who simply wish to enjoy a public resource.

As a senior golfer, this situation impacts me personally and financially. The Golf Division's own policies, as outlined on the LA City Golf Courses website, provide discounted green fees for seniors on weekdays—\$24 for 18 holes at Rancho Park, compared to \$50-\$55 on weekends. However, with Tuesdays entirely unavailable, I and other seniors are denied the opportunity to benefit from these discounts on a day that should, by all rights, be accessible. This not only limits my ability to play but also diminishes the value of the public golfing program that the city promotes.

The Golf Division's Rules, Regulations & Code of Conduct, as established by the Department of Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners, emphasize fairness and accessibility. While the rules explicitly prohibit "brokering or advertising tee times for resale without express written consent" of the Golf Division, the spirit of this regulation is to prevent any group or individual from monopolizing tee times to the detriment of the public. Furthermore, the Golfer Code of Conduct calls for players to "show the utmost respect and dignity to fellow golfers" and to avoid actions that "damage the character, integrity, good will, property, and community view" of LA City Golf facilities. Allowing the Ladies Club to dominate an entire day's worth of tee times arguably contradicts these principles, as it prioritizes one group over the diverse community of golfers the course is meant to serve.

I recognize that golf clubs, including the Ladies Club, play a valuable role in fostering community and participation at Rancho Park. However, their activities should not come at the expense of all other players. In the past, when brokers hoarded tee times, regular golfers could at least rely on cancellations to secure a slot. Now, with no tee times available to cancel on Tuesdays, that safety net has vanished. This is not a matter of inconvenience but a fundamental breach of the public trust that the Golf Division is tasked with upholding.

I respectfully request that the Golf Division investigate this practice and take immediate action to limit the Ladies Club's reservations to a reasonable portion of Tuesday tee times—perhaps a set number of slots or a specific time window—allowing other golfers, including seniors, fair access to the course. Additionally, I ask for transparency on how such arrangements are approved and whether they align with the Golf Division's stated policies. Regular updates on this matter, as promised by Matthew Rudnick at the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners meeting in August 2024, would be appreciated by the golfing community.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing concern. I look forward to a response detailing how the Golf Division will address this inequity and restore Rancho Park Golf Course as a truly public facility for all Angelenos. Please feel free to contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ if further discussion is needed.

Sincerely,

Q. Zhu

Santa Monica



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: CRESTWOOD HILLS PARK - SOUTH**

1 message

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

Fri, Feb 28, 2025 at 11:41 AM

To: Christine Sacani

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Feb 28, 2025 at 10:42 AM Christine Sacani

wrote:

Good morning.

My name is Christine Sacani and I am a resident of the Crestwood Hills community in Kenter Canyon (Los Angeles).

In July of 2023, a resident of Crestwood Hills reached out to you about a lapse in maintenance at our beloved Crestwood Hills Park.

I was thrilled that, soon after this correspondence, action was taken and our beautiful park was re-seeded, renewed and eventually re-opened for our community to enjoy. It was thriving and felt joyous to us all, so thank you.

Unfortunately, a few months after the park's re-opening, Los Angeles was hit with heavy rains and flooding. Homes in the area were damaged and the park was deluged with heavy water and debris flow from the north. A stream surge coming from neighboring Tumbleweed Camp caused damage to the south park - creating a small gully with unstable areas, changing the topography of the landscape. The park was deemed unsafe and locks were put on all access points and gate entrances. Today, a full year (+) later, the park remains locked to the public and the Crestwood Hills Community.

This is unfathomable to me and truly painful for our tight-knit community - to no longer have this idyllic respite - especially during this trying time for the Palisades and Brentwood.

Community and camaraderie are more important than ever right now and believe it or not this park is additive to the mental health and well-being of us all. This may be hard to quantify but it is not hard to acknowledge. Crestwood Hills South Park is our meeting ground - providing a green space for social connection, relaxation and physical activity - and as such is an integral part of this perfect packet of Los Angeles.

I know you understand this - because you took the steps needed to save the park back in 2023 - so I am asking, once again, for your attention and help.

On behalf of the entire community I am urging you to not let this park go dormant again.

Please, please repair the areas of concern and open this lovely and peaceful park to our community once again.

Thank you so much for your support,  
Christine Sacani