## **INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT**

# CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

March 20, 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.

From		Action Taken
Individuals commenting regarding issues with Claude Pepper senior citizen center (Response)	#9836	Referred to General Manager
2. Jacob Wasserman commenting regarding the North Westwood Neighborhood Council supporting a package of actions for the Fires Destruction (Council File Number: 25-0006-S23, 25-0006-S24, 25-0006-S25 and 25-0006-S26)	#9839	Referred to General Manager
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Mauro Garcia commenting regarding Graffiti at Sycamore Grove Park	#9840	Referred to General Manager
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Joy Boyajian comments regarding the Bridge Home Shelter	#9841	Referred to General Manager
5. Rosemary DeMonte comments regarding the Bridge Home Shelter	#9841a	Referred to General Manager
Gary Frohlich comments regarding     Crestwood Hills Park	#9842	Referred to General Manager
7. Elyn Zimmerman comments regarding Crestwood Hills Park	#9842a	Referred to General Manager
Stephen P. Grifka comments regarding Crestwood Hills Park	#9842b	Referred to General Manager

Christina Moultrie comments regarding Crestwood Hills Park	#9842c	Referred to General Manager
10. Monica Haley comments regarding Crestwood Hills Park	#9842d	Referred to General Manager
11. Alex Zamm comments regarding Improvement of Fire Preventative Measures, Neighborhood Safety & Traffic Control in Los Feliz	#9843	Referred to General Manager
12. Marge Piane comments regarding Board Report Item 25-033	#9844	Referred to General Manager
13. Los Angeles Mongolian Community comments regarding the Naadam Festival	#9845	Referred to General Manager
14. Gordy Coulsell comments regarding Baseball Fields on White Oak	#9846	Referred to General Manager
15. Jonathan Talbert comments regarding Preschool Programs	#9847	Referred to General Manager
16. Luis Rodriguez comments regarding issues at Echo Park Tennis Courts	#9848	Referred to General Manager
17. Karla Pasos comments regarding Chevy Chase Recreation Senior Ground	#9849	Referred to General Manager
18. Donna Burkons comments regarding Pacific Palisades Pickleball	#9850	Referred to General Manager
19. Athena Novak comments regading Vending Issue at Lake Balboa Park	#9851	Referred to General Manager
20. Felice Blair comments regarding Warner Ranch Park becoming Park Advisory Board Approved Prepared by Rosa Cartagena, RAP Com	#9852	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Rosa Cartagena, RAP Commission Office



## Re: ANONYMOUS CALL. ISSUES WITH CLAUDE PEPPER

1 message

Kortley Norris <kortley.norris@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 3, 2025 at 2:06 PM

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

Cc: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Ramon Cerrillos <ramon.cerrillos@lacity.org>

Here is an update on this matter:

The calendars on the website that display upcoming activities are not up to date. Any cancelled events are not displayed on the website calendars.

- The March activities were scheduled to be uploaded to the website starting today, March 3rd. The staff calls each participant to notify them when there are any changes to activities. Zel will try to make sure to notate any changes to their programming on the website, directly. But information regarding JFS is all on their website and we don't have control of their site/programming.

Scheduling of transportation needs to be monitored better.

- Claude Pepper does not schedule transportation for its patrons.

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

- New volunteers are getting trained, but all volunteers are informed of center updates and will usually ask Zel if there is anything they don't know.

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

- Zel has an idea of who this could be. There is a patron they've had some issues with recently who harasses the staff/volunteers, complains a lot, and has been mean & rude to everyone. Staff have referred this patron to JFS for social services.

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#### **Kortley Norris**

Recreation Supervisor
West Region ~ Coastal District City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation & Parks Phone: (310) 202-2803
www.laparks.org

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On Thu, Feb 27, 2025 at 8:51 AM Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org> wrote: 
| Thanks Kortley

## Sonya Young Jimenez

Superintendent of Venice Beach and West Region
City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks

Los Angeles, CA 90064 Cell: (213) 312-7966 Website: laparks.org

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On Thu, Feb 27, 2025 at 7:52 AM Rap Commissioners <a href="mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org">rap.commissioners@lacity.org</a> wrote: Thank you!

On Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 3:27 PM Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org> wrote:

| Thank you we will look into this and get back to you

On Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 10:45 AM Rap Commissioners <a href="mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org">rap.commissioners@lacity.org</a> wrote: Good Morning,

Please see the email. For your information.

Thank you

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

From: Krystian Alcala < krystian.alcala@lacity.org>

Date: Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 12:03 PM

Subject: ANONYMOUS CALL. ISSUES WITH CLAUDE PEPPER

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

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.



# Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S26

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 11, 2025 at 2:10 PM

To: RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org

A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enable by the to Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or rResolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

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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: 03/11/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0006-S26

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:MSG12020279





# Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S25

1 message

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

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To: RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org

Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 9:10 AM

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Date of NC Board Action: 02/05/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information Date: 03/10/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0006-S25

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date: Item Number:

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Ref:MSG12007572





# Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S24

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 4, 2025 at 3:17 PM

To: RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org

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Date of NC Board Action: 02/05/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information Date: 03/04/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0006-S24

City Planning Number:

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Ref:MSG11980369





# Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S23

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 7:56 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sat, Mar 1, 2025 at 9:46 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: 03/02/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0006-S23

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date: Item Number:

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Ref:MSG11963793



#### - COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

## Summary:

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- Banning leaf-blower use in burn-affected areas
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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

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

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

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

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



## Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA COUNCIL HERNANDEZ

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 5, 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 Commissioner.

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

On Sun, Mar 2, 2025 at 1:42 PM Garcia Incareal MARCH 3/25
LA Council Eunisses Hernandez
The Sycamore Grove Park has Gan Graffiti Attach pictures
Mauro Garcia

wrote:









## Re: Bridge Home Shelter

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 8:16 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, Mar 3, 2025 at 8:34 AM Joy Boyajian

wrote:

March 3, 2025

To the Rec and Parks Board of Commissioners:

I am writing this letter in support and agreement with the February 26, 2025 letter of Cameron Flanagan.

I agree with closing Riverside Bridge Home (RBH) and building the promised and planned Adult Community Center on Riverside Dr. While the support housing may have been necessary with the initial crisis, this is now no longer a 'crisis', but rather a prolonged and ongoing issue that needs to have longer term solutions. The RBH was to be temporary, yet has no end date, and seems to continue under that 'temporary' guise while perpetuating itself into something permanent. Our promised Community Center is something that is needed to support those who work, live, and participate here in the area; those who provide the heart, core, and stability of a neighborhood and community. This is not a NIMBY issue as many would like to say, but rather it's the recognition of balancing the needs and providing support for all of us. The Community Center has been on hold for some time now, and while we have been patient, it is much needed and long overdue. It does no good to serve one temporary group while ignoring the needs and at the expense of others; especially longtime promised community members and taxpayers. As a lifelong resident I no longer feel safe walking at dark, and I even had to installed an alarm on my home due to fear from increased crime. The truthful reality is that this local situation is not sustainable, and the 'solution' has proven ineffective and inadequate.

My other concern is with the reported lack of transparency on bidding for funding RBH. Who is overseeing this and making these decisions? The use of public funds for projects that do not have transparency and open bidding calls for review and accountability. Are there conflicts of interest? What is going on? How do we trust public leadership without transparency; taxpayers deserve no less.

I would ask the RAP Board to hear and address my concerns as well as the concerns of others, and make the changes necessary to: 1. close the Bridge housing, 2. not renew the lease in May 2025, and 3. move forward to build the long promised, planned, and increasingly needed Adult Community Center that has been sidelined.

Respectfully,

Joy Boyajian

Sent from my iPhone



## Re: South Griffith ParkMaster Plan

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 6, 2025 at 1:23 PM

Good morning,

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On Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 1:00 PM R De Monte
Rosemary DeMonte

wrote:

March 3, 2025

Recreation & Parks

221 N. Figueroa Street

Los Angeles, CA

Via email to:

RAP.PUBLICINFO@LACITY.ORG
RAP-GPAB@LACITY.ORG
RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG
Jimmy.Kim@lacity.org Brenda.Aguirre@lacity.org

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

I am writing as a longtime community member adjacent to the south Griffith Park area, co-founder of the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, and a previous owner of *Il Capriccio* and Member of the Los Feliz Business Improvement District.

This Board and Rec & Parks Management needs to realize that the safety for south Griffith Park has been negligent, there have been numerous safety complaints over 2.5 years which Councilmember Raman promised to mitigate through an "Ambassador Program", that never happened. Now the Councilmember is hiring the nonprofit she co-founded (SELAH)

that distributes socks, toiletries, and coffee just to show homeless engagement, ineffectively? Even security at the shelter has stated people don't want to leave the shelter and be independent; there is no incentive to get housed when everything is provided for them! Only 8% are being housed from the shelter once again ineffective.

Separately, have you seen the difference in the lunches at the shelter compared to those we serve our seniors? It is sad how we treat our older constituents. CD4 Councilman David Ryu promised the community a Senior Center after the shelter was closed in 3 years. Now, 5 years have gone by and we need to bring the Senior-focused Community Center to the area.

Last year, the south Griffith Park Master Plan that was showcased during Councilmember Raman's re-election campaign so let's get the bids out from Rec & Parks and make that area wonderful for all Angelenos to enjoy, not the concierge-style, no bid plans being submitted now.,

Today we have the children in the park, watching drug deals, fights, and needle users in the bathrooms across the street from the shelter. I have lived in this neighborhood since I was a child and went to the public pool, the Mulholland Fountain and the surrounding area that are now unusable!

Homelessness needs to be addressed in a holistic manner not at the cost to our children and Seniors.

Your leadership is greatly appreciated and I know we can make the change the area needs and wants in partnership with Rec & Parks.

Sincerely,

Rosemary DeMonte



## Re: Crestwood Hills Park needs your attention

1 message

Jimmy Kim < jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 3, 2025 at 4:10 PM

To: Gary Frohlich

, Raul Leon <Raul.Leon@lacity.org>

Cc: cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org, javier.solis@lacity.org, councilmember.park@lacity.org,

rap.commissioners@lacity.org, rap.parnerships@lacity.org, lamayornews@lacity.org, mayor.scheduling@lacity.org

Good Afternoon,

The park did close due to a very high fire high severity zone in January but the park is now open and has regularly scheduled maintenance. I am adding +Raul Leon Superintendent to provide any follow-up.

Thank you SO much

On Sat, Mar 1, 2025 at 9:56 AM Gary Frohlich

wrote:

Greetings,

My name is Gary Frohlich 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 in 2023. 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 pocket 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.

Oh, and while you are at it please consider ALL the eucalyptus trees in the area above the parking lot. They are FIRE Hazard and need to go. Year after year I have called when the rains took a few down, they

Thank you so much for your support, Garv Frohlich

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Jimmy Kim General Manager



## Re: Crestwood Hill Park

1 message

Jimmy Kim < jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 3, 2025 at 4:11 PM

To: elyn zimmerman

Cc: cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org, javier.solis@lacity.org, councilmember.park@lacity.org, rap.commissioners@lacity.org, rap.parnerships@lacity.org, lamayornews@lacity.org, mayor.scheduling@lacity.org

Good Afternoon,

The park did close due to a very high fire high severity zone in January but the park is now open and has regularly scheduled maintenance. I am adding +Raul Leon Superintendent to provide any follow-up.

Thank you SO much

On Mon, Mar 3, 2025 at 3:13 PM elyn zimmerman

wrote:

My name is Elyn Zimmerman. I am a resident of the Crestwood Hills Association in Kenter Canyon, Brentwood, Los Angeles.

In July of 2023, a resident of Crestwood Hills contacted you about the poor maintenance of the well-used and much-loved Crestwood Hills Park.

Soon after this correspondence, action was taken and the lower part of the park was reseded, irrigation renewed and then re-opened for our community, and for the many other Angelenos who come from other parts of the city, to enjoy. Thank you.

Unfortunately, a few months after the park's re-opening, Los Angeles was hit with heavy rains and the park was deluged with water and debris flow from upper elevations. A stream surge coming from neighboring Tumbleweed Camp caused damage to the lower part of the park - creating a long gully with unstable areas which changed the topography of the park's landscape.

The park was deemed unsafe and locks were put on all the gate entrances.

# Today, a full year (+) later, the park remains locked to the public.

Now, especially during this trying time for the Palisades and Brentwood communities, access to park space and communal gathering space is very important. Community and camaraderie are more important than ever and believe it or not this park adds to the mental health and well-being of all who use it. This may be hard to quantify but it is not hard to acknowledge.

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.

Please, please repair the areas of concern and reopen this park.

Thank you for your attention,

Elyn Zimmerman

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Jimmy Kim General Manager

City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks



# Re: Crestwood Hills Park (south)

1 message

Jimmy Kim < iimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 3, 2025 at 4:11 PM

To: MD

Cc: "javier.solis@lacity.org" <javier.solis@lacity.org>, "councilmember.park@lacity.org"

<councilmember.park@lacity.org>, "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>,

"rap.parnerships@lacity.org" <rap.parnerships@lacity.org>, "lamayornews@lacity.org" <lamayornews@lacity.org>, "mayor seheduling@lacity.org" < mayor seheduling@lacity.org>

"mayor.scheduling@lacity.org" <mayor.scheduling@lacity.org>

Good Afternoon,

The park did close due to a very high fire high severity zone in January but the park is now open and has regularly scheduled maintenance. I am adding +Raul Leon Superintendent to provide any follow-up.

Thank you SO much

On Mon, Mar 3, 2025 at 9:07 AM MD

wrote:

# Good Morning.

My name is Steve Grifka and I am a resident of the community and was a frequent user of the Crestwood Hills Park (south). It was a vibrant park with residents enjoying the serenity and engaging in pleasantries and discussions.

In 2023, after a long priod of decline to the sad level of 'dust bowl' condition, the Crestwood Hills Park was re-seeded, renewed, and re-opened for our community to enjoy. The community returned and it was once again beautiful and thriving.

Sadlyly, a few months after the park's re-opening, L. A suffered heavy rains and flooding. Homes in the area were damaged and the park was deluged with water and debris flow. A stream surge coming from neighboring Tumbleweed Camp added to the damage to the south park - creating a small gully with adjacent unstable areas. The park was deemed unsafe and locks were put on all access points. Today, over a full year later, the park remains locked to the public and the Crestwood Hills Community.

In the face of all of the difficult times our community has faced recently, e.g. the devastating wildfires, community and camaraderie are more important than ever. A locked park with yellow caution tape only adds to the sense od despair in the community. Crestwood Hills South Park is our meeting ground and can provide a green space for social connection, relaxation and physical activity. It is an integral part of this beautiful and serene pocket of Los Angeles.

Because you took the steps needed to save the park back in 2023, I know you understand. I am asking for your attention and help to restore and renew the park to its deserved beauty. I am urging you to not let this park go dormant again returning to poor condition and an eyesorein the area.

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

Thank you so much for your support, time and attention to this matter.

Steve

Sincerely,

STEPHEN P. GRIFKA M.D., FAACS

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### Re: Crestwood Hills Park Access

1 message

Jimmy Kim < jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 4, 2025 at 10:14 AM

To: Christina M Moultrie

Cc: "cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org" <cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org>, "javier.solis@lacity.org" <javier.solis@lacity.org>, "councilmember.park@lacity.org" <councilmember.park@lacity.org>, "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.parnerships@lacity.org" <rap.parnerships@lacity.org>, "lamayornews@lacity.org" <lamayornews@lacity.org>, "mayor.scheduling@lacity.org" <mayor.scheduling@lacity.org>

Good Morning,

The park did close due to a very high fire high severity zone in January but the park is now open and has regularly scheduled maintenance. I am adding +Raul Leon Superintendent to provide any follow-up.

Thank you SO much

On Mon, Mar 3, 2025 at 9:57 PM Christina M Moultrie

wrote:

Hello,

My name is Christina Moultrie and I'm a resident of the Brentwood community near 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, LA was hit with heavy rains and flooding. The park was deluged with heavy water and debris flow. A stream surge created a small gully with unstable areas in the southern area of the park. Locks were put on all entrances. Today, a full year later, the park remains locked.

This is 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 this park helps the mental health and well-being of us all. This may be hard to quantify but it is not hard to acknowledge.

Crestwood Hills 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 pocket 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 for your attention and help.

On behalf of the entire community, I am urging you to please repair the areas of concern and open this lovely and peaceful park to our community once again.



### Re: Crestwood Hills Park maintenance

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Monica Singh Haley

Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 10:21 AM

Good Morning,

Please see response from staff:

"Good Afternoon.

The park did close due to a very high fire high severity zone in January but the park is now open and has regularly scheduled maintenance.

Thank you SO much"

On Mon, Mar 3, 2025 at 11:38 AM Monica Singh Haley Hi.

wrote:

My name is Monica Haley and I am a resident of Crestwood Hills in Brentwood, Los Angeles. I'm reaching out with regard to our Crestwood Hills parks which have been unmaintained and closed for over a year.

Last winter, water drainage from Tumbleweed camp and a landslip on one of the properties near the park pushed water and landscaping debris through the upper and lower parks. These problems left a chasm across the parks as the water carved it's way toward the storm drains. The gates of the lower park were then locked and we have awaited the reopening and repair work since then. In addition, broken and burned trees have remained in the upper park since the Getty fire in 2018 and downed trees from the January 7th winds have only added to the mess and unsafe areas frequented by neighborhood children.

These areas are central to our community strength and identity as well as our property values which have already suffered from these fires. They are unsafe and unacceptably neglected by the city. As tax payers and residents of LA, we deserve more, especially as other park areas on the Westside are no longer useable or accessible.

On behalf of the entire community I am urging you to take care of this community keystone.

Thanks, Monica



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

1 message

Jennifer Hull <iennifer.hull@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 4, 2025 at 2:46 PM

To: Alex Zamm

Cc: Nithya Raman <nithya.raman@lacity.org>, Mehmet Berker <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, joseph.cortez@lacity.org, Anthony Robles <a href="mailto:anthony.robles@lacity.org"><a href="mailto:anthony.robles@lacity.org"><a href="mailto:anthony.robles@lacity.org"><a href="mailto:anthony.robles@lacity.org"><a href="mailto:anthony.robles@lacity.org"><a href="mailto:anthony.gallo@lacity.org"><a href="mailto:anthony.gallo

Hi Alex,

I hope you are well, and thank you for bumping this to us. Our office has been in contact with both DOT and Recreation and parks regarding this issue, and are working on establishing more wayfinding signs around the park to ensure folks are using intended streets to get to various areas of the park. We share your concerns, and RAP has been a great partner in working to get traffic out of the neighborhoods as much as they can during Greek Nights, and have been very open to discussing these issues as well.

As Mehmet mentioned, we are also working with Google about the rerouting system to help decrease the impact on neighbors from folks using navigation apps to get to the park. From what google tells us, there was no data of the app directing folks onto Glendower into the park during the fire or otherwise, because there is no road segment from Glendower going into the park. I have forwarded over the photos you have sent us showing otherwise, and if you see this continuing to be an issue please send those screenshots to us so that we can forward it to our contacts as Google.

Regarding your request for drones and thermal cameras, our office has been looking into this, however this would be a long term process as we would need guidance from the agencies regarding logistics, funding, and maintenance plans. Mehmet and I have taken note of your comments. For your request for extra patrolling, I am cc'ing the Senior Lead Officer of the area, SLO Gracia.

I also wanted to direct you to CF25-0006-S35, which our office introduced. This motion requests a report back on existing and new protocols and measures that the City does and should implement in response to the issuance of Red Flag Warnings and declarations of a Particularly Dangerous Situation (PDS) by the National Weather Service. We are looking to see what new protocols are beneficial and how we can ensure safety in open spaced areas, like Griffith Park, during these events. This is an ongoing discussion, and will continue as the city looks towards solutions to issues we saw in these recent events.

Please let me know if you have any other questions, or if I can clarify anything further.

Thank you!

All the best, Jennifer

On Tue, Mar 4, 2025 at 12:23 PM Alex Zamm Dear Nithya

wrote:

On behalf of our Los Feliz community north of Los Feliz Blvd, I'm following up with you and everyone cc'd on this email for any updates you can provide regarding your discussions and efforts to improve preventative fire safely measures, along with traffic, and crime issues, etc, in Griffith Park and our neighborhood as enumerated in my previous letter to you all on February 18th 2025.

That letter, which was posted on Change.Org now has over 400 signatures from neighbors in support of the requests and continues to grow. Here is the link to it: https://chng.it/JFdp94tJzt

I did have correspondence with Mehmet Berker regarding the traffic issues that resulted from errors in a number of the mapping apps. The traffic issues seems to have improved of late, but we have no idea if that will hold next time cars are re-routed when the park is shut down during an emergency.

We look forward to hearing thoughts. Thank you all for your efforts on behalf of this community.

Kind regards,

- Alex Zamm

On Feb 18, 2025, at 10:34 AM, Nithya Raman <a href="mailto:nithya.raman@lacity.org">nithya.raman@lacity.org</a> wrote:

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

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

wrote:

Dear Councilmember Nithya Raman

We are all residents of Los Feliz north of Los Feliz Blvd. We love Griffith Park and Los Feliz and feel that the quality of life here has been impacted of late by an increase in crime, a glut of traffic clogging our narrow streets, homeless living in the park, and most alarmingly, the threat of fire. All of this has contributed to an enormous increase in risk to

our safety, to our homes, and to the park itself, as clearly evidenced by the recent fire near the gate to the park at the end of Glendower Road.

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 identity 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....



# Re: Item 25-033 on 3.6.25 agenda

1 message

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

Good afternoon,

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

wrote:

On Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 2:07 PM Marge Piane Dear Board of RAP commissioners:

Please read and consider the Glassell Park Improvement Association's letter asking you to support item 25-033.

Thank you,

Marge Piane for the GPIA Board of Directors

Marge Piane



WORKING TO BETTER OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1968

5 March 2025

To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles

Re: Item 25-033

The Glassell Park Improvement Association (GPIA) came up with the idea of a public pool for the community at a GPIA picnic in 1968. In 1974 we lobbied for—and secured—funding in the Mayor's budget. The pool at the Glassell Recreation Center opened in 1981, and has been a benefit not only to Glassell Park, but also to nearby communities and schools for over 40 years.

In 2010, recognizing a need, the GPIA secured a grant from the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council for the purchase and installation of bleachers alongside the pool; and in 2012 we hosted community meetings and actions to reverse a Recreation & Parks decision to close our pool. It remains open today, and is in regular use.

Continuing our longtime support of the pool, we ask you to **approve** item 25-033 that would commit park fees for replacing the pool heater, and enable the pool's continued use by the community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Helene Schpak, President

on behalf of the GPIA Board of Directors

cc: Arlene Cordova, Senior Recreation Director, Glassell Recreation Center Jose Rodriguez, District Director, Council District 1

Founded in 1968, the Glassell Park Improvement Association's (GPIA) mission is to improve the quality of life for the Glassell Park community.

To that end, GPIA identifies community needs, advocates with political entities, initiates infrastructure improvements, and implements community beautification programs.



# Re: Assistance request for Los Angeles Mongolian Community - Naadam Festival

1 message

ap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> b: Los Angeles Mongolian Community</rap.commissioners@lacity.org>	Fri, Mar 7, 2025 at 9:32 AM
Good morning,	
Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commission forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.	oners Office, your email will be
On Thu, Mar 6, 2025 at 7:13 PM Los Angeles Mongolian Community	wrote:
To whom it may concern,	
I hope this message finds you well.	
My name is Batbayasgalan Enkhbold, and I am reaching out on beha Community regarding our upcoming Naadam Festival, scheduled for City.	3
The Naadam Festival is a vibrant celebration of Mongolian culture, for music, dance, and culinary experiences. Our aim is to bring together the rich heritage of Mongolia, fostering cultural exchange and understanding.	•
We are seeking support for a park in Los Angeles City for organizing with a park will enable us to provide a platform for local artists, engagensure an unforgettable experience for all attendees. We believe that the Naadam Festival will positively impact the cultural leads	age with the community, and
Please use the link below to check pictures taken last year's Naadam Lugo Park in San Gabriel City.	n Festival organized at Vincent
Naadam2024LA	

More details about Naadam Festival: https://www.viewmongolia.com/naadam\_festival.html

	Mongolia Naadam Festival   Mongolian Holidays   Nadaam
	Among Mongolian holidays, Naadam Festival is a famous celebration and sports feast in Mongolia, includes wrestling, horseracing, and archery. The Mongol Naadam is also known as Nadaam.
	www.viewmongolia.com
and any guidance. If possible, I would love to	on available grants that could support our initiative schedule a meeting or call to discuss this further.  Ok forward to the opportunity to promote cultural m Festival.
Warm regards,	
Batbayasgalan Enkhbold	
President	
Los Angeles Mongolian Community	



# Re: Baseball fields on White Oak and victory

1 message

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

Fri, Mar 7, 2025 at 10:01 AM

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Mar 7, 2025 at 7:34 AM Gordy Coulsell

wrote:

For many years, there has been a baseball complex on White Oak in victory right before you cross over the wash on the east side of White Oak.

For many years, it was called VCAA in over the last several years it has been abandoned and not maintained.

I've noticed over the last several weeks. There's been multiple activities at the fields. One of those activities was installing a south tower on the east side of the property.

In the last week, I've noticed fences on the softball field have been removed.

What is the plan from the city for this piece of land that is least to Los Angeles parks and rec through the core of engineer?

Sent from my iPhone



# Re: Board Meeting - Public Comments on Preschool Program

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <ap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Jonathan Talbert

Fri, Mar 7, 2025 at 10:48 AM

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Mar 7, 2025 at 10:00 AM Jonathan Talbert Hello,

wrote:

I attended the board meeting yesterday at the Granada Hills Rec Center and spoke with the public comments about the LA Rec & Parks Preschool Program.

Thank you for taking the time to listen -- and thank you for suggesting that I share more via email. Two minutes goes by fast -- and if you couldn't tell, I was a bit nervous with public speaking.;)

Below is the full version of what I was planning to say:

I'm the parent of a child in the Dept of Rec & Parks Preschool Program. My daughter's name is Tessa. She's four years old and has attended the Downey Child Care Center in Lincoln Heights for about a year now.

We initially decided to start her in preschool because we realized that she was afraid of other children her own age. Our little Covid-baby was born in the summer of 2020. And during her formative years, the common practice on the playground was always: if two toddlers toddled up to each other, the parents would pick them up and separate them. It was "Covid rules." So, of course, she learned: stay away from other kids.

We were initially hesitant -- with Covid rules still so ingrained in ourselves -- but we felt it was important to socialize her. A friend had her daughter in a RAP preschool (Ira Massey on Exposition Blvd) and had said what a great experience it was. We visited that preschool -- and it was indeed great -- but too far from home. Fortunately, you offered two others on our side of town (Downey & Evergreen).

So, we brought her to Downey to socialize her, and she has flourished! She wakes up excited each day to go to school and to see her friends. She is disappointed whenever there is a holiday or a doctor's appointment, and she can't go to school that day.

And more than socialization, her education has also exploded! At four years old, she can read simple words, do simple math, she is ready for kindergarten in the fall -- all thanks to Downey.

So, a huge THANK YOU for providing these services! They have made such a difference in our lives! I can see such a difference in my daughter over the span of just one year in a RAP preschool.

On a practical note, I recommend the RAP preschool program to every parent I meet on the playground. We meet so many other parents who say this is new, this is scary, we want to set our kids up for success, what should we do? And every time I say, check out the Rec & Parks preschool program -- it's the gold standard, it's the best in the city. And they have child care centers all over the city, so the services are widely accessible, whether you need to find a location close to home, close to your work, etc.

Lastly, on a somewhat selfish note, I want to also say thank you for providing child care. The uncomfortable truth is that while I love my kids and want to be with them 24/7, I could not work to support them without some form of

child care. So the program makes an indirect impact on our family's financial situation, as well.

Now, I came to speak and I'm writing here to say thank you -- but also because we (the parents of children at Downey Child Care Center) have learned that the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-26 includes significant cuts to the preschool program.

The proposed budget is a lengthy document (1900 pages!) but from what we can tell it looks like the number of preschools will reduce from ten to four. It looks like we spent over \$10 million renovating the facilities, the actual buildings for the preschools, but no longer have the funds to actually operate them going forward.

I understand that this is a particularly challenging budget cycle -- but please do whatever you can to save the preschool program. It is a valuable program with \*tremendous\* positive public impact.

Our individual preschool (Downey) has made a huge difference in our community, and we will be devastated if it goes away. I speak for myself and my immediate family, but also for the parents of children currently attending Downey Child Care Center, for the 53 families who are currently waitlisted for acceptance, and for those parents at RAP preschools across the city.

Please feel free to reach out to me any time via email or phone if you would like to hear more details of our preschool experience and the impact it has had on our lives.

Also, please let me know if there is anything that we (the parents of children at Downey Child Care Center) can do to validate the need for this funding. We have a small army of people who are very invested in and willing to do anything to keep the preschool program running, we just need some guidance on the best way to focus our efforts within the city government to do so.

Thank you! Jonathan Talbert



# Re: Fw: Follow-Up on Pending Issues at Echo Park Tennis Courts

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 12, 2025 at 10:03 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, Mar 10, 2025 at 12:06 PM Luis Rodriguez

wrote:

To the Commissioners of Recreations and Parks,

I was provided a "rap" email from which I am forwarding an email sent to Mr. Ford regarding the Needs Assessment Report prepared by constituents and members of the Echo Park Tennis Club. This issues were presented at the March 4th event in Highland Park.

We appreciate your attention in this matter and look forward to some positive resolutions.

Thank you and best regards, Luis Rodrique

---- Forwarded Message -----

From: Luis Rodriguez

To: darryl.ford@lacity.org <darryl.ford@lacity.org>

Cc: Luis Rodriguez

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 at 11:56:18 AM PDT

Subject: Follow-Up on Pending Issues at Echo Park Tennis Courts

Dear Mr. Ford,

I hope you're doing well. I am following up on the pending issues at Echo Park Tennis Courts and would like to bring them to your attention once again. As our community grows, ensuring proper maintenance and accessibility of public recreational spaces remains a priority.

I have attached the following documents for your reference:

- Petition on Pickleball Conversion Signed by members opposing the loss of tennis courts.
- **Needs Assessment Presentation** Outlining key concerns regarding court conditions, parking, and restroom accessibility.
- **311 Request for Court Repairs** Submitted request highlighting necessary maintenance and safety issues.

• RAP Report 21-082 on Approved Restrooms – Approval for restroom installation from May 2021, with no progress to date.

We would appreciate an update on any progress or next steps regarding these matters. Please let us know how we can assist in ensuring these issues are addressed.

Looking forward to your response.

Best regards,

# Luis Rodriquez

Thank you for submitting this service request.

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# RECOMMENDATIONS

Approved X

1. Approve the scope of work for the Echo Park – Tennis Court & Ballfield Restroom (PRJ21250) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
- 3. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;
- 4. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 [Replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;

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- 5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing an NOE; and,
- 6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

# **SUMMARY**

Echo Park is located at 751 North Echo Park Boulevard in the Echo Park community of the City. This 28.14-acre park provides a lake and boathouse, recreation center, children's play areas, tennis courts, swimming pool, and a walking path. Echo Park is City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument No. 836. Approximately 18,431 residents live within a 1/2 mile walking distance from Echo Park.

# PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of work of the proposed Project will be limited to the portion of the park that is located south of the 101 freeway and includes the following:

- Demolition of existing field restroom building
- Hazardous waste material abatement and clearance of site
- Installation of an approximately new 8'-0" by 18'-0" Exeloo restroom building with 2 all genders stalls

The scope of work for the proposed Project was developed with the input of the Office of Council Districts 1 and 13.

# PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, City Council awarded the proposed Project Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$810,000.00) in Transfer of Floor Area Rights (TFAR) funds (Council File Nos. 14-1411, 14-1411-S3).

The proposed Project is estimated to cost approximately Five Hundred Thirty Two-Thousand Dollars (\$532,000.00).

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts will be for Park Facility Construction. The budget contingency for the Park Facility Construction contracts will be Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00).

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# **FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX**

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
TFAR Funds	205/88/88RMDK	\$400,000.00	49%
TFAR Funds	205/88/88RMDD	\$410,000.00	51%
Total		\$810,000.00	100%

# PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Project and construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2021.

# TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project has no impact on the existing shade and trees at Echo Park.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The proposed Project consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity. As such, RAP Staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

# FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of the proposed Project will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund. The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by TFAR funds or funding sources other than RAP's General Fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

# STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

**Goal No. 1:** Provide Safe and Accessible Parks **Outcome No. 2:** All parks are safe and welcoming

**Result:** The improvements to the portion of the park below the 101-freeway will increase safety and enhance the park users' experience

# **BOARD REPORT**

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This Report was prepared by Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch.

# <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

1) Project Plans

# ATTACHMENT 1 DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS CITY OF LOS ANGELES

# ECHO PARK STATE APPROVED RESTROOM BUILDING

1533 W. TEMPLE STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90026



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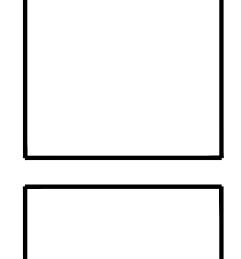
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# CITY OF LOS ANGELES PARKS AND RECREATION

# PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT MEETING

PRESENTED BY

# **ECHO PARK TENNIS CLUB**

- •Founded in 1986, serving the community for nearly 40 years.
- •Non-profit with 100+ members in CD13 and beyond.
- •Affiliated with tennis organizations across Southern California.



Contact Info:

# Community Growth & Recreational Needs Key Issues & Solutions – Echo Park Tennis Courts (EPTC)

# **Problem: Increasing Population & Limited Space**

- •Echo Park is growing, with new apartment developments constantly being added.
- •Parking is decreasing, making it harder for residents to access recreational spaces.
- •More people are looking for **outdoor activities** to improve their **quality of life**.
- •Echo Park Lake, tennis courts, and baseball fields are key recreational areas for the community.

# Solution:

- •Maintain and protect public recreational spaces.
- •Ensure free, accessible facilities for all residents, not fee-based options.

### People Relaxing



Red: Construction of new apartments Yellow: Existing apartment structures



# **Problem: Pickleball Court Conversion**

- •Proposal to convert **two courts** for pickleball.
- •Fewer courts, more congestion, especially on Saturdays.
- •Limited parking will worsen.
- Add Potential of 16 additional players at any time

# Solution:

- •Reject court conversion to preserve tennis availability.
- •Identify alternative locations for pickleball.



Players waiting 11:30am



No Parking 9am



Players waiting 11:30am

# **Problem: Liveball Group Impact**

- •Plays Saturdays & Sundays (10 AM 12 PM) at Echo Park.
- •Denied access to Hermon Park due to iTennis contract.
- •Increases wait times and court congestion.

### Liveball 11:30am

# Solution:



- •Reevaluate **iTennis exclusivity** at Hermon Park.
- •Relocate Liveball to Hermon Park, which has:

More parking

12 renovated courts

Less congestion





**Echo Park** 



Players waiting 9:00am Liveball 11:30am

# **Hermon Park**



Empty Courts 11:00am





Available Parking 9:00am

# **Problem: No Restrooms**

- •May 2021: Two-stall restrooms approved (No. 21-082).
- •2025: No progress, no updates from Parks & Rec.
- •No facilities for players, families, or baseball users.
- •Port-a-potties rarely cleaned, causing health concerns.
- •Sporting events require restrooms.

# Solution:

•Short-term: Clean, serviced port-a-potties.

•Long-term: Parks & Rec must build approved permanent restrooms.



Prior location of restroom



Location of where port-a-potties would be at baseball field



# **Problem: Poor Court Conditions**

- •Cracks, torn nets, dirty courts, vandalized benches.
- •Injury risk, liability concerns.

# **Solution:**

•Parks & Rec must repair and maintain courts regularly.



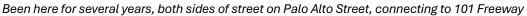
# **RV Parking Issue**

# **Problem**

- •RVs occupy parking, leaving fewer spaces for players.
- •Creates an unsafe and unclean environment.
- •Trash and sanitation issues impact usability.
- •Discourages participation, especially at night.

# **Solution**

- •Enforce parking regulations to prevent long-term RV stays.
- •Improve cleanliness and maintenance.
- •Ensure safe, accessible parking for players.







Crowded Glendale Blvd.

Been here for several years



There are normally more RV's stationed on Glendale.





# **Re: Chevy Chase Recreation Senior Ground Status**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 12, 2025 at 10:03 AM

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 12:50 PM Karla Pasos Hello RAP Commissioners,

wrote:

This is Karla Pasos Addelson, president of the Chevy Chase Recreation PAB. I'm writing on behalf of the entire PAB (cc'd) because we wanted to submit a request for our Chevy Chase facility to be upgraded to Senior Grounds Level 2.

In the time that Luz Perez, director of our facility, has been with us she has has cultivated a strong relationship with the community by really listening and responding the the needs of community, and with her recent senior status we do not want to risk loosing her. We believe she is an asset to our community and to the growth of our valued Rec Center. We are currently working with her on facility updates and additional event offerings and we want to keep the momentum going. I know that Chevy Chase was previously senior grounds and are hoping to reinstate the senior ground level 2 status in order to keep her with us.

Let me know if this is a possibility and if there is anyone else I should reach out to in this regard.

Thanks for your time! Best regards,

Karla Pasos Addelson



# Re: Pacific Palisades Pickleball

1 message

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

Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 2:27 PM

To: donna burkons

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

"jasmine.dowl@lacity.org" <jasmine.dowl@lacity.org>

Thank you Donna for reaching out and I understand your concern and need to start playing again. Right now the facility is under the jurisdiction of DWP who has set up a resource center in the facility to assist with helping families recover. We do not have staff working at the site to program. They are only there as facility monitors. As soon as we are allowed back and can start programming safely we will. Thank you for your understanding.

On Sun, Mar 9, 2025 at 7:24 PM donna burkons

wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

It's been two months since fire left The Pacific Palisades devastated.

Our wonderful group of Open Play Pickleballers were also disrupted. Most of us lost our homes while some had little or no damage, but all lost a thriving community and camaraderie of friends, social events and healthy activities. We are dispersed all over the city and even the country. However, we are all looking forward to returning to our "home" courts.

I'm sure you're aware of our history, but I'll give you a brief reminder:

After Covid restrictions were lifted for outdoor recreation, a rag-tag group of Palisades residents began playing pickleball on the blacktop of the basketball courts. The park asked us to move to the open space between the two gyms. As our group and love of the sport grew in the community, we were invited to play on courts 7 & 8. After three years of playing, we were abruptly told we could no longer play on those courts.

A year later, under the watchful eyes and support of Jimmy Kim, Sonya Young Jimenez and Jasmine Dowlatshahi we were given permission to start a pilot program. It was very successful until the fire.

We are asking as the Rec Center rebuilds, that Open Play Pickleball returns for the Palisades to heal. To paraphrase Steven Soboroff "When the Rec Center comes back, so does the community."

As in the past, we are available to advise on hours, soundproofing, courts and permanent lines and nets. Please don't let this disaster move us backward. We look forward to interaction and establishing a bigger, better program that includes all ages and abilities.

Best regards,

Palisades Pickleball Club



# Re: Lake Balboa Park / Vending Issue

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 13, 2025 at 8:17 AM

Good morning,

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

On 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



# March 12, 2025

City of Los Angeles Park and Recreation Commissioners

Re: Lake Balboa Park / Vending and Hostile Behavior

Dear Commissioners: Please know we have called and written the councilperson's Imelda Padilla's office and reported the following regarding Lake Balboa Park.

We went to Lake Balboa Park on March 8th and there were vendors wrapped around the lake about 20 feet apart lined where the boat rental is. There were food trucks and open-air full kitchens with cooktops and Propane tanks cooking meals in dirt with protected wild geese near them.

I am the President of Homeowners of Encino, I am on the Encino Neighborhood Council and on a committee for the Lake Balboa NC. I also own property in Lake Balboa.

On March 10th I stopped by Park and Recreation office located at the park. I spoke with Mr. Wayn Neill and asked why they are now allowing the park to be overrun by these food and trinket vendors? He provided that when they did go up and ask the vendors to leave, they were threatened and he used the word, "we (Park and Rec employees of the City of Los Angeles) do not want to get "shanked" or beat up, so we do not say anything to the vendors. I asked him to repeat what he said, the staff of the city do not want to be stabbed or beaten up by these vendors. He informed me they have been threatened by these vendors.

Wayne Neill informed me I need to speak with the Park Rangers and gave me their number. I called and they noted that the vending laws have in summary stopped their ability to control this now out of control site. We all know the vending laws do not allow the takeover of a city park and threaten the park workers.

We were informed over this past weekend it was so bad that the Park Rangers got calls from families with kids who reported there was so much smoke from the vendors cooking it was impacting the kids on the swings and slides.

The Park Rangers confirmed that this may be organized as one or two trucks pull in during the morning and the vendors unload their pop up and goods.

The Park Rangers noted many of the vendors shrug the Rangers off and do not give a name or any identification when asked. The Ranger informed us, they spoke with thirty (30) vendors that was all they had time to speak to and only one provided a permit to vend in the park. As you can see unless the city gets control of this it is going to destroy that park.

Please know the vendors must have a permit. You must allow the park rangers to enforce the law and if a vendor is there with no permit the ranger should be able to tell them to stop vending, issue a citation to get a permit and if they do disrespect the law and the person enforcing the city law, take them into custody. If the Park Rangers cannot enforce the law, you will lose control of Lake Balboa Park and soon it will become McArthur Park.

Think about what is going on in Lake Balboa Park. The City Park and Recreation Staff do not want to get "shanked" by the vendors who are illegally selling and cooking in the park. Kids are choking on BBQ smoke so vendors can make money in the park they are not allowed to BBQ in without a permit. Protected geese are subject to toxic chemicals of the vendors.

There have been many Council Persons and Commissioners over the years of the Parks history and none allowed this.

Not one other council person or Park Commission allowed Lake Balboa Park to become an unsafe flea market with food being cooked in the same dirt dogs are defecating in and on top of geese fecal matter.

How long before someone gets sick if a protected bird gets the bird flu or the birds get sick from the waste left behind and toxic chemicals.

You must allow the Park Rangers authority and back them, so they can clean that park up and make it safe for the public and staff again.

Best,

Athena Novak

President

Homeowners of Encino



# Re: 3/12/25 Tarzana RAP Mtg. Felice Blair

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 13, 2025 at 8:39 AM

To: Felice Blair

Good morning,

Attached below is information on the Park Advisory Board.

Let us know if you have anymore questions.

Thank you

On Wed, Mar 12, 2025 at 5:49 PM Felice Blair

wrote:

To the Board of Park & Recreation. Respective Commissioners,

I attended the sophisticated hands-on graphic poster display and stellar well voiced & informative Power Point presentation by Jessica Henson of Olin Architectural Landscape Co. at Tarzana RAP. I and my collegial volunteer Warner Ranch Park team were not only impressed by Jessica's knowledge of RAP statistics, but her all inclusive explanation, passion and determination to achieve long term goals (with the input of the community.)

Jessica clearly is on a "mission."

Her spirit, motivation and unmatched information were invaluable.

We felt heard. We felt supported. But most of all we felt our feedback was an integral part of this "work in progress."

We certainly monopolized her Q & A time ( "Good Trouble") and engaged in a productive conversation where she searched online to guide us to websites, email addresses, etc.

Unfortunately your community based neighborhood meetings are only in person & Warner Park Ranch/Woodland Hills 913)7 is not slated till 9/4/25. How do we get direct answers on how our park can become PAB approved. please?

So many thanks for sharing Jessica with us. We are grateful!

With appreciation, Felice Blair Chandra Pesheck Greater Warner Ranch Park Neighbors

I left a message for RAP after hours, I ask you kindly call me, thanks.

# 2 attachments



🔁 PAB Member Handbook Revised May 2024.pdf

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