

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

June 09, 2025

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager

SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS



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

<u>From</u>		<u>Action Taken</u>
1. Jacob Wasserman comments regarding LADOT Budget Recommendations (Council File Number: 25-0600, 25-0029, 25-0248, 23-1027-S3, 24-0600-S52 and 24-0600-S32)	#9888	Referred to General Manager
2. Jacob Wasserman comments regarding Toxic Debris in the Streets/Landscape and Beaches (Council File: 25-0006-S69)	#9888a	Referred to General Manager
3. Jacob Wasserman comments regarding the North Westwood Neighborhood Council supporting a wholesale reform on homelessness and encampments (Council File: 21-0329-S5 and 24-0140-S1)	#9888b	Referred to General Manager
4. Jacob Wasserman comments regarding the North Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes the 41.18 policy (Council File: 14-1057-S10 and 20-1376-S4)	#9888c	Referred to General Manager
5. Jacob Wasserman comments regarding the North Westwood Neighborhood Council urges a comprehensive and rapid response to the devastating fires	#9888d	Referred to General Manager

6. Rex Wilde comments regarding Temporary Facilities and Signage at Hermon Park Tennis Courts	#9889	Referred to General Manager
7. Benjamin Chen comments regarding Tennis/Pickleball Courts at Hermon Park	#9889a	Referred to General Manager
8. Alex Crow comments regarding the Over Striping of Tennis Courts to Create Hybrid Tennis/Pickleball Accessibility	#9890	Referred to General Manager
9. Margaret Molloy comments regarding Information on Rental Clubs & Cost for Penmar Golf Course	#9891	Referred to General Manager
10. Ron Bitzer comments regarding Public Comment on Park Fee Funds Report 22-288	#9892	Referred to General Manager
11. Ron Bitzer comments regarding Press Coverage of the City Budget Process	#9892a	Referred to General Manager
12. Ron Bitzer comments regarding the 2025 Park Score Index	#9892b	Referred to General Manager
13. George the Great comments regarding Graffiti at Echo Park Lake	#9893	Referred to General Manager
14. George the Great comments regarding Relocation of Geese Population at Echo Park	#9893a	Referred to General Manager
15. Hasti Khodabakhsh comments regarding Waitlist at Downey Child Care	#9894	Referred to General Manager
16. Mauro Garcia comments regarding Graffiti at Sycamore Grove Park	#9895	Referred to General Manager
17. Christina Monde comments regarding Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project	#9896	Referred to General Manager

18. Athena Novak comments regarding Sepulveda Basin Fires	#9897	Referred to General Manager
19. Lynne Hanson comments regarding Riverside Drive Bridge Home	#9898	Referred to General Manager
20. Kevin Mullican comments regarding Riverside Drive Bridge Home	#9898a	Referred to General Manager
21. Debra Matlock comments regarding Riverside Drive Bridge Home	#9898b	Referred to General Manager
22. Suzanne Wenzlaff comments regarding Riverside Drive Bridge Home	#9898c	Referred to General Manager
23. Dennis Chew comments regarding Riverside Drive Bridge Home	#9898d	Referred to General Manager
24. Cesar Garcia comments regarding Park Proposal in Jefferson Park	#9899	Referred to General Manager
25. Bess comments regarding Expansion of CLASS for Pan Pacific Park	#9900	Referred to General Manager
26. Sherrell Cuneo comments regarding South Griffith Park Master Plan	#9901	Referred to General Manager
27. Hattie Ramirez comments regarding Griffith Park Adult Community Center	#9902	Referred to General Manager
28. Laura Escudero comments regarding Griffith Park Adult Community Center	#9902a	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Rosa Cartagena, RAP Commission Office



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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0600-S32

1 message

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

Tue, May 6, 2025 at 2:33 PM

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

To: RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: North Westwood

Name: Jacob Wasserman

Email:

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/02/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Neutral Position

Impact Information

Date: 05/06/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 24-0600-S32

City Planning Number:

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Sat, May 3, 2025 at 8:21 PM

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Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 05/04/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 23-1027-S3

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Fri, May 2, 2025 at 7:27 PM

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Date of NC Board Action: 04/02/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 05/03/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 23-1027-S3

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Agenda Date:

Item Number:

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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0248

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Thu, May 1, 2025 at 4:23 PM

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Date of NC Board Action: 04/02/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 05/01/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0248

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0029

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Wed, Apr 30, 2025 at 7:01 PM

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Date of NC Board Action: 04/02/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 05/01/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0029

City Planning Number:

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Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0600

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 30, 2025 at 8:09 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

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Date of NC Board Action: 04/02/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 04/29/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0600

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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Summary: LADOT Budget Recommendations

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Several opportunities exist to ensure that, moving forward, the City is fully prepared to comply with the ADA and HLA, deliver HLA-compliant infrastructure projects, and mitigate liability risks. We suggest that the City implement the following:

Liability

- Continue to aggressively pursue risk management to reduce transportation-related liabilities by creating two new Legislative Support positions within LADOT. These positions provide expertise to the City Attorney while allowing planners and engineers to focus on transportation roles, potentially saving the City millions of dollars.
- City-wide, the City should consider departmental incentives for successfully decreasing liabilities. Departments currently see no reward for reducing liabilities despite devoting internal resources to risk management.

Interagency Collaboration

- Improve interagency collaborations between LADOT, Bureau of Streets Services, and Bureau of Engineering for all projects via a Capital Infrastructure Plan with LADOT as the lead agency for *Mobility Plan 2035* projects.
- Provide LADOT with dedicated access ramp design and construction teams to allow for streamlined scheduling and project management. These teams may remain under Bureau of Streets Services and Bureau of Engineering, but should be responsible solely for LADOT-led projects.
 - As an example of current dysfunction, the Hollywood Blvd Safety and Mobility Project extension to Sunset Blvd is significantly delayed because LADOT cannot implement changes until StreetsLA constructs new access

ramps, and StreetsLA cannot begin construction because BoE is delayed in ramp design to 2026.

Revenue and Enforcement

- Restore Parking Enforcement & Traffic Control positions, which tend to be revenue-generating for the city while improving road safety.
- Expedite automated bus lane camera enforcement for all bus lane corridors.
 - In the first month of the program, [\\$1.6M in fines were generated](#) on just two bus lines, of which the City retains 25%. Estimated annual net revenue is \$5M for these two lines. However, over 20 Metro bus lines use current bus lanes in the City, and will continue to grow as the Transit Enhanced Network is implemented. Expanded enforcement on all eligible bus lines will ensure reduced transit rider delay by maximizing bus lane effectiveness, while increasing city revenue by tens to hundreds of millions dollars annually.
- Begin immediate implementation of 125 automated speed camera locations as authorized by recent state legislation. Revenue is required to be reinvested in traffic-calming and street safety improvements in those communities, including those designated for the Mobility Plan's Neighborhood Enhanced Network, ensuring equitable implementation and no long-term reliance/incentive for continued speeding and fines.
 - For reference, just 5 speed cameras in Ontario, Canada [generated 850,000 USD in six weeks](#). That would equate to \$920M/year for 125 cameras. The city's actual revenue will be less due to differences in fines, first-time violation warnings, and low-income discounts, but hundreds of millions of dollars annually would be a conservative revenue estimate while immediately improving street safety.

Staffing and Materials

- Ensure that the Prioritized Critical Hiring process (PCH) does not impede departments from filling and refilling authorized and funded positions, a frequent obstacle to maintaining staffing at LADOT. Remove PCH requirements for replacing departing personnel.
- Allow LADOT to use awarded grant funding to fund staff positions dedicated to delivering those grant-funded projects to speed up project delivery.
 - The City received nearly \$500M in ATP awards over the last five years, and at the current pace it will take the city a decade or more to deliver the projects, putting future ATP funding at risk. Grant-funded projects require personnel to effectuate project delivery.
- Add two new Chief Planner positions in advanced planning & project delivery.
 - This is a new classification that not only provides much needed senior management capacity but also improves retention for STP2s who have no further ladder at LADOT. This management will be necessary for HLA-compliant project delivery

- Restore and increase the Paint & Sign budget to support one of the most basic and essential functions of LADOT—restriping streets and managing street signs—to allow for both Measure HLA-compliant project delivery and council district-specific requests.

We also recommend that the City move to two-year budgets, to improve consistency and long-term planning. To reduce financial pressures on the City, we further recommend the City pursue additional revenue measures and identify facilities and other needs that a potential bond measure could support.

Council File: [25-0600](#)

Title: Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2025-26

Position: Against unless Amended

Council File: [25-0029](#)

Title: City Reserve Fund Balance / City expenses / Major International Events / Existing tax Revenue Sources / Revenue Generation Opportunities

Position: For

Council File: [25-0248](#)

Title: City Infrastructure / Maintenance / Bond Measure / November 3, 2026 Election

Position: For

Council File: [23-1027-S3](#)

Title: Charter Reform / Biennial Budget Cycle / Public Participation / Engagement Strategies

Position: For

Council File: [24-0600-S52](#)

Title: 2024 Budget Recommendation / Transportation Infrastructure Grants / Funding / Deadlines / Extensions / Status of Projects

Position: For

Council File: [24-0600-S32](#)

Title: 2024 Budget Recommendation / Chief Legislative Analyst / Special Studies

Position: Neutral



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0006-S69

1 message

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

Fri, May 9, 2025 at 3:17 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Fri, May 9, 2025 at 1:45 PM 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(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/02/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 05/09/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0006-S69

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Whereas the recent devastating wildfires have left the LA streets and landscape covered with a multitude of toxic chemicals, heavy metals, hazardous materials, ash and fire debris; Whereas the recent heavy rainstorms have washed an enormous amount of this toxic material down to our coastline; Whereas the EPA and FEMA, against strong public opposition, have chosen to use the beach lots along our coast as sorting sites; Whereas our beaches are now covered with hazardous fire debris and black sludge; Whereas no significant water/beach testing information has been released to the public; The North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) strongly urges that this environmental catastrophe be taken seriously, with an immediate plan to fund, test, share information, and protect our coastal environment and the millions of people who enjoy it, by City of Los Angeles, City of Santa Monica and Los Angeles County authorities with respective operational control of our beaches in the region, including Dockweiler State Beach, Venice Beach, Santa Monica Beach, Will Rogers State Beach and Topanga Beach. NWWNC further urges that one or more of our Councilmembers who represent the Westside (Hutt, Park, Raman and/or Yaroslavsky) bring a resolution in Council immediately 1) to address this catastrophe on all beaches over which the City has operational control, and 2) to request that the City of Santa Monica and Los Angeles County, respectively, take further, immediate action to address the catastrophe on all beaches over which they have operational control in the region.



- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [25-0006-S69](#)

Title: Ocean Water Quality / Public Safety and Health / Marine Life / Beaches / Hazardous Debris / Palisades Fire / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery

Position: For

Summary:

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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0140-S1

1 message

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

Fri, May 23, 2025 at 2:22 AM

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

To: RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: North Westwood

Name: Jacob Wasserman

Email:

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(4) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/07/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 05/23/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 24-0140-S1

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: NWWNC supports a wholesale reform to the way the City addresses homelessness and encampments. 41.18 implementation has failed our community and our unhoused neighbors. According to a report by the Legislative Analyst, only two people have been permanently housed through placements after 41.18 enforcement.

Per LAHSA, 94% of people wanted shelter, but only 18% were able to get into shelter. Offers of shelter, reports have found, are often haphazard or in bad faith. 41.18 has proven expensive and ineffective. 41.18 has also failed as a method to keep the public right-of-way accessible and safe. According to the LAHSA, 81% of encampment sites removed under 41.18 saw people return thereafter. Our city is facing a homelessness crisis, one which city leaders will readily admit that we do not yet have the resources to address. Available beds and social services lag far behind the number of people who need them. Too many of those who are placed into interim housing are unable to transition to permanent options that are in short supply. Yet 41.18 criminalizes people with no other place to go, for merely seeking shelter within a wide radius of hundreds of locations. It does nothing to solve homelessness, merely forcibly pushing people. It wastes millions of dollars while accomplishing little. Legal scholars have argued that such ordinances violate basic human rights. For these reasons, we support the proposed changes to have 41.18 resolutions identify available, close shelter space, to ensure that offers of shelter are credible, and to use trained, unarmed crisis response as the first point of contact. We urge the City Council to take a new approach founded on services, housing, and listening to the needs of the unhoused. And for the same reasons, we oppose any study of, implementation following, or ordinances following the Grants Pass decision unless there is a commitment not to expand 41.18 and especially not to do so citywide.



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Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 21-0329-S5

1 message

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

Thu, May 22, 2025 at 9:16 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, May 22, 2025 at 9:05 AM LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com> wrote:

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: North Westwood

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Email:

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(4) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/07/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 05/22/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 21-0329-S5

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

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Yet 41.18 criminalizes people with no other place to go, for merely seeking shelter within a wide radius of hundreds and hundreds of locations. It does nothing to solve homelessness, merely forcibly pushing people from place to place. It [wastes millions of city dollars while accomplishing very little](#). Legal scholars have argued that such ordinances [violate basic human rights](#).

For these reasons, we support the proposed changes to have 41.18 resolutions identify actually available, close shelter space, to ensure that offers of shelter are credible, and to use trained, unarmed crisis response as the first point of contact to unhoused encampment residents.

We urge the City Council to take a new approach founded on services, housing, and listening to the needs of the unhoused. We reiterate our opposition to the 41.18 policy, as stated in our Community Impact Statements [against CF 20-1376 unless amended](#), [against CF 21-4118](#), [against CF 21-4118-S9](#), [against CF 20-1376-S1](#), [against CF 23-1213](#), [against CF 20-1376-S3](#), [against CF 21-0929](#), and [for CF 21-0329-S4](#). And for the

same reasons, we oppose any study of, implementation following, or ordinances following the *Grants Pass* decision unless there is a commitment not to expand 41.18 and especially not to do so citywide.

Council File: [21-0329-S5](#)

Title: Uniform Tracking System / City-Directed Encampment Engagements / Dedicated Services / Interim Housing / Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) / Street Engagement Strategy

Position: For

Council File: [24-0140-S1](#)

Title: City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson / Homeless Encampments / Public Spaces Regulation / Ruling Impact Analysis

Position: Against unless Amended



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 20-1376-S4

1 message

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

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 8:26 AM

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

To: RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: North Westwood

Name: Jacob Wasserman

Email:

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(16) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/06/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 05/28/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 20-1376-S4

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The North Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes the 41.18 policy in place and urges its repeal. We oppose efforts to criminalize our unhoused neighbors and reiterate our past opposition. In particular, we also oppose expansion of 41.18, including a proposed blanket ban on sleeping in parked vehicles near specified uses

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 14-1057-S10

1 message

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

Thu, May 29, 2025 at 8:39 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, May 24, 2025 at 12:49 PM LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com> wrote:

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Email:

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Date of NC Board Action: 03/06/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 05/24/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 14-1057-S10

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

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In particular, we also oppose expansion of 41.18, including a proposed blanket ban on sleeping in parked vehicles near specified uses across the City. Such contextless, callous bans contribute to the criminalization of homelessness and represent poor transportation policy.

In Los Angeles, around 19,000 people (in 2020) with nowhere else to turn use vehicles as shelter.¹ According to UCLA research, the most significant factor predicting vehicular homelessness (as opposed to homelessness elsewhere) was having children in the household—five times more predictive than any other factor.² These desperate kids and families are who such a ban would punish. Subjecting them to citations and towing drives these Angelenos further into poverty, in turn making it more difficult for them to be housed.

Our city is facing a homelessness crisis, one which city leaders will readily admit that we do not yet have the resources to address. Available beds and social services lag far behind the number of people who need them. Too many of those who are placed into interim housing are unable to transition to permanent options that are in short supply.

Yet 41.18 and this proposed expansion criminalize people with no other place to go, for merely seeking shelter within a wide radius of hundreds and hundreds of locations. It does nothing to solve homelessness, merely forcibly pushing people from place to place. It [wastes millions of city dollars while accomplishing very little](#). Legal scholars have argued that these ordinances constitute [cruel and unusual punishment](#) and [violate basic human rights](#).

¹ Giamarino, C., Brozen, M., and Blumenberg, E. (2023, January 2). Planning for and Against Vehicular Homelessness. *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 89(1), 80–92. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01944363.2022.2050936>.

² Giamarino, C., Blumenberg, E., and Brozen, M. (2022, September 15). Who Lives in Vehicles and Why?: Understanding Vehicular Homelessness in Los Angeles. *Housing Policy Debate*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10511482.2022.2117990>.

We particularly oppose this motion because of the over 17,000 estimated unhoused LAUSD students and their families. If this motion passes and these families in vehicles are forced away from schools, many children will no longer be able to attend their school, progress through the educational system, and receive meals and other programs at school. Instead of using education to help young people in homelessness, 41.18 and any expansion of it deprive them of that right.

Of course, there are places where large and/or rarely moved vehicles create a safety risk to street users, and the City should take appropriate action to reduce such danger. However, the proposed 41.18 expansion fails to do that. It is not a coherent, citywide policy on the types and widths of streets with parking restrictions. Instead, it makes a spurious connection between certain land uses and people who are out of the way, sleeping inside vehicles and not in those land uses. Ill effects cited, such as dumping of refuse or vandalism, are already illegal under other laws. We also note that the general restriction on any vehicle parking for over 72 hours remains on the books.

In a [2018 memo](#), LADOT rightly identified many flaws in the current system of regulating vehicular homelessness, calling it a “piecemeal approach [that] creates a large backlog” and incurs “significant cost to the City for manufacturing and posting the signs.” Current practice merely pushes unhoused people around: “Once oversize parking restrictions are posted, oversize vehicles often move a few blocks away or to another street.”

If 41.18 worked, there would not have been a 12 percent increase in homelessness since its enactment. NWWNC urges a wholesale rethinking of City homelessness policy and a new approach founded on services, housing, and listening to the needs of the unhoused.

Council File: [20-1376-S1](#)

Title: Unlawful Sitting, Lying, Sleeping / Unlawful Personal Property Storage, Use, Maintenance / Private Property / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment

Position: Against

Council File: [23-1213](#)

Title: Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) 41.18 / Enforcement Evaluation / City Controller / Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)

Position: Against

Council File: [14-1057-S9](#)

Title: Vehicle Dwelling / Free Permit Program / Request for Proposals / Desertrain v. City of Los Angeles / Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 85.02 / Amendment

Position: Against

Council File: [21-0329-S4](#)

Title: Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 / Streets Engagement Strategy / Effectiveness / Oversight

Position: For

Council File: [23-0662](#)

Title: Oversized Vehicles / RV / Homelessness / Overnight Parking Restrictions / Safe Parking / Enforcement / Citations / Tows

Position: For

Council File: [17-0956](#)

Title: Oversized Vehicle Parking on Public Streets / Local Municipalities / Analysis of Best Practices

Position: Neutral

Council File: [09-3036](#)

Title: Oversize Vehicle Parking Restrictions

Position: Against

Council File: [14-1057-S10](#)

Title: Los Angeles Municipal Code 41.18 / Prohibition on Vehicle Dwelling in Sensitive-Use Sites / Public Safety

Position: Against

Council File: [20-1376-S4](#)

Title: Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 / Implementation / Comprehensive Outreach / Unlawful Camping

Position: Against



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0002-S12

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 4, 2025 at 7:59 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

On Sat, May 31, 2025 at 9:13 AM LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com> wrote:

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 enabled by the Los Angeles Administrative Code §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 resolution 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.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

***** This is an automated response, please DO NOT reply to this email. *****

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: 05/31/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0002-S12

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

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- 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: [25-0006-S67](#)

Title: Burn Zone Soil / Testing and Remediation / Park Property / Parkways / Medians / Pacific Palisades / 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

Council File: [25-0113](#)

Title: Fire Trucks / Emergency Apparatus / Reserve Fleet / Los Angeles Fire Department

Position: For

Council File: [25-0002-S12](#)

Title: Supplemental Appropriation / Disaster Recovery / January 2025 Wildfires

Position: For



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Immediate Need for Temporary Facilities and Signage at Hermon Park Tennis Courts

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 30, 2025 at 8:42 AM

To: Rex Wilde

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 11:40 AM Rex Wilde

wrote:

Dear RAP Board Office,

I sent this grievance for review and consideration earlier this morning and was directed to submit it to you. Please see below. Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

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

From: **Rex Wilde**

Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 10:45 AM

Subject: Immediate Need for Temporary Facilities and Signage at Hermon Park Tennis Courts

To: RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Cc: <elena.maggioni@lacity.org>, <councilmember.jurado@lacity.org>

Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department,

I'm writing to raise a serious concern about conditions at Hermon Park in the Highland Park area, specifically near the tennis courts at the front entrance on Via Marisol.

I am a local Highland Park resident and a frequent visitor to Hermon Park. I walk my dog here every day and am deeply grateful for how well-maintained and welcoming the park is on an ongoing basis. It's truly a place I love to visit daily — whether to walk my dog, spend time in the grass, or simply enjoy being outdoors.

When the park restrooms first closed for renovations, I was genuinely thrilled to see the planned updates, especially the addition of All Gender Restrooms as a focal point of the project. Unfortunately, during this renovation period, it seems many tennis players are either unaware of the temporary facilities located near the other set of courts, or are choosing to ignore them. As a result, there has been an ongoing issue of players urinating openly on park trees in full view of other visitors.

In the past two days alone, I personally witnessed a man urinating very visibly on a tree near the courts, and separately spoke with another park visitor who shared that a man made direct eye contact with her while urinating in public — an experience that was understandably upsetting and violating.

In addition, this area is directly within eyesight of the children's playground, making this behavior even more concerning. This behavior is completely inappropriate and unacceptable. It creates an

unhygienic, disrespectful, and unsafe environment for everyone trying to enjoy the park.

Given the seriousness of this issue, I am also copying Councilmember Ysabel Jurado's office (CD14) on this message.

I am urgently requesting the following actions be taken:

- Install additional temporary restroom facilities closer to the tennis courts at the Via Marisol entrance.
- Place clear, highly visible signage at the courts directing players to the existing temporary restrooms.
- Post signage reminding park users that public urination is illegal and subject to citation.

Parks should be accessible, welcoming, and safe for all community members. No one should be subjected to witnessing indecent behavior in public spaces, especially when basic facilities can and should be made more accessible.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. I would appreciate a response regarding the steps that will be taken to address this issue.

Sincerely,
Rex Wilde



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Response to Pickleball plans at Hermon Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, May 14, 2025 at 8:05 AM

To: Benjamin Chen

Good morning,

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

On Fri, May 9, 2025 at 6:04 PM Benjamin Chen

wrote:

Hi,

I am writing about the plan to bring pickleball to Hermon Park. There are two points I feel were not discussed at the 4/9 meeting:

1) the Hermon Park tennis courts are valuable precisely because there are 11 of them together in one place.

With high demand for courts, tennis courts should NOT be spread around with 1-2 in different locations - people end up driving miles between parks looking for courts.

The same holds true for pickleball. There are network effects from having more courts in one location, so that people rotate through frequently instead of waiting for fewer courts to finish.

Having more courts grouped together also builds impromptu communities through proximity. Pickleball needs its own dedicated location with more courts, and converting one court in a random park is a poor solution.

2) The count presented of tennis courts vs pickleball courts is misleading. A number of them are in bad shape and are infrequently used. People also gravitate toward Hermon Park because the turnover is higher, instead of waiting on just 1-2 courts.

Thank you,
Benjamin Chen



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: GPAB Letter - Pickleball Courts

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 1, 2025 at 1:52 PM

To: Alex Crow

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Apr 30, 2025 at 3:07 PM Alex Crow

wrote:

Hello, all. Please find the Griffith Park Advisory Board's letter regarding the overstripping of tennis courts to create hybrid tennis/pickleball accessibility attached.

Thank you for your time.

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Alex Crow

Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board



Griffith Park Advisory Board

Community Stewards of LA's Largest Park & Great Urban Wilderness

Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles

www.laparks.org/griffithpark/advisory

April 30th, 2025

Dear Commissioners,

Griffith Park stands out as one of Los Angeles' most valued public spaces - not only for its vast natural beauty but also for the remarkable diversity of recreational resources it offers. From cultural institutions and performance venues to playgrounds and tennis courts, it serves a broad cross-section of Angelenos. While preserving these amenities is always a priority, there are times when thoughtful updates, especially those reflecting evolving public needs, are both necessary and equitable.

At present, Griffith Park hosts three tennis facilities - Riverside, Vermont Canyon, and Park Central - providing a total of 28 courts. What it currently lacks, however, is a single space for pickleball, a sport that has rapidly gained popularity nationwide.

Since our board last wrote to you on this subject, the Department of Recreation and Parks has continued its community engagement and thoughtful analysis about how best to approach the introduction of this incredibly popular sport to our park, without causing any interruption to the tennis community.

As presented to the Griffith Park Advisory Board during our April 2025 meeting, with unanimous Board approval, the Department of Recreation and Parks should proceed with the overstripping of two tennis courts - those closest to the merry-go-round parking lot - to allow for the creation of four "hybrid" or dual-play courts. The total number of available tennis courts in Griffith Park will in no way decrease through these measures, and this will have absolutely no impact on the current play on paid tennis courts at Vermont or Riverside.

This balanced approach honors the park's long-standing commitment to recreational diversity while also addressing growing demand in a low-impact way. It ensures that Griffith Park continues to serve the widest possible range of users and reflects the spirit of shared community spaces. We commend the Department of Recreation and Parks for its responsiveness, foresight, and dedication to evolving with the needs of Angelenos.

BOARD MEMBERS: Chair – Alex Crow; Vice Chair – Alex Phillips; Secretary – Jane Carlson; Aaron Chung; Jason Greenwald; Billy Griffin; Amy Gustinic, T. Hagans; Cristian Hamilton; Chris Laib; Sarah Lann



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Information request re Rental Clubs & Cost

1 message

Rick Reinschmidt <rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org>

Fri, May 2, 2025 at 8:39 AM

To:

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

| Good morning Margaret Molloy

Thank you for reaching out with your questions regarding the Penmar golf course and cafe. Please see below for responses (in red) to each of your inquiries.

Hello Penmar Golf Course,

As you know, Penmar Golf Course (Penmar) is a public golf course.

On the City website for Penmar, it states under "Amenities, (1) Practice Putting Greens, (2) **Rental Clubs**, and (3) The Penmar Restaurant. A link to, "9-Hole Executive Course" shows the cost of playing but no information for the cost of "Rental Clubs."

1. Please provide information on the availability and cost of Rental Clubs at Penmar.

Penmar Golf Course currently has 10 sets of golf clubs available for rent. The rental fee is \$10 per set, and rentals are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

There is a link to a "Penmar Women's Golf Club." It provides the following information:

"Admission of new members is open all year. Applications may be obtained from the Membership Chairperson. The Membership Chairperson will procure the tee time for the new member's first round. The first round will be played with the Membership Chairperson or a designated member of the board.

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2. Please explain how it is appropriate to allow a fee-based "Penmar Women's Golf Club" to operate at a City of Los Angeles public golf course?

While local golf clubs operate at City of L.A. public golf courses, they are not run or administered by the Dept. of Rec & Parks or the City of L.A. Golf Division. These clubs are affiliated with the Municipal Golf Association of Los Angeles (MGA), which has existed for

over 100 years. The MGA's mission is to promote and develop competitive and recreational golf for men, women, and junior golfers on municipal golf courses. Clubs organize play days and tournaments and provide SCGA memberships, which include a GHIN number for handicap tracking. As per the L.A. City Golf Division's Tournament & League Policy (approved by the L.A. Rec & Parks Board of Commissioners), each golf course is allowed one men's club, one women's club, and one senior co-ed club. Each club sets its own membership fees based on what it offers.

Additionally, Penmar has events like the “Penmar Sessions” weekly. The public parking lot is closed to the public, and access to Penmar, and to the “concession” at Penmar, currently operating as "The Penmar." There event has a cover charge to get in. Private security states that the facility is a private facility at and after 6pm.

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The parking lot at Penmar Golf Course is shared with The Penmar Cafe. At no point does the golf course or the parking lot become private, even after 6:00 p.m. Private events hosted by the concessionaire are held solely within the designated cafe event space. While the golf course closes at sundown, there is never a cover charge or restriction placed on anyone entering the shared areas if not attending The Penmar's special events. If you were told otherwise, I sincerely apologize and will investigate how that misinformation was conveyed.

Please all parties confirm receipt of this email. I would appreciate this information at your earliest possible convenience.

Appreciatively,

Margaret Molloy

PENMAR GOLF COURSE - L.A. CITY GOLF COURSES

Amenities

- Practice Putting Greens
- Rental Clubs
- The Penmar Restaurant [Click here to see the Menu](#)



Re: Information request re Rental Clubs & Cost

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 1, 2025 at 3:17 PM

To: Margaret Molloy

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wrote:

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PENMAR GOLF COURSE - L.A. CITY GOLF COURSES

Amenities

- Practice Putting Greens
- Rental Clubs
- The Penmar Restaurant [Click here to see the Menu](#)



Penmar Golf Course - L.A. City Golf Courses
golf.lacity.gov

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Penmar – 9-Hole Executive Course

	Weekdays	Weekends
9 Holes	\$18.00	\$23.00 (\$26.00 before 9:00 a.m.)
Junior	\$6.00	\$10.00
Senior 9 Holes	\$11.00	\$16.00 (after 12:00 p.m.)

	Weekdays	Weekends
Twilight	\$11.00	\$14.00
Senior – Lifeline (Valid Weekdays After 12 p.m.)	\$9.00	N/A
Replay Rates	\$8.00	\$10.00
Push Cart Rental	\$4.00	\$4.00

PENMAR WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB



Penmar Women's Golf Club
mulligan-golf.club

Home Message

last updated: 12/18/24 | Total Club Page Views:61,072

Welcome to Penmar Women's Golf Club!

We are a friendly group of golfers
who play on Tuesday mornings

Tee times are 7:50-10:00 am
Membership only

Membership Chair:
Peggy Rawn

Penmar Golf Course
1233 Rose Avenue
Venice, CA 90291

Qualifying New Members

last updated: 12/27/23 | Total Club Page Views:61,075

PROCEDURE FOR QUALIFYING NEW MEMBERS



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Ms. Henson & Sara, A 2022 public comment that still is appropriate. See attachment please. Ron Bitzer

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 1, 2025 at 1:53 PM

To: Ron Bitzer

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On Thu, May 1, 2025 at 10:52 AM Ron Bitzer

wrote:

November 17, 2022

Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

City of Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA

Via Email

RE: Report 22-288 & Refund of Quimby / Park Fees

Dear Madam President and Commissioners,

Uncommitted Park Fee Funds Report 22-288

“As of June 30, 2022, the funds shown below were uncommitted...”

Account No.	Uncommitted Funds at end of FY2022
302/89/89460k	\$ 6,508,645.57
302/89/89440k	\$ 2,215,273.43
302/89/89716h	\$49,389,996.46
302/89/89718h	\$51,051,052.72

Assuming that Recreation and Parks staff does not apply its own definition of “committed” and “uncommitted” funds, I raise the issue of uncommitted Park Fee funds subject to sanctions on the City of Los Angeles upon the fifth year anniversary of only a specific Park Fee payment.

In other words, five years of uncommitted funds in excess of \$100 million (Report 22-288) would include Park Fee payments made after June 30, 2017 — despite a failure to have met a 5 year anniversary.

The State Governmental Code and the Los Angeles Municipal Code set sanctions for cities that collect Park In-Lieu Fees and then don't commit to their use by the end of year five following payment..

Any fees collected under this ordinance shall be committed within five years after the payment of the fees or the issuance of building permits If the fees are not committed, they, without any deductions, shall be distributed and paid to the then record of owners of the subdivision

Government Code subsection 66477(a)(6)(A). Also Los Angeles Municipal Code 12.33(l)(3).

Park Fee Applications and Instructions (Online)

Park Fee Refund Request Form

Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 I.4, applicants requesting a refund of Park Fees shall submit a claim for a refund with the Department of Recreation and Parks. Upon the Department's determination, the fee payer may receive a refund, without interest, of the fees paid. However, the portion of any fee revenue received by the City as reimbursement of its costs in administering the provisions of LAMC 12.33 shall not be refunded. The fee payer shall submit an application for a refund to the City within one year of payment. Failure to timely submit the required application for refund shall constitute an absolute waiver of any right to the refund.

Park Fee Refund Application

I understand that an application for a refund shall be submitted to the City within one year of payment and that failure to timely submit the required application for refund shall constitute an absolute waiver of any right to the refund. (LAMC 12.33, Section I.4). City of Los Angeles Form PF-6000, page 3.

Asserting a one-year deadline is wrongheaded because:

1. Reasons to request a fee refund under LAMC 12.33 (I) **(3)** include the City's failure to commit use of Park Fees within 5 years of payment. "If the fees are not committed by the City as specified in this section, Quimby fees shall be refunded" LAMC Section 12.33 (I) (3).
2. A one-year deadline is only asserted under a separate section, "Other Refunds," LAMC 12.33 (I) (4). and **not** under "Refund of Fees Under the Government Code."

Example

The developer of a 375 nonexempt residential unit project (VTT-66044) terminated the City of LA project and notified City Planning on March 26, 2021 (Exhibit A). Prior to this termination, the developer had paid the City of LA \$2,404,833.00 in Park Fees for his project (Park Fee Annual Report, Department of Recreation and Parks, December 13, 2017, p.5).

Question: Has any refund of the Park Fee been made to the project applicant or successors to this property? If so, how much was the refund?

Page Three

Example

The Annual Report on Park Fees for FY 2022 shows “Revenues” but then includes “D Refunds” in the Revenue column (Attachment 1).

Please provide me or direct me to Annual Report information showing the source of Refund activity in the amounts of \$2,508,422.00 and \$744,993.00.

Very truly yours,

Ron Bitzer

Enclosure

EXHIBIT A

MENT OF
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RE: Vesting Tentative Tract No. 66044
Related Case: VTT-66814 / CPC-2006-4392-
GPA-ZC-ZV-HD-ZAA-ZAI-SPR
CPC-2006-4401-GPA-ZC-ZV-HD-ZAA-ZAI-
SPR

Council District: 13
Community Plan: Hollywood

WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION
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Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 66044 for the project located at 5661 W. Santa Monica Boulevard, 5539 – 5545 W. Virginia Avenue, and 5536 – 5542 W. Virginia Avenue in the Hollywood Community Plan area was approved by the Advisory Agency on April 30, 2007. The Map was appealed twice, and the second level of appeal of VTT-66044 was denied and the map approved by the City Council on August 17, 2007 (CF 07-1824). The Tract Map expires on August 17, 2021.

On February 23, 2021, the Applicant through their Representative submitted a written request to terminate Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 66044 as the Applicant is no longer pursuing the project. The Owner/Applicant has also requested that the related case (Case No. CPC 2006-4392-GPA-ZC-ZV-HD-ZAA-ZAI-SPR) be terminated.

In view of the above, and in accordance with provisions of the State Subdivision Map Act and Section 17.03 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, the Advisory Agency on March 26, 2021 agreed to terminate all proceedings relative to Vesting Tentative Tract No. 66044 and directed that the map be received and filed.

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Deborah Kahen, AICP
Deputy Advisory Agency



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Press Coverage of the City Budget Process

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 8, 2025 at 9:16 AM

To: Ron Bitzer

Good morning,

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

On Sat, May 3, 2025 at 10:04 AM Ron Bitzer

wrote:

| Please refer to the attachment. No commentary requested at this point.

Ron Bitzer

MAY 2025 LA WATCHDOG - The City's 16,000 acres of parkland are one of the City's crown jewels. This is why the City's charter provides for a minimum level of funding for the Department of Recreation and Parks that is equal to 0.0325% of the Assessed Value of property located within the City (\$920 billion). For the upcoming fiscal year that begins on July 1, this amounts to almost \$300 million.

With this level of funding, why are our parks in such poor condition? Why is there a deferred maintenance budget of over \$2 billion? And why has the Department cut back on its programs that serve seniors, working mothers, and youth?

Unfortunately, Rec & Parks budget has been gutted by the "full cost recovery" program. This was instituted in 2010 to help balance the budget that was adversely impacted by the great recession and budget busting labor agreements. Under this policy, the Department, unlike any other City departments other than the Library (the only other charter funded department), was charged for its costs for pension, health, utility, and refuge collection.

For the upcoming year, the Mayor is proposing a chargeback of \$141 million, a \$16 million increase over the current level. This amounts to almost half of charter mandated funding. And over the duration of this program, over \$1.2 billion has been drained from Rec & Parks. No wonder are parks are in such sorry shape.

Rec & Parks is also embarking on \$4 million Park Need Assessment survey to "evaluate the present and future recreational needs of the residents within the City of Los Angeles." This is in anticipation of yet another ballot measure. In 2022, Measure SP, a parcel tax designed to raise \$225 million a year (\$6.8 billion over 30 years), was rejected by 65% of the voters, in part because there were no detailed plans, and it was considered a "blank check" for our elected elite to fund their pet projects. As such, we can expect to see a ballot measure in 2026 that incorporates the results of the survey.

But before we even consider voting for a ballot measure for a parcel tax or the issuance of bonds, the City needs to end the full recovery program that has eviscerated the Department.

Furthermore, the City needs to clean up its act and implement the seven budgetary reforms recommended by the Neighborhood Budget Advocates (see below). This will begin the long process of the Mayor and City Council earning the trust and confidence of the City's voters.

Until then, forget it

The following are the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates seven recommendations for reform.

1. The Four-Year General Fund Budget Outlook needs to be updated to reflect anticipated raises for City employees, increased liability claims, and the economy.
2. Develop a two-year budget as recommended by the City Controller and the LA 2020 Commission.
3. Conduct open and transparent labor negotiations that require significant outreach to Angelenos before, during, and after the negotiations.
4. Place a measure on the ballot that would prohibit the City from entering into any labor agreement that would create a current or future deficit. In the short term, pass an ordinance.
5. Develop a long-term infrastructure plan to address deferred maintenance and future capital expenditures.
6. Create a robust Reserve Fund that can only be used in declared emergencies, not to balance the budget as is the current procedure.
7. Establish an Office of Transparency and Accountability as recommended by the LA 2020 Commission to oversee the City's budget and finances in real time.

(Jack Humphreville writes LA Watchdog for CityWatch. He is the President of the DWP Advocacy Committee, the Budget and DWP representative for the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, and a Neighborhood Council Budget Advocate. He can be reached at:



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: 2025 Park Score Index for he City of Los Angeles

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 29, 2025 at 8:15 AM

To: Ron Bitzer

Good morning,

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

On Sun, May 25, 2025 at 1:41 PM Ron Bitzer

wrote:

The following is commentary about the annual Trust for Public Land ranking of urban US parks. Ron Bitzer

In just five years, Los Angeles has fallen from #49 to #90 on the [Trust for Public Land](https://www.tpl.org/resource/la-parkscore-special-report)'s national ParkScore. L.A. continued to drop this year because of inadequate funding for parks and the inequities in access to parks in our city. We need to turn this around. Read this special report on Los Angeles to find out how: <https://www.tpl.org/resource/la-parkscore-special-report>

As the introduction says:

Los Angeles has the potential to be a world-class park city, but it's falling behind compared to other major metros. Parks are essential infrastructure that improve public health, build climate resilience, and create more connected communities. Yet one million Angelenos lack a park within a 10-minute walk of home.

The good news? This is a solvable problem.

We've reviewed and analyzed more than a decade of ParkScore® data to better understand how L.A.'s history of disinvestment has manifested in its low scores, especially compared to its peers, and to offer informed recommendations in building a roadmap for recovery.

We believe the insights in this report can help put L.A. on track to climb the ParkScore ranks and develop a world-class park system befitting a world-class city.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Graffiti In Kids Play Area Echo Park Lake

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 8, 2025 at 9:16 AM

To: George The Great

Good morning,

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

On Wed, May 7, 2025 at 6:39 AM George The Great

wrote:

Good morning, city officials.

Vandals are at it again and law enforcement can't seem to be able to eradicate this problem.

Graffiti, graffiti and more graffiti at Echo Park Lake, Kids area.

We hope all graffiti is covered and not just portions of it.

We appreciate your continued attention to this matter which could easily be resolved if these vandals were apprehended and pay out of pocket the cost tax Payers spend to cover their crimes.

Please see video in the link 📌 below

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/6ZcVqrn4Ak4JuNr5A>

Tax Payers
Community Members
Park Goers



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Relocation of Geese Population at Echo Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 29, 2025 at 9:05 AM

To: George The Great

Good morning,

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

On Wed, May 28, 2025 at 12:51 PM George The Great

wrote:

Hello Mark and City P&R Commissioner's,

This email is to inform you of a very important matter.

There is a very large population of geese at Echo Park which is now causing different issues.

1. not enough green areas where they can feed from
2. They cross Glendale Blvd. to feed green pasture across the street. Some were ran over last year due to the same situation.
3. There is so much shit all over areas where people walk, exercise or relax.
4. nobody is doing any cleaning in any of the above mentioned areas yet.

We ask for most of these birds be relocated soon due to the reasons we mentioned above.

Your quick response to this very important matter is greatly appreciated.

See video below please. 📺

Tax Payers
Community Members
Park Goers

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/HriyFzKckm6e9Zy56>



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Currently on Waitlist at Downey Child Care

1 message

Chinyere Stoneham <chinyere.stoneham@lacity.org>

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To: Hasti Khodabakhsh

Cc: jimmy.kim@lacity.org, lashon.tillie-jones@lacity.org, trish.delgado@lacity.org, Councilmember Hernandez <councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org>, elena.chavez@lacity.org, Rap C <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, mayor.karenbass@lacity.org

Hello Hasti,

Thank you for your email. To clarify, we maintain two separate lists: an interest list and a waitlist. A child is added to the waitlist only if they are eligible to begin the program immediately become available. Additionally, the parent must have either completed a tour or been contacted by the Director to confirm ongoing interest. However, due to current staffing limitations, we are unable to offer spots to children on the waitlist at this time.

The Child Care Administrative Team is currently arranging parent meetings at each facility to provide updates on the program's status. Dates and time for these meetings will be shared soon.

Best,

On Mon, May 5, 2025 at 2:03 PM Hasti Khodabakhsh

wrote:

Dear Ms Stoneham and Mr Kim,

I'm writing as a parent whose child is currently on the waitlist for one of the Parks and Recreation Department's child care centers that is reportedly being closed. I was alarmed to see an article quoting a Parks Department spokesperson as saying there are no waitlists at these centers (screenshot attached). This is clearly incorrect.

I received an email on June 14, 2024, confirming that my son, Milo, is number 19 on the waitlist. I've attached that message for your reference. I'd like to understand why this false information was spread with the press, especially when it contradicts the experience of families who have followed the correct registration process and have been waiting for placement.

Additionally, I have not received any direct communication about the status of the center or the program. All of the information I've learned so far has come from the media. That is not the role of a public department serving families and children. We deserve timely, transparent, and accurate communication about changes that directly impact our lives.

I am requesting:

1. An explanation for the inaccurate public statement regarding the waitlist;
2. Clarification on whether the department is still maintaining waitlists;
3. Direct communication about what is happening with the closures and how it will affect families currently waiting for child care.

Families like mine deserve answers, and we should not be learning critical information about our children's care from news articles.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Hasti Khodabakhsh

Parent of Milo – Waitlisted for Downey Child Care



NEWS



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Parents at Downey and Evergreen Child Care centers told LAist their child's center had physical capacity for more kids, but not enough staff. They also said both centers had waitlists.

When LAist asked the Parks Department how many people were on waitlists at its centers, a spokesperson said none.

LAist also asked the department for more

details on how many employees are currently staffing the childcare centers, if

On Jun 14, 2024, at 11:51 AM, Allison Tillman <allison.tillman@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Hasti,

My apologies for the late response. We've been very busy here with our end of the year events.

I received Milo's registration packet your husband Eric dropped off this week. Milo is #19 on our waiting list. I will keep in contact with you over the next few months and hopefully we can get Milo enrolled by January 2025.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GANG GRAFFITI CD1 EUNISSES HERNADEZ

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, May 21, 2025 at 7:44 AM

To: Garcia Incareal

Good morning,

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

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

On Sun, May 18, 2025 at 11:39 AM Garcia Incareal

wrote:

MAY 18

LA Council Eunisses Hernandez

The Sycamore Grove Park has gang graffiti

Attach pictures

Mauro Garcia





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Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and Public Scoping Meeting Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project

TO: Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Public Scoping Meeting

The City of Pasadena (Pasadena) is the designated Lead Agency for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project (Project) pursuant to an agreement between Pasadena and the City of South Pasadena (South Pasadena) in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15051(d). The Project would be implemented by the City of Pasadena Department of Public Works in cooperation with the City of South Pasadena Department of Public Works.

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, Pasadena has prepared this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to provide responsible and trustee agencies, organizations, interested persons, the Los Angeles County Clerk, and the State Clearinghouse with sufficient information describing the Project and its potential environmental effects to enable these parties to make a meaningful response. For public agencies, Pasadena requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b). For organizations and interested parties, Pasadena requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed Project, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15083. Additionally, this NOP serves as a notice for the public Scoping Meeting, which is held to facilitate the consultation process.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b), the NOP will be available for public review and comment for a 30-day period, from **Thursday, May 15, 2025 through Friday, June 13, 2025**.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project site encompasses a total of approximately 3.7 acres on two sites in the Lower Arroyo Seco that are situated adjacent to the Arroyo Seco Channel – the northern, San Rafael site (1.5 acres) in the City of Pasadena; and the southern, San Pascual site (2.2 acres), in the cities of South Pasadena and Los Angeles (see Exhibit 1, Regional Location and Local Vicinity). Both sites are within the County of Los Angeles; and both sites are comprised of vacant, open space-zoned lands primarily within the cities of Pasadena and South Pasadena, respectively, with a portion of the San Pascual site (approximately 0.53-acre) within the City of Los Angeles. Both sites are immediately adjacent to the concrete Arroyo Seco Channel (Channel) that is under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). The two sites are approximately 850 feet (0.16 mile) apart at the closest points.

The San Rafael site is situated southwest of the San Rafael Avenue overpass of the Channel, on the west side of the Channel, and adjacent to Pasadena's southern boundary. The San Rafael site includes a linear feature that is within the limits of the San Rafael Creek easement under LACFCD jurisdiction. The San Pascual site is situated southeast of the San Pascual Avenue overpass of the Channel and on the east side of the Channel. The San Pascual site is bound by San Pascual Avenue on the north and Stoney Drive on the east. The sites are regionally accessible via State Route 134 (SR 134), which is located approximately 1.25 miles north of the San Rafael site; and SR 110, which is located approximately 0.10 mile south of the San Pascual site.

PROJECT SUMMARY: The proposed Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project would develop two regional stormwater capture and treatment facilities (man-made treatment wetlands and infiltration basins) located within existing open space-zoned areas near the Arroyo Seco Channel. Additionally, as part of the Project, an off-site water harvester and related infrastructure would be installed within the existing, gated maintenance yard at the public Arroyo Seco Golf Course in South Pasadena. The Project would provide water quality benefits for multiple jurisdictions within the 5,005-acre drainage area in which the two sites are located. For both sites, the Project would include native landscaping; hardscape elements including reclaimed wood log benches, post-and-rail fencing, and concrete seat walls faced with natural stone; informational signs as a watershed education opportunity; and expand the existing trail network to enhance regional trail connectivity through the Lower Arroyo Seco.

The Project sites are located within the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) Watershed. Runoff from this watershed drains to and runs through over 50 linear miles of the Los Angeles River and then to the Pacific Ocean. The Arroyo Seco Channel is a major tributary to the Los Angeles River. On July 9, 2010, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) adopted resolution No. R10-007 incorporating a total maximum daily load (TMDL) for indicator bacteria in the Los Angeles River watershed. A TMDL is the calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant allowed to enter a waterbody and not affect that waterbody's ability to meet and

maintain water quality standards. Outfalls along the Arroyo Seco Channel were modeled for indicator bacteria and the San Rafael Creek outfall was identified as a priority outfall; these outfalls have routine problematic discharges that drive the total bacteria load. Runoff in San Rafael Creek would be diverted into the San Rafael site, pre-treated, and a portion of this runoff infiltrated for groundwater recharge. The portion not infiltrated would be treated, discharged into the Channel, and then diverted downstream into the San Pascual site for infiltration and additional treatment prior to discharge back to the Channel. The operation of these two regional stormwater management sites would result in an annual average water supply benefit of 320 acre-feet (af). Of this, there would be approximately 258 af of groundwater recharge and approximately 30 af (or less than 10 percent of captured water) would be captured off-site for irrigation reuse at the golf course to reduce potable water demand.

In addition to fulfilling regulatory obligations placed on Pasadena to provide cleaner water in the Arroyo Seco and Los Angeles River channels, other Project benefits include increased habitat and reestablishment of natural plant communities, improved trails, increased public access to open space areas, and educational opportunities utilizing interpretive materials focused on hydrology and native habitat.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(d), Pasadena conducted a preliminary review of the Project to focus the EIR on the potentially significant effects of the project. Pasadena anticipates the following topical areas have the potential to result in significant impacts: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources (including Paleontological Resources), Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Public Services (parks), Recreation, Tribal Cultural Resources and Wildfire. The following topical area are expected to result in no impacts or less than significant impacts: Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils (except Paleontological Resources), Hazards and Hazardous Resources, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Public Services (law enforcement, fire protection, schools, and other public services), Transportation, Utilities and Service Systems.

SCOPING MEETING: A public Scoping Meeting will be held to share information regarding the Project, the environmental review process, and to receive comments about the scope and content of the environmental analysis to be addressed in the Draft EIR. The Scoping Meeting is an information-gathering meeting, not a public hearing, and no public testimony or recordation of the meeting will occur. Attendees may submit comments in writing at the Scoping Meeting or submit anytime during the public review period.

No decisions about the Project will be made at the Scoping Meeting. A separate public hearing for entitlement requests and consideration of certification of the EIR will be scheduled after the completion of the Final EIR. The date, time, and location of the public Scoping Meeting are as follows:

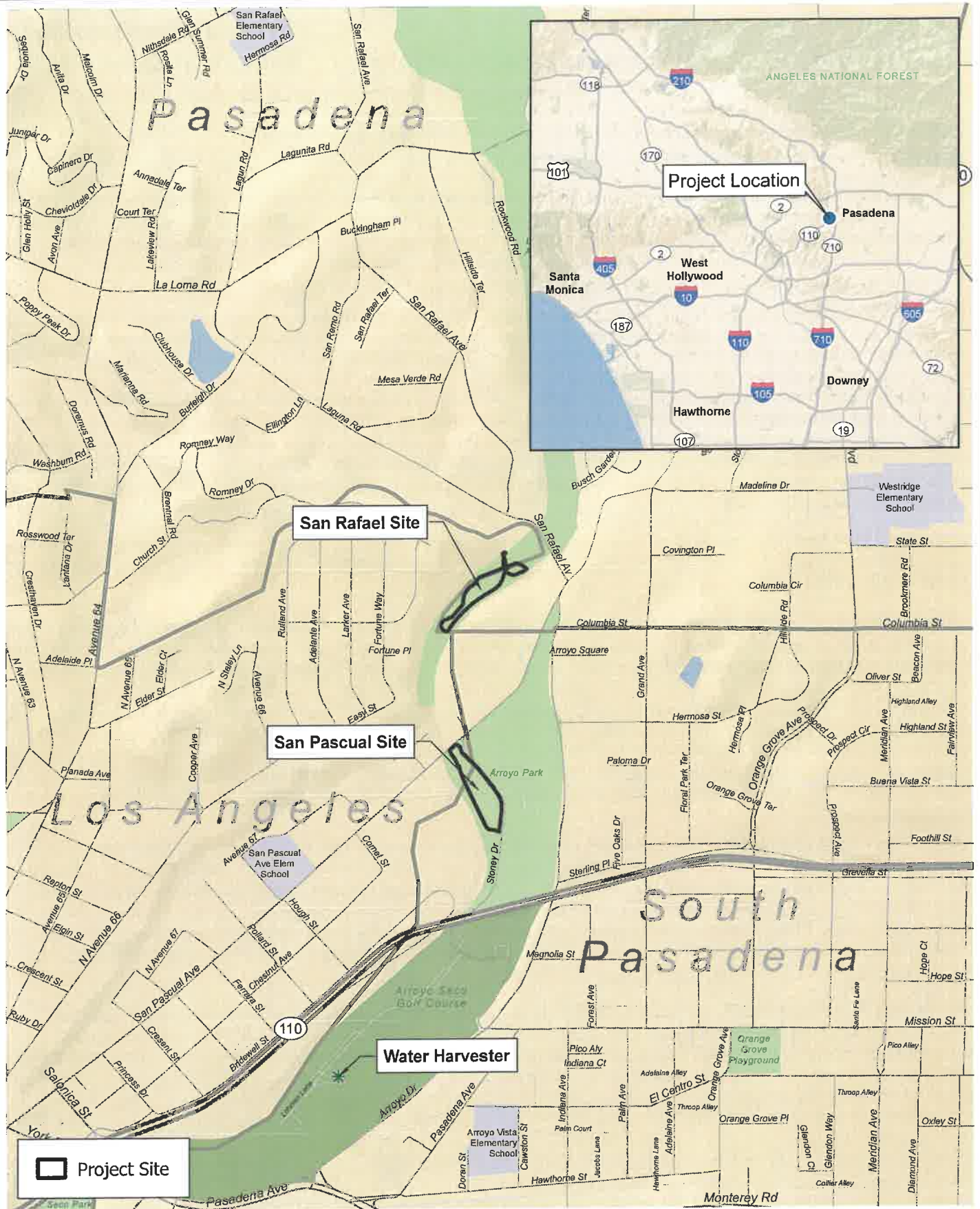
DATE: Wednesday, May 28, 2025
TIME: 6:00 PM–8:00 PM
LOCATION: South Pasadena Community Room
1115 El Centro Street
South Pasadena, CA 91030

SUBMITTING COMMENTS: A copy of this NOP may be viewed online at <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/planning/arroyo-seco-water-reuse-project/> and will be available for viewing during regular business hours at the City of Pasadena Permit Center (175 North Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101); the San Rafael Library (1240 Nithsdale Road, Pasadena, CA 91105); the South Pasadena Public Library (1100 Oxley Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030); and the Arroyo Seco Regional Branch Library (6145 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90042).

The City will consider all written comments regarding the potential environmental effects of the Project received during the scoping period. Written comments, including e-mails, must be submitted in writing by 5:00 PM on June 13, 2025. Written comments will also be accepted at the Scoping Meeting described above. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your comments must be received by Pasadena no later than 30 days after receipt of this NOP. Please direct your written comments via e-mail and/or U.S. mail to:

Christina Monde, P.E.
City of Pasadena Department of Public Works

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Regional Location and Local Vicinity

Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project

Exhibit 1



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Aviso de Preparación de un Informe de Impacto Ambiental y Reunión Pública de Alcance Proyecto de Reutilización de Agua del Arroyo Seco

PARA: Agencias responsables y fiduciarias, organizaciones y partes interesadas
ASUNTO: Aviso de preparación de un borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental y reunión pública de alcance

La Ciudad de Pasadena (Pasadena) es la agencia líder designada para la preparación de un Estudio del Impacto Ambiental (EIR, por sus siglas en inglés) para el Proyecto de Reutilización de Agua del Arroyo Seco (el Proyecto), conforme a un acuerdo entre Pasadena y la Ciudad de South Pasadena (South Pasadena), de acuerdo con la Sección 15051(d) de las Directrices Estatales del CEQA. El Proyecto sería implementado por el Departamento de Obras Públicas de la Ciudad de Pasadena en cooperación con el Departamento de Obras Públicas de la Ciudad de South Pasadena.

En conformidad con la Sección 15082 de las Directrices del CEQA, Pasadena ha preparado este Aviso de Preparación (NOP, por sus siglas en inglés) para proporcionar a las agencias responsables y fiduciarias, organizaciones, personas interesadas, el Secretario del Condado de Los Ángeles y la Oficina Estatal de Revisión información suficiente que describa el Proyecto y sus posibles efectos ambientales, a fin de permitir a estas partes emitir una respuesta significativa. Para las agencias públicas, Pasadena solicita la opinión de su agencia sobre el alcance y contenido de la información ambiental relevante a las responsabilidades legales de su agencia en relación con el Proyecto propuesto, conforme a la Sección 15082(b) del CEQA. Para las organizaciones y partes interesadas, Pasadena solicita sus comentarios y preocupaciones sobre los temas ambientales asociados con la construcción y operación del Proyecto propuesto, conforme a la Sección 15083 del CEQA. Además, este NOP sirve como aviso de la Reunión Pública de Alcance, la cual se lleva a cabo para facilitar el proceso de consulta.

PERÍODO DE REVISIÓN PÚBLICA: En conformidad con la Sección 15082(b) de las Directrices del CEQA, el NOP estará disponible para revisión y comentarios del público durante un período de 30 días, desde el **Jueves 15 de Mayo del 2025 hasta el Viernes 13 de Junio del 2025.**

UBICACIÓN DEL PROYECTO: El sitio del Proyecto abarca un total de aproximadamente 3.7 acres en dos ubicaciones en la parte baja del Arroyo Seco, situadas junto al Canal del Arroyo Seco: el sitio norte, San Rafael (1.5 acres), en la Ciudad de Pasadena; y el sitio sur, San Pascual (2.2 acres), en las ciudades de South Pasadena y Los Ángeles (ver el Anexo 1, Ubicación Regional y Vecindad Local). Ambos sitios se encuentran dentro del Condado de Los Ángeles y están compuestos por terrenos baldíos con zonificación de espacio abierto, ubicados principalmente en las ciudades de Pasadena y South Pasadena, respectivamente, con una porción del sitio San Pascual (aproximadamente 0.53 acres) dentro de la Ciudad de Los Ángeles. Ambos sitios colindan directamente con el Canal de Concreto del Arroyo Seco (el Canal), que está bajo la jurisdicción del Distrito de Control de Inundaciones del Condado de Los Ángeles (LACFCD, por sus siglas en inglés). Las dos ubicaciones están separadas por aproximadamente 850 pies (0.16 millas) en sus puntos más cercanos.

El sitio San Rafael está ubicado al suroeste del paso elevado de la Avenida San Rafael sobre el Canal, en el lado oeste del Canal y junto al límite sur de Pasadena. El sitio San Rafael incluye una franja lineal dentro de los límites de la servidumbre del Arroyo San Rafael, bajo la jurisdicción del LACFCD. El sitio San Pascual está ubicado al sureste del paso elevado de la Avenida San Pascual sobre el Canal, en el lado este del Canal. Este sitio está delimitado por la Avenida San Pascual al norte y por Stoney Drive al este. Los sitios son accesibles a nivel regional a través de la Ruta Estatal 134 (SR 134), ubicada aproximadamente a 1.25 millas al norte del sitio San Rafael; y de la Ruta Estatal 110 (SR110), que se encuentra aproximadamente a 0.10 millas al sur del sitio San Pascual.

RESUMEN DEL PROYECTO: El Proyecto propuesto de Reutilización de Agua del Arroyo Seco desarrollaría dos instalaciones regionales para la captura y el tratamiento de aguas pluviales (humedales artificiales de tratamiento y estanques de infiltración), ubicadas dentro de áreas ya zonificadas como espacio abierto cerca del Canal del Arroyo Seco. Además, como parte del Proyecto, se instalaría un recolector de agua fuera del sitio y la infraestructura asociada dentro del patio de mantenimiento localizado en el Campo de Golf Público Arroyo Seco en South Pasadena. El Proyecto proporcionaría beneficios de calidad del agua para múltiples jurisdicciones dentro del área de drenaje de 5,005 acres en la que se encuentran los dos sitios. Para ambos sitios, el Proyecto incluiría paisajismo con especies nativas; elementos duros como bancos de troncos de madera recuperada, cercas de postes y rieles, y muros bajos de concreto revestidos con piedra natural; señalización informativa como oportunidad educativa sobre cuencas; y la expansión de la red de senderos existente para mejorar la conectividad regional de los senderos a través del Arroyo Seco Inferior.

Los sitios del Proyecto están ubicados dentro de la Cuenca Hidrográfica del Alto Río Los Ángeles (ULAR, por sus siglas en inglés). La escorrentía de esta cuenca fluye a través de más de 50 millas lineales del Río Los Ángeles y luego hacia el Océano Pacífico. El Canal del Arroyo Seco es un afluente principal del Río Los Ángeles. El 9 de julio de 2010, la Junta Regional de Control de Calidad del Agua de Los Ángeles (RWQCB, por sus siglas en inglés) adoptó la Resolución N0. R10-007, incorporando una Carga Máxima Diaria Total (TMDL, por sus siglas en inglés) para bacterias indicadoras en la cuenca del Río Los Ángeles. Un TMDL es el cálculo de la cantidad máxima de un contaminante que puede ingresar a un cuerpo de

agua sin afectar su capacidad para cumplir y mantener los estándares de calidad del agua. Se modelaron los puntos de descarga a lo largo del Canal del Arroyo Seco para bacterias indicadoras y el punto de descarga del Arroyo San Rafael fue identificado como prioritario; estos puntos tienen descargas problemáticas rutinarias que contribuyen significativamente a la carga total de bacterias. La escorrentía del Arroyo San Rafael se desviaría hacia el sitio San Rafael, donde sería pretratada, y una parte se infiltraría para la recarga del acuífero. La porción no infiltrada sería tratada, descargada en el Canal, y luego redirigida hacia el sitio San Pascual para su infiltración y tratamiento adicional antes de ser devuelta al Canal. El funcionamiento de estos dos sitios regionales de gestión de aguas pluviales resultaría en un beneficio anual promedio al suministro de agua de 320 acres-pie (af). De este total, aproximadamente 258 af corresponderían a recarga del acuífero y aproximadamente 30 af (o menos del 10 por ciento del agua capturada) serían recolectados fuera del sitio para su reutilización en riego en el campo de golf, reduciendo así la demanda de agua potable.

Además de cumplir con las obligaciones regulatorias impuestas a Pasadena para mejorar la calidad del agua en los canales del Arroyo Seco y del Río Los Ángeles, otros beneficios del Proyecto incluyen el aumento del hábitat y la restauración de comunidades vegetales nativas, la mejora de senderos, el incremento del acceso público a áreas de espacio abierto y oportunidades educativas mediante materiales interpretativos enfocados en la hidrología y el hábitat nativo.

IMPACTOS AMBIENTALES POTENCIALES: En conformidad con la Sección 15060(d) de las Directrices del CEQA, Pasadena realizó una revisión preliminar del Proyecto con el fin de enfocar el EIR en los posibles efectos significativos del mismo. Pasadena anticipa que las siguientes áreas temáticas tienen el potencial de generar impactos significativos: estética, calidad del aire, recursos biológicos, recursos culturales (incluidos los recursos paleontológicos), emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero, hidrología y calidad del agua, uso del suelo y planificación, ruido, servicios públicos (parques), recreación, recursos culturales tribales e incendios forestales.

Se espera que las siguientes áreas temáticas no generen impactos o solo impactos menos que significativos: recursos agrícolas y forestales, energía, geología y suelos (excepto los recursos paleontológicos), riesgos y materiales peligrosos, recursos minerales, población y vivienda, servicios públicos (aplicación de la ley, protección contra incendios, escuelas y otros servicios públicos), transporte, y sistemas de servicios públicos e infraestructura.

REUNIÓN DE ALCANCE: Se llevará a cabo una Reunión Pública de Alcance para compartir información sobre el Proyecto, el proceso de revisión ambiental y para recibir comentarios sobre el alcance y contenido del análisis ambiental que se abordará en el Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental (EIR). La Reunión de Alcance es una reunión para recopilar información, no una audiencia pública, y no se tomará testimonio público ni se registrará la reunión. Los asistentes pueden presentar comentarios por escrito durante la Reunión de Alcance o en cualquier momento durante el período de revisión pública.

No se tomarán decisiones sobre el Proyecto durante la Reunión de Alcance. Una audiencia pública separada para considerar las solicitudes de aprobación y la certificación del EIR se programará después de completar el EIR Final. La fecha, hora y lugar de la Reunión Pública de Alcance son los siguientes:

FECHA: Miércoles, 28 de Mayo del 2025
HORA: 6:00 PM–8:00 PM
LUGAR: Sala Comunitaria de South Pasadena
1115 El Centro Street
South Pasadena, CA 91030

ENVÍO DE COMENTARIOS:

Una copia de este Aviso de Preparación (NOP) puede consultarse en línea en:

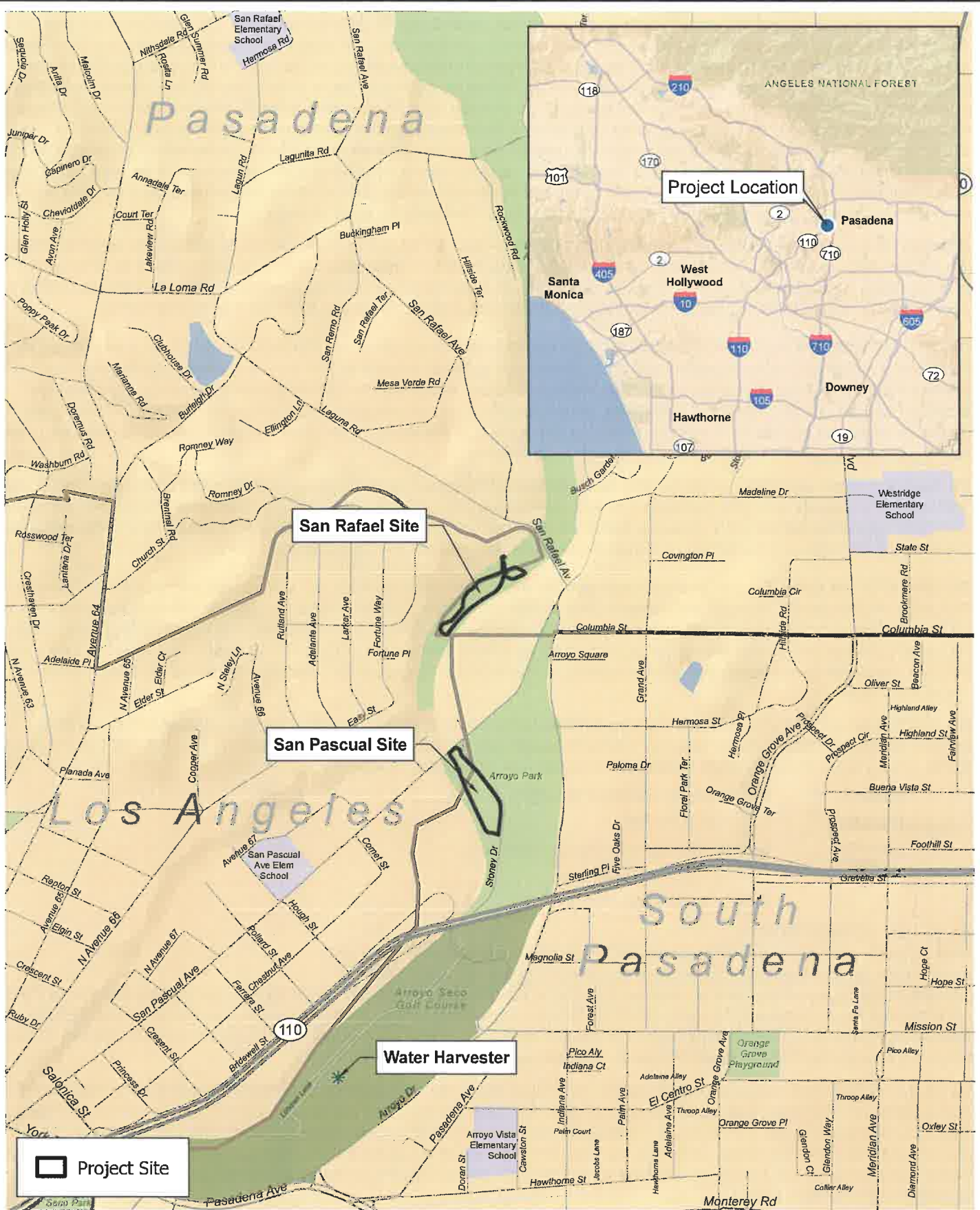
<https://www.cityofpasadena.net/planning/arroyo-seco-water-reuse-project/>

También estará disponible para su revisión durante el horario laboral habitual en los siguientes lugares Centro de Permisos de la Ciudad de Pasadena (175 North Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101); Biblioteca San Rafael (1240 Nithsdale Road, Pasadena, CA 91105); Biblioteca Pública de South Pasadena (1100 Oxley Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030); Biblioteca Regional Arroyo Seco (6145 North Figueroa Street, Los Ángeles, CA 90042)

La Ciudad considerará todos los comentarios escritos recibidos durante el período de alcance sobre los posibles efectos ambientales del Proyecto. Los comentarios escritos, incluidos los enviados por correo electrónico, deben presentarse por escrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. del 13 de junio de 2025. También se aceptarán comentarios escritos en la Reunión de Alcance descrita anteriormente. Debido a los plazos establecidos por la ley estatal, sus comentarios deben ser recibidos por Pasadena dentro de los 30 días posteriores a la recepción de este NOP. Por favor, envíe sus comentarios por correo electrónico y/o correo postal a:

Christina Monde, P.E.
City of Pasadena Department of Public Works

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Ubicación Regional y Vecindad Local

Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project

Exhibit 1



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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Sepulveda Basin Fire / LA Fire Department / Park and Rec. / Homeless

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 22, 2025 at 10:22 AM

To: Athena Novak

Good morning,

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

On Wed, May 21, 2025 at 4:54 PM Athena Novak

wrote:

Hello - Please find attached the letter that has been sent to CD 6 and CD4 our Fire Captain and Police Chief. Please know this is a very serious matter and we hope that the commissioners can get to the bottom of who at Park and Rec are ordering LA Fire (coming off of the Palisades fires) to not clear brush in an urban area where there are many homes and parks. As noted, Cal Fire and the Army Corp of Engineers approved the area to be cleared.

This was confirmed when I was listing to a large insurance carrier, and they confirmed they do not believe the people at the head of the city can run it and that is why they are now looking to cancel and pull policies. Not due to the weather or even the fires but due to the policy makes and people running the city. Such as this, where you let homeless live in a heigh fire zone, then Park and Rec blocks LA Fire Dept. from clearing out the brush. Just bad decisions resulting in negative outcomes. They said we can't lose money over people not being responsible and logical.

Please if you can pass this along to the Commissioners.

Best,
Athena Novak
President
Homeowners of Encino

On Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 03:39:49 PM PDT, Athena Novak

wrote:

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Athena Novak**To:** Ackley Padilla <ackley.padilla@lacity.org>; Andrea Conant <andrea.conant@lacity.org>**Cc:** Linda Gravani <lindag@lakebalboanc.org>; Josh Sautter

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Ricky Angel <ricky.angel@lacity.org>; luis.ocha@lacity.org
<luis.ocha@lacity.org>; BRIAN WENDLING <26929@lapd.online>; rep.commissioners@lacity.org
<rep.commissioners@lacity.org>

Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 03:38:04 PM PDT**Subject:** Re: Sepulveda Basin Fire / LA Fire Department / Park and Rec. / Homeless

On Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 03:32:30 PM PDT, Athena Novak

wrote:

Dear Ackley and Andrea - Homeowners is sending the attached letter to Councilperson Padilla and Raman in care of both of you as their chief of staff.

The Encino Neighborhood Council had a representative from the Los Angeles Fire Department speak at a NC meeting. We were informed Park and Rec stopped LA Fire from clearing the area for fire safety due to a CEQA study Park and Recs wishes to complete.

Los Angeles Fire must get into the Basin and clear this area immediately.

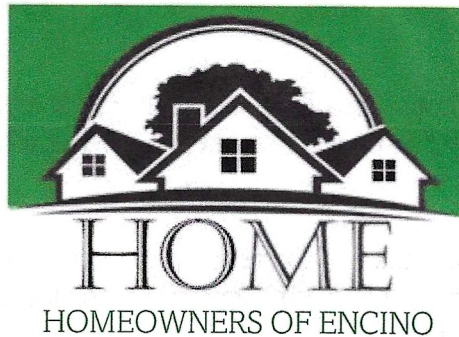
Your teams must get the homeless out of this heigh fire area next to urban homes and parks immediately.

Please refer to our letter and News Report for more details.

We are on standby for your action and response to this very serious matter.

Best,
Athena Novak
President
Homeowners of Encino

[Sepulveda Basin fire: Crews knock down blaze that ignited near homeless encampment | FOX 11 Los Angeles](#)



May 21, 2025

To: Councilperson Raman & Councilperson Padilla

From: Homeowners of Encino

Re: Sepulveda Basin Fires, Homeless allowed to live in the Basin and Los Angeles Park and Recreation not allowing the Los Angeles Fire Department to Clear the Brush for Fire Safety in the Basin

Dear Councilpersons, Padilla and Raman - I am writing on behalf of Homeowners of Encino as their President. We are deeply disturbed by the recent Sepulveda Basin Fire. The fire was started by the Homeless living in the Basin.

As you can see in the video this was a substantial fire. The Los Angeles Fire Department has been warning and sending the City of Los Angeles elected officials notices to vacate and clean up the encampment in the Sepulveda Basin. This demand has come from the people, organizations and Los Angeles Fire Department for years now.

We were recently informed at an Encino Neighborhood Council meeting by a staff member of the Los Angeles Fire Department, the Los Angeles Fire Department has been trying to cut the dry brush and overgrown dry weeds in this area, but the City of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation have stopped the Los Angeles Fire Department from doing their work. The reasons they are using is Park and Recreation must complete a CEQA Study of the Basin area before the fire mitigation can be done.

According to Los Angeles Fire staff Julian Santero the Army Corp of Engineers and Cal Fire have approved the Los Angeles Fire Department to enter the Sepulveda Basin to clean and clear the area for fire mitigation. The Los Angeles Department of Park and Recreation has stopped the Los Angeles Fire Department from entering and clearing the Basin area. The Los Angeles Fire Department has been ordered by Park and Recreation they are not allowed to clear the brush from the Basin until future notice and after their CEQA study has been completed.

Please know we will be meeting with Cal Fire and the Army Corp of Engineers next week to demand they use their full authority under State and Federal laws for Park and Recreation to stand down and allow the Los Angeles Fire Department to take over this matter and clear this area to a level it can be deemed safe.

Both your council districts have thousands of families abutting this area. Putting our lives at risk by studying a toxic homeless zone and or to allow humans to live like wild animals in the brush is unacceptable.

We demand you step in and order Park and Recreations to put the safety of citizens first above a toxic zone study and allow the Los Angeles Fire Department to clear the brush and complete their fire mitigation in the Sepulveda Basin.

We also demand that you use the full force of your office to clean out the homeless from this area immediately.

We have not entered the hot dry season and what you are seeing is a trailer to a horror movie that will play out over the Summer if you do not clear this area out now.

We have been informed face to face with no mincing of words that the Los Angeles Fire Department is not capable of putting out these massive homeless wildfires and large fires. They will have to let the community, parks and all around it burn and go into life and safety mode.

This is an epoch failure that must be dealt with using the full force of your office and staff before we have another Palisades disaster.

We are on standby for your response to this very serious matter.

Sincerely,

Athena Novak

President

Homeowners of Encino

cc:

Ms. Linda Gravani – President of Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

Mr. Josh Sautter – President of the Encino Neighborhood Council

Fire Captain Ochoa

Mr. Ackley Padilla – Chief of Staff for CD6

Ms. Andrea Conant – Chief of Staff for CD4

Los Angeles Park and Recreation Commissioners:

Ms. Renata Simril – President

Mr. Luis Sanchez

Ms. Marie Lloyd

Ms. Fiona Hutton

Mr. Benny Tran



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Los Feliz Needs Your Help

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 23, 2025 at 12:03 PM

To: Lynne hanson

Good afternoon,

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

On Fri, May 23, 2025 at 11:28 AM Lynne hanson

wrote:

May 23, 2025

City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation & Parks
221 N. Figueroa, Suite 350
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Representatives,

Please make a sound decision to shutter the shelter. It's ruining the special community of Los Feliz. The corner of Los Feliz Blvd. and Riverside Drive is legally for the fountain, tennis courts, swimming pool, and the senior center.

The shelter brings drugs and destruction to our streets. We, the taxpayers, object. Serve the local taxpayers who work hard, respect the law, and are responsible voters. Stop sending nonproductive, criminal outsiders to Los Feliz.

Los Feliz is home to the Zoo, Autry Museum, Greek Theater, Observatory, and the largest municipal park in the United States. Thousands of people from all over the world visit our neighborhood. The city government and CD4 have neglected Los Feliz for years.

Don't sacrifice the well-being of our neighborhood for ineffective shelter programs. Shutter the shelter. Return Los Feliz to the residents, local visitors, and worldwide tourists. Tend to the streets, sidewalks, and cleanliness. Los Feliz should be a priority for the City of Los Angeles and CD4.

Sincerely, Ms. Hanson,

Los Feliz Concerned Resident, Home Owner, Tax Payer, Voter



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Return South Griffith Park to the full public

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 29, 2025 at 8:38 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 Tue, May 27, 2025 at 9:58 AM Kevin Mullican

wrote:

Dear Commissioners and City Officials,

The City is facing a massive budget deficit. The Country is edging ever closer to a recession and the markets are in turmoil. The Trump economic policies are fueling widespread uncertainty, depressing the dollar globally, and sparking a selloff of US debt. People are looking for low or no cost options for recreation and just plain escape from the depressing daily news cycle. In typical times, this is the role that the municipal parks play, offering a refuge in the storm of daily life. As the largest municipal park in the country, Griffith Park is a tremendously loved resource among Angelenos. However, at only 5%, Los Angeles has the lowest percentage of public parkland of all major urban areas in the Country. The Recreation & Parks Commission is charged with ensuring that the parks, including Griffith Park, remain not only available for the entire public to use, but also a safe place to recreate, particularly in light of the scarcity.

Following closely on the heels of a City Council resolution in 2019 to establish a community center in South Griffith Park, the City and this Commission instead pivoted to allow the installation of a congregate homeless shelter, the Riverside Drive Bridge Home, for three years on public parkland. This shelter was conceived to exemplify the much touted "housing first" approach for the abatement of rampant homelessness in our City. Since the shelter's inception, the City has compiled data about the shelter's utter lack of performance and the extreme negative effect the shelter has had on shelter residents and the surrounding community, elucidating the fallacy of the "housing first" policy. Even Sam Tsemberis, the original advocate of the "housing first" policy (1992), has realized the systemic failures, and has publicly abandoned the concept.

Mayor Bass stated on several occasions, including to the New York Times and LA Times, that she disfavors congregate shelters due to their lack of efficacy in addressing homelessness. While the rest of Los Angeles has seen a 100% increase in the homeless population, the area surrounding the shelter has suffered a 450% increase, not including those in the shelter, according to the LAHSA point in time count. This is not an outlier, the installation of congregate shelters leads to increased homelessness. The most recent CAO report to this Commission stated that only 8% of shelter residents had been permanently placed, due to financial and staff performance inefficiencies as well as resident resistance to housing.

LAPD has labeled the shelter a nexus of crime, and for good reason. Since installation, LAPD records show that the area and neighborhoods immediately surrounding the shelter have suffered a 300% increase in crime, with those drawn to the shelter for drugs and other criminal activities. Many in the Los Feliz community, originally in favor of the shelter, have come to understand that the shelter is dangerous and fails to even meet the most basic needs of the clients it serves.

The shelter operator, People Assisting The Homeless (PATH), has failed every year to provide adequate security or guidance for the clients. Despite this, after heavily lobbying Council District 4, PATH gained an additional \$1M in funding to operate the failing shelter. Even this was not enough, PATH decided not to renew their contract to operate the shelter after it expires in June 2025, leaving the shelter without an operator. CD4 Councilmember Nithya Raman, after years of failing to identify a provider for her "Ambassador Program," hired the nonprofit she founded, SELAH, to act in the role. This was a \$42,000 handout for the Councilperson's nonprofit, despite SELAH's self admission that the only experience their volunteers have is handing out coffee and donuts on the weekend. How this helps with security remains a mystery.

The shelter was originally installed with a three year operational timeframe. However, the shelter has been allowed two one-year extensions. The temporary sprung structure only has a six year lifespan - it has reached its end of life. This is obvious in the decrepit state of the facility, evidence of which has been furnished to this Commission. Black mold is visible on exterior and interior surfaces. The bathrooms and showers have no privacy enclosures. The laundry machines are regularly out of order. Exterior steps are broken, exposing the City to further liability. Given the City liabilities that have created the current budget deficit, it's long past due for Rec & Parks to deny a permit extension for the shelter.

Shelter residents have destroyed the property around south Griffith Park, including the Mulholland Fountain, Hyperion Bridge, and Friendship Auditorium. Shelter residents have set fires in the park. The LA Shares building had to be leveled as a result. Shelter residents have raped women in the bathrooms adjacent to the shelter. Shelter residents have attacked local residents. Shelter residents have freely provided and used drugs in the open, directly across the street from a preschool, a senior community center, and nearby residences. Multiple overdose deaths have occurred in the area around the shelter. Shelter residents have broken into the neighboring apartments, stealing, vandalizing, and terrorizing residents for many years. Nearly every surface is covered in gang graffiti. Why? Because Recreation & Parks and this Commission is allowing it to continue.

The only person who still wants the shelter in place is Councilmember Raman. She has never toured the shelter, never met with shelter clients, and refused to listen to local residents. She suppresses public comment at City Council meetings, and actively works to discredit those brave enough to say something. Even Riverside Bridge Home shelter residents wonder why the shelter is allowed to continue operation. Moreover, the shelter operator, PATH, will not be renewing their contract to operate the shelter beyond June 2025. This leaves a failed shelter with no willing operator on public parkland, and deprives the entire rest of the public access to the park.

Those of us with children innately understand that raising people without boundaries or consequences ends poorly. That we would do the same with adults is doomed to failure, as the Riverside Drive Bridge Home has proven over the past 5 years. You have the opportunity to put an

end to this failed social experiment. You can choose to not renew the lease and permit for the end-of-life shelter to operate on parkland. You can return the park to the whole public, not just a small group determined to damage the park at any cost.

Every statement in this letter is well documented and cited across multiple sources. There are voluminous pictures, reports, articles, videos, and minutes available. Multiple audits, including a federally mandated audit, have found that the City and County have been severely negligent in their efforts to address homelessness. The City is unable to account for large swaths of homeless funds, and has scant documented accountability of the providers' performance. The recently formed federal Homelessness Fraud and Corruption Task Force will undoubtedly be taking a close look at this shelter, as a recipient of federal grant funds. I implore you to not be a party to this ongoing fraudulent misuse of public funds and to not allow this shelter permit to continue operation on public land.

Kindest regards,
Kevin Mullican

Today's the day.

May 4, 2025

City Of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation & Parks
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 350
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Via mail and email to:

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RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG

Takisha.Sardin@lacity.org

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Re: Riverside Bridge Home shelter, 3210/3248 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, 90027

Return South Griffith Park to the People

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surrounding the shelter has suffered a 450% increase, not including those in the shelter, according to the LAHSA point in time count. This is not an outlier, the installation of congregate shelters leads to increased homelessness. The most recent CAO report to this Commission stated that only 8% of shelter residents had been permanently placed, due to financial and staff performance inefficiencies as well as resident resistance to housing.

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The shelter operator, People Assisting The Homeless (PATH), has failed every year to provide adequate security or guidance for the clients. Despite this, after heavily lobbying Council District 4, PATH gained an additional \$1M in funding to operate the failing shelter. Even this was not enough, PATH decided not to renew their contract to operate the shelter after it expires in June 2025, leaving the shelter without an operator. CD4 Councilmember Nithya Raman, after years of failing to identify a provider for her "Ambassador Program," hired the nonprofit she founded, SELAH, to act in the role. This was a \$42,000 handout for the Councilperson's nonprofit, despite SELAH's self admission that the only experience their volunteers have is handing out coffee and donuts on the weekend. How this helps with security remains a mystery.

The shelter was originally installed with a three year operational timeframe. However, the shelter has been allowed two one-year extensions. The temporary sprung structure only has a six year lifespan - it has reached its end of life. This is obvious in the decrepit state of the facility, evidence of which has been furnished to this Commission. Black mold is visible on exterior and interior surfaces. The bathrooms and showers have no privacy enclosures. The laundry machines are regularly out of order. Exterior steps are broken, exposing the City to further liability. Given the City liabilities that have created the current budget deficit, it's long past due for Rec & Parks to deny a permit extension for the shelter.

Shelter residents have destroyed the property around south Griffith Park, including the Mulholland Fountain, Hyperion Bridge, and Friendship Auditorium. Shelter residents have set fires in the park. The LA Shares building had to be leveled as a result. Shelter residents have raped women in the bathrooms adjacent to the shelter. Shelter residents have attacked local residents. Shelter residents have freely provided and used drugs in the open, directly across the street from a preschool, a senior community center, and nearby residences. Multiple overdose deaths have occurred in the area around the shelter. Shelter residents have broken into the neighboring apartments, stealing, vandalizing, and terrorizing residents for many years. Nearly every surface is covered in gang graffiti. Why? Because Recreation & Parks and this Commission is allowing it to continue.

The only person who still wants the shelter in place is Councilmember Raman. She has never toured the shelter, never met with shelter clients, and refused to listen to local residents. She suppresses public comment at City Council meetings, and actively works to discredit those brave enough to say something. Even Riverside Bridge Home shelter residents wonder why the shelter is allowed to continue operation. Moreover, the shelter operator, PATH, will not be renewing their contract to operate the shelter beyond June 2025. This leaves a failed shelter with no willing operator on public parkland, and deprives the entire rest of the public access to the park.

Those of us with children innately understand that raising people without boundaries or consequences ends poorly. That we would do the same with adults is doomed to failure, as the Riverside Drive Bridge Home has proven over the past 5 years. You have the opportunity to put an end to this failed social experiment. You can choose to not renew the lease and permit for the end-of-life shelter to operate on parkland. You can return the park to the whole public, not just a small group determined to damage the park at any cost.

Every statement in this letter is well documented and cited across multiple sources. There are voluminous pictures, reports, articles, videos, and minutes available. Multiple audits, including a federally mandated audit, have found that the City and County have been severely negligent in their efforts to address homelessness. The City is unable to account for large swaths of homeless funds, and has scant documented accountability of the providers' performance. The recently formed federal Homelessness Fraud and Corruption Task Force will undoubtedly be taking a close look at this shelter, as a recipient of federal grant funds. I implore you to not be a party to this ongoing fraudulent misuse of public funds and to not allow this shelter permit to continue operation on public land.

Sincerely,



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Riverside Drive ABH Facility Lease

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 29, 2025 at 9:19 AM

To: LFIA President

Good morning,

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

On Wed, May 28, 2025 at 3:53 PM LFIA President

wrote:

Please see attached letter.

Thank you.

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Debra Matlock

President, LFIA

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May 28, 2025

Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department Board of Commissioners
Councilmember Nithya Raman

RE: Riverside Drive ABH Facility Lease

Dear RAP Commissioners and Councilmember Raman,

The Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA), representing the residents of Los Feliz since 1916, writes to express deep concern over the potential indefinite extension of the lease for the A Bridge Home facility located at 3210 Riverside Drive.

When the facility was opened, the City made a clear and public commitment: that it would operate on a temporary basis—initially for three years, with a maximum of two one-year extensions. More than five years have passed, and the time has come for the City to fulfill that commitment to our community.

While the Bridge Home program was conceived with urgency and compassion, recent data from the Los Angeles City Controller's 2024 audit [*Strategy on the Streets*](#) indicate serious shortcomings in the model's outcomes. According to the audit, **only 4% of individuals engaged through the program have transitioned into permanent supportive housing**. This sobering statistic raises serious questions about the long-term effectiveness of this approach and underscores the need to evolve toward more sustainable and results-oriented strategies.

Mayor Karen Bass's leadership and her investment in initiatives like Inside Safe signal a clear policy shift toward housing-first solutions, rather than congregate shelters. We support this pivot and urge the City to align its local actions with this broader strategic direction.

As a neighborhood association, LFIA is committed to the well-being of *all* community members—housed and unhoused alike. We believe that the current use of the site at 3210 Riverside Drive, while born of good intentions, no longer serves either group effectively. Our unhoused neighbors deserve interventions that offer real pathways to stability and permanent housing. Our housed residents deserve a built environment that reflects transparent city partnerships and respects land-use designations.

Importantly, this location was, in the past, promised as the future site of a permanent Griffith Park Adult Community Center. Currently, our senior residents rely on aging trailers that are inadequate in both comfort and accessibility. These are Angelenos who have contributed to the fabric of Los Feliz for decades. They deserve a permanent, well-equipped space in the South Griffith Park area.

Finally, the site lies on land zoned as Open Space—intended for recreational use and public benefit. While temporary emergency sheltering was justified under the city's homelessness emergency declaration, continuing residential operations indefinitely on park-designated land sets a troubling precedent in a park-poor city.



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We respectfully urge the City to:

- Honor its original agreement with the community by establishing a clear plan and timeline for sunsetting the A Bridge Home facility at 3210 Riverside Drive.
- Ensure that existing shelter residents are transitioned into permanent or Inside Safe-supported housing solutions, in alignment with current City policy.
- Recommit to the development of the long-promised Griffith Park Adult Community Center to serve our senior population.
- Restore the site to a use that is consistent with its zoning and its unique location at the edge of Griffith Park.

This is a pivotal moment to demonstrate good governance, honor commitments, and work toward solutions that are both compassionate and effective. We look forward to working with the City on next steps that benefit all members of our community.

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors of LFIA

Debra Matlock
President

CC: Jimmy Kim
Matt Rudnick
Brenda Aguirre
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Fw: Template letter due June 3rd to RAP Commission, Mayor Bass and CD4 Councilwoman Nithya Raman

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 30, 2025 at 7:41 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 Thu, May 29, 2025 at 12:07 PM Louis Wenzlaff

wrote:

May 29, 2025

City of Los Angeles

Department of Recreation & Parks

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Via mail and email to:

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Dear General Manager Kim, Assistant General Manager Aguirre, and Honorable Rec & Parks (RAP) Commissioners,

You are urged to make a sound decision to shutter the Riverside Bridge Home shelter. PATH and other nonprofits have nearby shelters to transfer those who do not want/are unmotivated to get housing.

After nearly 2 ½ years past the originally agreed upon 3 year shelter lease term, a cadre of pictures and videos about the impact to south Griffith Park, and the conditions inside and outside the shelter, the decision about Riverside Bridge Home shelter needs to be made.

The land around the shelter was purchased by the city in 1952 for the purposes of "recreation and playground use". The City of Los Angeles and Rec & Parks as oversight body of the parkland are ceding the space of one of the greatest parks in the nation, to a structure that is impeding the planned development of a long-promised community center. A shelter program that has only 8% rate of "graduation", without exterior security for residents at the shelter or the broader community.

At the last RAP Commission meeting, it was unofficially mentioned the embroiled operator nonprofit People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) contract may not be renewed. While CD4 Director of

Homelessness Patrick Siggins confirmed the news was not “official”, (with \$300M less to LAHSA and likely dissolution date of July 1, 2026) and the City not having a Homelessness agency starting July 2025, procurement of a new qualified vendor operator for the shelter is unlikely (People Connection is a staffing agency only).

It has been shown that PATH mismanaged the shelter for the past 5 years and a new vendor without performance or financial accountability will be more of the same (perhaps worse) while the local Council Office promises “accountability and transparency”. Ongoing fleecing of taxpayers, without money actually helping those who are homeless if a new vendor is selected, will be the result.

There is money for a consultant to do outreach and focus groups for a community center and that person was to be hired February 2025. After most publicly promising the community center since February 2024 (coinciding with CD4 Councilwoman Raman's reelection campaign), CD4 is making excuses and telling the broader community to be patient. We are out of patience and want the consultant brought on board!!!

Unlike other Councilmembers, Council District 4 Councilperson doesn't attend RAP Commission meetings, yet is busy proposing “housing navigation as an intervention” which would further route Measure A monies to nonprofits without a trickle going to homeless.

Please divest Griffith Park of this longstanding issue. If this Commission, after 2.5 years extensions, decides to keep the congregate shelter, which Mayor Bass disfavors for sound reasons, the ongoing issues inside and outside that facility are your and the city's responsibility and liability. Enforce the conditions - a functional facility with a true Ambassador Program with focus on safety as promised, (not coffee, donuts, friendship, and shuttle rides), a 30% throughput, monthly updates, and a plan for decommissioning the shelter.

Councilperson Raman knows she could have property managers and developers go to the shelter touting available housing. Many residents in the shelter want TLS vouchers, without work/responsibility and PATH operator was steering residents to use only the PATH buildings to increase long term nonprofit revenue generation. There are graduates of the shelter program, some of the worst criminals who admitted destroying the Mulholland Fountain copper pipe and lighting after they got housed, are wondering why the shelter is still open without proper enforced rules and accountability to all residents. The interviewed “graduates” said there needs to be a curfew, residents need set times to meet with their case managers for progress, there need to be rules for being on parkland and respect of the surrounding community as PATH has never followed its own “good neighbor” policy.

We truly appreciate your service on behalf of Parks in Los Angeles and your leadership. We look forward to your decision.

Sincerely,
Dr. Suzanne Wenzlaff



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Riverside Bridge Housing

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 4, 2025 at 8:16 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 Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 10:20 AM D Chew

wrote:

City of Los Angeles

Department of Recreation and Parks

221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 350

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Via email to:

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

Having appeared in front of the RAP Board of Commissioners to plead for the non-renewal of the Riverside Drive Bridge Housing contract, it has come to even the Public's attention through the Press, that this Project is indeed not performing; that there are other projects which have had some success. Please, do not re-new this contract, remove the temporary structure, and to replace the area with the previously planned promised Senior Center.

Indeed, 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. The facts prove that this homeless program is flawed, and other programs are more successful.

The better use of existing programs and methods should be directed to/for the existing unhoused individuals and those "individuals in medical need" in the Riverside Drive Bridge Housing Project/Program. Let us truly house the homeless and not to forget them.

Thank you for your attention,

Dennis Chew



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Park Proposal for 3330 W 36th St in Jefferson Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 29, 2025 at 12:14 PM

To:

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, May 29, 2025 at 10:38 AM Cesar Garcia Gonzalez

wrote:

Dear Department of Parks and Recreation,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm a resident of **Jefferson Park (ZIP code 90018)**, and I'm writing to express strong interest in the development of a new public park at **3330 W 36th St**, between Crenshaw Blvd and 11th Ave, and bordered by 30th and Exposition Blvd. Since that land is owned by LA City I believe its a perfect place to plan a park.

Our neighborhood is critically under-served when it comes to access to green space. According to the Trust for Public Land's ParkServe tool ([link here](#)), the area surrounding the Crenshaw Metro stop, including 3330 W 36th St, ranks among the most park-poor in Los Angeles. A new park here would provide a desperately needed space for outdoor activity, community gathering, and environmental cooling in a dense urban zone.

This need becomes even more urgent in light of **SB 79 – the Abundant & Affordable Homes Near Transit Act**. This new California legislation aims to significantly increase housing density and affordability near public transit by:

- Allowing upzoning near train stations and rapid bus stops
- Streamlining permitting for multi-family projects within a half-mile of major transit
- Allowing transit agencies to develop housing on their own land

Our neighborhood, within walking distance of the Expo Line's Crenshaw stop, is exactly the type of area SB 79 targets. While this development can bring more housing and economic activity, it also brings a clear responsibility to provide the public amenities, like **parks**, that make dense, walkable neighborhoods livable and equitable.

In light of all this, I respectfully request:

- Your consideration of **3330 W 36th St as a potential park site**
- Guidance on **how many signatures** would be required to formally petition for park development
- If the city has a **template or recommended materials** I could use to begin canvassing and organizing community support

I found your contact information on the CD10 website and appreciate your continued advocacy for equity, livability, and thoughtful development in District 10. I'm eager to work collaboratively with your office, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and other stakeholders to help make this vision a reality.

Warm regards,
Cesar Garcia



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Expansion of CLASS into Pan Pacific

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 29, 2025 at 9:04 AM

To: Bess

Good morning,

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

On Wed, May 28, 2025 at 10:54 AM Bess

wrote:

I am writing to strongly recommend the expansion of the CLASS program to Pan Pacific Park. While the area may not be traditionally viewed as under-resourced, this perception overlooks key realities about the diverse families who live in and around the Pan Pacific Park community.

Pan Pacific serves a broad and often underestimated demographic. Many families in the surrounding neighborhoods—especially those in the Park La Brea apartments, the government-assisted housing across the street, and other nearby complexes—face significant financial and structural barriers. A high number of youth come from single-parent households and do not have access to the same level of structured support systems as their peers in more visibly underserved communities.

In fact, many of these families are unable to participate in regular park programming due to cost, lack of transportation, or limited program availability. The CLASS program would directly address these gaps by offering leadership development, mentorship, and character-building opportunities to youth who need it—regardless of their zip code.

Moreover, Pan Pacific is home to some of the city's most promising young athletes and natural leaders. These youth would thrive in a program like CLASS, which offers structured engagement, community service opportunities, and a path toward personal and civic development. The park already acts as a magnet for families and youth, and with CLASS, we have a chance to deepen that impact,

build equity in access, and develop a new generation of engaged, resilient leaders.

We urge you to consider Pan Pacific Park not just as a recreational hub, but as a critical site for CLASS expansion—one that serves a diverse, often overlooked, yet highly deserving group of young people.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the youth of our city.

Sincerely,



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: South Griffith Park Master Plan

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 30, 2025 at 2:59 PM

To: Sherrell Cuneo

Good afternoon,

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

On Fri, May 30, 2025 at 2:18 PM Sherrell Cuneo

wrote:

Dear General Manager Kim, Assistant General Manager Aguirre, and Honorable Rec & Parks (RAP) Commissioners,

Hello. Some of you may remember me as one of several persistent supporters, who turned up at many RAP Commission meetings in support of bringing back the Griffith Park Pony Rides. Much has happened, and our city has been through more than any place should have to endure since that last meeting where the results of the Placeworks study were announced.

The hills of Griffith Park were spared the profound destruction that the Palisades and Altadena experienced. Griffith Park still remains the crown jewel of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks, but even before the fires Griffith Park was showing signs of neglect. The Pony Rides have been gone for several years, the Train Rides have struggled to stay afloat, the swimming pool has a leak, the Mulholland Fountain doesn't work, the Senior Center is in shambles, and Friendship Auditorium is in need of repair. The entrance to our beautiful park is looking decidedly lackluster. Despite all this I am encouraged and excited by the promise of the South Griffith Park Master Plan.

Griffith Park has long served more than just the local community. I am a long time Los Feliz resident, but what I learned while serving on the GPAB ad hoc Pony Ride committee was that the families that used both the Pony Rides and the Train Rides were predominantly low income working class families. I had the same experience years ago when I took my daughter to the pool. While there are many people in Los Angeles with backyard swimming pools, the Los Feliz Pool was there for those of us from all walks of life who didn't. I still remember taking my young daughter, who had taken swimming lessons at the Hollywood YMCA since she was a toddler, to the Los Feliz Pool. She wanted to swim in the big pool, the incredibly helpful staff watched her jump in and swim the width of the big pool before giving her the okay.

South Griffith Park, which to my mind includes the Pony and Train Rides, offers so much to Angelenos of all ages and all walks of life. The Pony and Train rides have always been the low cost place to bring young children, south of Los Feliz Blvd offers tennis, the swimming pool, the Senior Center, the iconic Mulholland Fountain where countless Angelinos have taken their wedding and graduation photos, and the historic Friendship Auditorium. On Wednesday evening and Saturday

mornings the Hollywood Dog Obedience Club offers low cost puppy, novice and advanced obedience classes, and rally. I am a member of the HDOC, and I'm usually there every Saturday morning. The club has been offering classes since 1949, which provide a service to the entire community by helping educate and train both dogs and their people to be good citizens. HDOC considers themselves a stakeholder in the South Griffith Park area, and has taken part in recent pet adoption events held at the park. I am also recently retired and look forward to the long promised improvements to the senior center. Senior women of all races and socioeconomic backgrounds are one of the largest growing segments of the population in Los Angeles, and healthy seniors have much to offer the community.

Griffith Park is one of the largest urban wildlife interfaces in the country, with over 4,000 acres, and over 70 miles of hiking and equestrian trails. South Griffith Park serves as a major entrance, and as mentioned above serves constituents of all ages and from all walks of life. As a long time resident of Los Feliz, and a long time park constituent I look forward to the South Griffith Park Master Plan as an opportunity to embrace and build upon the historic nature of the site. I know that those of us who use the park are eager to take part and ensure that the things we know and love remain, while also building back better for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Sherrell Cuneo



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park Adult Community Center in Los Feliz

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 4, 2025 at 8:15 AM

To: Hattie Ramirez

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Jun 1, 2025 at 8:40 PM Hattie Ramirez

wrote:

General Manager Kim, Executive Officer Rudnick, Chief Financial Officer Williams, Assistant General Manager Aguirre, Assistant General Manager Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager Stoneham, and Honorable Recreation and Park (RAP) Commissioners,

As a longtime active volunteer and one of the younger seniors, I implore you to support and actively work on building a new community center to benefit the older adults at Griffith Park Adult Community Center and the community.

We are one of the most active and successful older adult community centers, yet we operate in a dilapidated 23-year-old construction site trailer used for the 2002-2006 renovation and expansion of Griffith Park Observatory.

I believe it is time to decommission the Riverside Drive Bridge Home and restore the site to recreation as envisioned by the South of Riverside Master Plan. And actively work on the future home of a much-needed community center!

Thank you!

Respectfully,

Hattie Ramirez



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: NEW Griffith Park Adult Community Center - We want your vote

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 4, 2025 at 8:16 AM

To: Laura Escudero

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 11:54 AM Laura Escudero

wrote:

Griffith Park Adult Community Ctr members

Myriam Calderon
 Marina Camacho
 Irene Casados
 Mary Emi
 Laura Escudero
 Merle Galindo
 Jocelyn Geaga-Rosenthal
 Esther Ingram
 Grace Kim
 Ana Munguia
 Janice Osumi
 Hattie Ramirez
 Brenda Schoettel

Los Angeles, CA. 90027

May 28, 2025

Mr. Jimmy Kim
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Dear General Manager Kim, Assistant General Manager Aguirre, and Honorable Rec & Parks (RAP) Commissioners,

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Dear General Manager Kim, Assistant General Manager Aguirre, and Honorable Rec & Parks (RAP) Commissioners,

I, along with others named above, support a new community center to benefit the many seniors who regularly, some daily, attend activities at Griffith Park Adult Community Center. We can definitely use more space to expand needed programming. Expediting what could be so useful and enjoyed would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Laura Escudero

Members noted above of the GPACC