

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

June 23, 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. Tom Ostergard comments regarding Adopting a Public Bench	#9903	Referred to General Manager
2. Jacob Wasserman comments regarding NWWNC asks the City Council and City Agencies to apply for Los Angeles Metro Active Transportation Cycle 2 funding	#9904	Referred to General Manager
3. Jacob Wasserman comments regarding North Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes the 41.18 policy	#9904a	Referred to General Manager
4. Jacob Wasserman comments regarding North Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes criminalizing unhoused neighbors	#9904b	Referred to General Manager
5. Sarajane comments regarding Dangerous Conditions at Hollywoodland	#9905	Referred to General Manager
6. Hilda Sarkisyan comments regarding extending the Agreement that Allows Air Monitoring Stations within LADRP-Managed Areas	#9906	Referred to General Manager
7. Carol Reush comments regarding Sycamore Grove Event Chaos	#9907	Referred to General Manager

8. Robin Healy comments regarding replacing the climbing dome at Telfair Park	#9908	Referred to General Manager
9. Trudi Schoolhouse comments regarding Dog Sporting Events	#9909	Referred to General Manager
10. Cynthia B comments regarding Fair Opportunity for Hollywood Recreation Softball Girls	#9910	Referred to General Manager
11. Louis Wenzalff comments regarding Riverside Bridge Shelter	#9911	Referred to General Manager
12. Keith Johnson comments regarding Riverside Bridge Shelter	#9911a	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Rosa Cartagena, RAP Commission Office



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

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## Public Bench Information

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 5, 2025 at 9:24 AM

To:

Good morning Tom,

Attached below is more information regarding adopting a bench.

Let us know if you have anymore questions.

Thank you

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### 2 attachments



**Public Art Policy (Revised 02-20-2020).pdf**

177K



**Adopt-A-Bench.pdf**

95K



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## Tom Ostergard for public bench to honor Jean and George Gelfan.

1 message

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

Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 12:32 PM

Hello,

Tom called to see how he could go about getting a bench put into Bronson park near Griffith, to honor Jean and George Gelfan, who were outstanding citizens that upheld the maintenance of Bronson Park.

Tom left his email below.

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



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

**Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0416**

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 5, 2025 at 9:37 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 4, 2025 at 12:14 AM LA City SNow <[cityoflaprod@service-now.com](mailto: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(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/07/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

**Impact Information**

Date: 06/04/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0416

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: NWWNC asks that our City Council and city agencies apply for Los Angeles Metro Active Transportation (MAT) Cycle 2 funding to complete a number of Westwood projects. Approximately \$75 million in MAT Cycle 2 funding is available for projects listed in the 2023 Metro Active Transportation Strategic Plan for three categories: active transportation corridors, first-/last-mile (FLM), and pedestrian districts for implementation between 2026-2030. Importantly MAT funds do not require a local match, and Metro can lead planning, outreach, and design for projects up to construction, minimizing city staffing needs. Cycle 2 also includes funds for smaller quick-build projects under \$1 million, which could be particularly useful for approved but unfunded small LADOT projects like the Gayley/Strathmore scramble pedestrian crossing. We ask that the entire Los Angeles Metro First-/Last-mile Plan for the D Line Extension in Westwood be implemented, which includes elements from a number of projects previously supported by NWWNC, including Westwood Connected and sidewalk and crossing improvements at Westwood Park. Additionally, the North Village qualifies under the Westwood Pedestrian District, Weyburn/Westwood FLM, and Sunset/Bellagio FLM and is in dire need of repair and safety upgrades, including NWWNC requests like our ask for sidewalk and crossing Improvements on Gayley Avenue, and for intersection and crossing improvements across the North Village. In addition to tens of thousands of Westwood stakeholders who will benefit from these projects daily, these active transportation improvements are essential to the success of the Olympics and Paralympics. MAT funding would allow for essential improvements to be made. With little to no downside to applying for MAT funding, the NWWNC strongly requests the city include Westwood-related projects in Cycle 2 funding.



- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [20-0504](#)

Title: Metro Active Transport (MAT) / Fiscal Years 2021-2025 / Cycle 1 / Call For Projects

Position: Neutral

Council File: [25-0204](#)

Title: Metro Active Transport (MAT) / Cycle 2 / Segment 4 Valley LA RiverWay

Position: Neutral

Council File: [25-0416](#)

Title: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) / Active Transport, Transit and First/Last Mile (MAT) / Cycle 2 / Call for Projects

Position: Against unless Amended

Summary:

The North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) asks that our City Council and city agencies apply for Los Angeles Metro Active Transportation (MAT) Cycle 2 funding to complete a number of Westwood projects. Approximately \$75 million in MAT Cycle 2 funding is available for projects listed in the 2023 Metro Active Transportation Strategic Plan for three categories: active transportation corridors, first-/last-mile (FLM), and pedestrian districts for implementation between 2026-2030. Importantly MAT funds do not require a local match, and Metro can lead planning, outreach, and design for projects up to construction, minimizing city staffing needs. Cycle 2 also includes funds for smaller quick-build projects under \$1 million, which could be particularly useful for approved but unfunded small LADOT projects like the Gayley/Strathmore scramble pedestrian crossing.

We ask that the entire [Los Angeles Metro First-/Last-mile Plan](#) for the D Line Extension in Westwood be implemented, which includes elements from a number of projects previously supported by NWWNC, including [Westwood Connected](#) and [sidewalk and crossing improvements at Westwood Park](#). Additionally, the North Village qualifies under the Westwood Pedestrian District, Weyburn/Westwood FLM, and Sunset/Bellagio FLM and is in dire need of repair and safety upgrades, including NWWNC requests like our ask [for sidewalk and crossing Improvements on Gayley Avenue](#), and [for intersection and crossing improvements across the North Village](#). In addition to tens of thousands of Westwood stakeholders who will benefit from these projects daily, these active transportation improvements are essential to the success of the Olympics and Paralympics. For example, Gayley Avenue will be the main link between the future Athlete Village, Westwood Village, and the D Line. Yet the usable sidewalks are narrow and cracked, bike lanes are non-existent or blocked by drive-through traffic. MAT funding would allow for essential improvements to be made.

With little to no downside to applying for MAT funding, the NWWNC strongly requests the city include Westwood-related projects in Cycle 2 funding.

## **Previously Supported/Requested MAT-Eligible Projects**

### **1. Westwood Connected**

*Summary:* <https://www.westwoodconnected.com/>

Elements eligible as Active Transportation Corridor:

- Westwood Boulevard protected bicycle lanes and protected intersections

Elements eligible as Westwood/UCLA D Line FLM, Westwood/Weyburn FLM, and/or Sunset/Bellagio FLM:

- Westwood Boulevard protected bicycle lanes and protected intersections
- Gayley Avenue protected bicycle lanes, sidewalk widening, and traffic calming
- Gayley Avenue scramble crossings at Le Conte Avenue, Charles E. Young Drive, and Strathmore Drive
- Pedestrian improvements across Westwood Village, including raised crossings/intersections, curb extensions, and speed humps

Elements eligible as Westwood Pedestrian District:

- Gayley Avenue scramble crossings at Le Conte Avenue, Charles E. Young Drive, and Strathmore Drive
- Pedestrian improvements across Westwood Village, including raised crossings/intersections, curb extensions, and speed humps

### **2. Westwood Park/Veteran Avenue Sidewalk and Crossing Improvements**

*Summary:*

[https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-1111-S16\\_cis\\_05-10-24.pdf#page=3](https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-1111-S16_cis_05-10-24.pdf#page=3)



*(Eligible as part of Westwood/UCLA D Line FLM Plans and Wilshire/Veteran FLM)*

**3. Gayley Avenue North Village Sidewalk and Crossing Improvements**

*Summary:*

[https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-1111-S16\\_cis\\_05-13-2024.pdf#page=3](https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-1111-S16_cis_05-13-2024.pdf#page=3)

*(Eligible as Westwood Pedestrian District and Sunset/Bellagio FLM)*

**4. North Village Intersection and Crossing Improvements**

*Summary:*

[https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-1111-S16\\_cis\\_06-06-24.pdf#page=3](https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-1111-S16_cis_06-06-24.pdf#page=3)

*(Eligible as Westwood Pedestrian District and Westwood/UCLA D Line FLM Plans)*



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**Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 23-0662**

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 6, 2025 at 10:17 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 Fri, Jun 6, 2025 at 9:16 AM LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com> wrote:

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**Contact Information**

Neighborhood Council: North Westwood

Name: Jacob Wasserman

Email:

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

Date of NC Board Action: 03/06/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

**Impact Information**

Date: 06/06/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 23-0662

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 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. According to UCLA research, the most significant factor predicting vehicular homelessness (as opposed to elsewhere) was having children—five times more predictive than any other factor. These desperate kids and families are who such a ban would punish. 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 of locations. It does nothing to solve homelessness, merely forcibly pushing people from place to place. 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. In a 2018 memo, LADOT identified flaws in the current system of regulating vehicular homelessness: “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% increase in homelessness since its enactment. NWWNC urges a rethinking of City homelessness policy and a new approach founded on services, housing, and listening to the unhoused.



## - COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

### Summary:

The North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) opposes the 41.18 policy in place and urges its repeal. We oppose efforts to criminalize our unhoused neighbors and reiterate our past opposition (See NWWNC CIS [against CF 20-1376 unless amended](#), [against CF 21-4118](#), and [against CF 21-4118-S9](#))

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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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

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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>.

scholars have argued that these ordinances constitute [cruel and unusual punishment](#) and [violate basic human rights](#).

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.”

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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



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

## Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-4118-S1

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 12, 2025 at 1:54 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jun 12, 2025 at 1:12 PM LA City SNow <[cityoflaprod@service-now.com](mailto: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(11) Nay(2) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/05/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against

### Impact Information

Date: 06/12/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-4118-S1

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The North Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes criminalizing our unhoused neighbors at the listed locations, including Westwood Park, Westwood Branch Library, and Westwood Gardens Park. Banning unhoused Angelenos from seeking shelter of last resort within 500 feet of the parks and library will only cause displacement and dispossession. This motion and others under the 41.18 structure lead the City further away from truly effective measures instead. 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, most especially in Council District 5. Too many of those who are placed into interim housing are unable to transition to permanent options that are in short supply. Yet Council File 25-4118-S1 and those like it criminalize people with no other place to go, for merely seeking shelter within a wide radius of listed public locations. They do nothing to solve homelessness, merely forcibly pushing people from place to place and expressing a view that unhoused people are inherently criminal. They waste millions of city dollars while accomplishing very little. Legal scholars have argued that such ordinances violate basic human rights. Only two people have been permanently housed through placements after 41.18 enforcement. 94 percent of people wanted shelter, but only 18 percent 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. 81 percent of encampment sites removed under 41.18 saw people return. And the motion would cover a far wider swath of our district than the approaches to the listed facilities. We urge the City Council to take a new approach founded on services, housing, and listening to the needs of the unhoused.





## - COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

### Summary:

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Our City Councilmember, Councilmember Yaroslavsky, observed the following at the [February 15, 2023 City Council meeting](#):

*"It's not clear that we're offering—making credible offers of housing and services as we apply it."*

*"What's happened in Council District 5, I think, is Exhibit A for what happens when you enforce 41.18 without credible offers of housing and services."*

*"It just...spreads people around. Homelessness has gotten worse in my district."*

*"We're not actually solving the problem; we're just engaging in an elaborate shell game."*

We agree with all of these statements and believe they still apply today.

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, most especially in Council District 5. Too many of those who are placed into interim housing are unable to transition to permanent options that are in short supply.

Yet Council File 25-4118-S1 and those like it criminalize people with no other place to go, for merely seeking shelter within a wide radius of listed public locations. They do nothing to solve homelessness, merely forcibly pushing people from place to place and expressing a view that unhoused people are inherently criminal. They [waste millions of city dollars while accomplishing very little](#). Legal scholars have argued that such ordinances [violate basic human rights](#).

According to [a report by the Legislative Analyst](#), only two people have been permanently housed through placements after 41.18 enforcement. Per the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, 94 percent of people wanted shelter, but only 18 percent 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 LAHSA, 81 percent of encampment sites removed under 41.18 saw people return thereafter. And the motion would cover a far wider swath of our district than the approaches to the listed facilities, revealing its misapplication as an accessibility tool.

NWWNC and its partner organizations have hosted Westwood Connect Day at Westwood Park, connecting unhoused neighbors to medical, legal, housing, and hygiene services and resources, and we plan to do so again soon. We believe that this motion will undermine or undo the hard work building trust and providing aid of efforts like this.

We also oppose this motion because of the central role libraries play in helping people who lack internet access get housing, jobs, and services. Public libraries help those in need access the internet, books, and a growing list of other resources. If this motion passes, unhoused Angelenos will be driven away from libraries. Instead of using libraries to help people in homelessness, this motion undermines the very purpose of *public* libraries.

In [Council File 21-0329-S5](#), which [our Council supported](#), Councilmember Yaroslavsky proposed that 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. That motion has had neither hearing nor vote, and we have seen no evidence of improvement in 41.18 operations along the lines proposed. Outreach is still inadequate for the reasons the Councilmember identified, and the motion in Council File 25-4118-S1 fails to include what the Councilmember proposed in Council File 21-0329-S5.

We urge the City Council to take a new approach founded on services, housing, and listening to the needs of the unhoused.

Council File: [25-4118-S1](#)

Title: Designation of Prohibited Locations / 2733 Midvale Avenue / 1765 South La Cienega Blvd / 7341 Willoughby Ave / 1246 Glendon Ave / 10853 Wellworth Ave / 1350, 1411 South Sepulveda Blvd / Council District 5 / Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18

Position: Against

Council File: [24-4118](#)

Title: Designation of Prohibited Locations

Position: Against

Council File: [23-4118-S6](#)

Title: Designation of Prohibited Locations / Freeway I-10 at Centinela Avenue / 501 South Venice Boulevard / 6660 Esplanade Place / 1233 Rose Avenue / Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, etc. / Council District 11 / Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18

Position: Against



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## Re: New hiking trail and more horrible things

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 6, 2025 at 3:12 PM

To:

Good afternoon,

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

On Fri, Jun 6, 2025 at 2:57 PM

wrote:

**I WANT THIS EMAIL TO BE PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD**

Dear City Officials,

You have received dozens and dozens of emails about the dangerous conditions in Hollywoodland due to out of control tourism on our 100 year old narrow substandard blind curved, dead ended streets with no sidewalks. We do not have the capacity to handle vehicular or pedestrian traffic. It is out of control. (It recently took an ambulance 45 minutes to get through.) Frequently LAFD vehicles also have problems. Some get through greatly delayed, some have turned around to find a different route and one waited to have cars towed. Every parked car prevents two way traffic. We have had a formal fire evaluation completed that says this activity cannot continue. The counters you have placed have numbers between 40,000 and sixty thousand cars at the LHP, a pocket park, every two weeks. Our streets are in gridlock.

Yet you have chosen to approve a permit for a fire council event that has sent out invitations to three zip codes consisting of 100,000 people. There is no infrastructure for this. It's like opening a fire safety event with shooting off fireworks! This is absolutely not an event for immediate residents. Some people were purposely misled. In fact many residents are boycotting this event because of the inherently dangerous location. Our pleas to change the location of this event have been ignored. Many City officials are speaking at and promoting this event.

The hosts of this event have put on their flyers that people should walk or use other transportation because of the lack of infrastructure. Some of the streets have had signage of NO Pedestrians because they are so dangerous, and yet they are being promoted to be used.

The liability you carry is enormous. If someone is hit by a car, you are responsible. If emergency vehicles cannot get through, you are responsible. And in the worst of all possibilities, and there is a fire (the fire season is here) no one will be able to evacuate. There will be utter gridlock. You will be responsible.

**LUCK IS NOT AN ADEQUATE, REASONABLE, SAFE OR RESPONSIBLE STRATEGY TO DEAL WITH PUBLIC SAFETY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!**

You cannot plead ignorance. This will be a matter of criminal negligence. Once more, please move this event to a different location where it is safe. You have all of Griffith Park. Or ironically in just two weeks there's to be a fire council event where there is infrastructure in Griffith Park.

How can you support a dangerous event about public safety? No wonder the City is broke with all of the lawsuits they have to pay out. Did you learn anything from the recent fires?

Sarajane Schwartz

On Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 01:51:15 PM PDT, Stefanie Smith <[stefanie.smith@lacity.org](mailto:stefanie.smith@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Sarajane,

The Friends of Griffith Park have stated that they are not going to make edits. They are a private group sharing public information. At this time, it may be best for you and those concerned to meet directly with the Friends.

Yes, we are aware of this event and all necessary permits have been issued. This was only approved because it was to be used by neighbors of Lake Hollywood Park. As a neighborhood park this type of event would only be approved for use of neighbors. RAP does not approve events from outside the community for all the reasons you mentioned. This event was also approved by the Council Office.

Thank you.

On Mon, Jun 2, 2025 at 5:27 PM

wrote:

Dear Stefanie,

Have you heard back from FGP about them taking over a substandard hillside residential street in a VHFSZ to become one of their trails? I hear there has been a big uptake in visitors dangerously walking in areas this "trail" promotes.

Also there has been another horrible development. Have you heard about the fire council fair to take place at LHP this coming Saturday? Over a hundred thousand people have been invited. Even an extremely small percentage of those people attending will overwhelm what little infrastructure we have. This is as safe as a fire council meeting holding their fair in a VHFSZ by setting off fireworks. How is this allowed? Who approved this permit? Already people are being told there is not enough parking so walk!!!

Well, we don't have sidewalks! The applicant, Sheila Irani, was not honest in her application. Many residents here are boycotting the event out of anger of the location. A meeting about public safety should be safe for the public to attend. This isn't rocket science.

Why not hold this event in Griffith Park where there is infrastructure? Why hold it in the worst place? Why is luck the only strategy for public safety ever used in our neighborhood? This would not be allowed anywhere else.

Also the harm done will not be confined to Saturday. There has never been an event like this in LHP for obvious reasons. Now that one has been approved, it will set a horrible precedent. How many organizations would love to have their events with the

Hollywood Sign in their photos. Again, I and my neighbors are not against this event, we are against this obviously dangerous location. There is still time to change it.

Did you know about this? Is there anything that you can do? Do you have any advice?

Thank you.  
It just never ends and keeps getting worse.

Sarajane

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Stefanie Smith  
Superintendent of Recreation and Parks Operations  
Griffith Region  
(323)661-9465  
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April 9, 2025

City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners

221 N. Figueroa St., Suite 300, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Subject: Request for Extension of Air Monitoring Station Agreements**

Dear Recreation and Parks Commission,

The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) is writing to request the continued support of the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (LADRP) in extending the current agreements that allow air monitoring stations to be located within LADRP-managed areas.

This air monitoring initiative is a collaborative effort between Argos Scientific, Inc. (Argos) and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), funded through a South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). In 2021, the Aliso Fund Committee, in partnership with South Coast AQMD, allocated funds to establish a real-time air monitoring network and a symptom and incident reporting system in Porter Ranch and surrounding communities affected by emissions from SoCalGas's Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility.

The program's primary objective is to measure emissions from the Aliso Canyon storage facility and assess their impact on the Porter Ranch community, including how these emissions disperse over distance. Additionally, the project aims to engage the public through a dedicated website and collect community-reported data on odors and other environmental concerns.

Two of the monitoring stations integral to this network are currently located on LADRP-managed land under agreements that remain in effect until August 1, 2025. Given the critical role these stations play in protecting public health and providing valuable air quality data, the PRNC respectfully requests LADRP's support in approving an extension of these agreements beyond their current expiration date.

This initiative is funded entirely by public agencies within the Los Angeles region and delivers direct benefits to the City of Los Angeles in Porter Ranch, Granada Hills, Northridge and Chatsworth and many other neighboring communities. The continued operation of these monitoring stations is essential in ensuring transparency, public awareness, and informed *decision-making regarding local air quality conditions.*

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to your support in maintaining this vital public health resource. Please let us know if additional information is required to facilitate this extension.

Sincerely,

Hilda Sarkisyan, Vice-President Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council

Cc: Myrka Martinez, Deputy District Director, Office of Councilmember John S. Lee (CD 12)





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

**Re: Sycamore Grove Event Chaos 6/7/25**

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 12, 2025 at 8:43 AM

To: Carol Reush

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Jun 9, 2025 at 11:23 AM Carol Reush

wrote:

In addition, you need to have official CITY OF LA SIGNS MADE THAT SAY "NO EVENT PARKING". to protect and respect us residents and you need to emphasize in any advertisement that THEY MUST ONLY PARK IN DESIGNATED EVENT PARKING LOTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

From: **Carol Reush**

Date: Mon, Jun 9, 2025 at 11:16 AM

Subject: Fwd: Sycamore Grove Event Chaos 6/7/25

To: RAP Commissioners <[Rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:Rap.commissioners@lacity.org)>

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

From: **Carol Reush**

Date: Mon, Jun 9, 2025 at 9:50 AM

Subject: Sycamore Grove Event Chaos 6/7/25

To: <[RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org](mailto:RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org)>

Really???????????

If you are going to permit an event like the one on Saturday you need to do it responsibly!!! Sycamore Grove Park IS NOT THE VENUE for an event such as this. We do not have the infrastructure.

How dare you bring hundreds if not thousands of extra people into our tiny community overrunning our streets, alleys and sidewalks with zero regard for us residents!!!!!!!!!!

YOU NEED TO PROVIDE EVENT PARKING, SHUTTLES OR WHATEVER IT TAKES TO PREVENT THE INSANITY THAT WE HAD ON SATURDAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!! People who do not live here coping hostile attitudes with no regard for the privacy of the citizens who reside here. Parking illegally everywhere with no regard to laws, blocking our parking garages, flooding our dead end alley with hundreds of vehicles. We had to call parking enforcement to have multiple illegally parked cars towed. **DO NOT DO THIS AGAIN.**

i expect a call from the person in charge asap.

Carol Reush

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

## Re: Telfair Park- follow-up email

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 12, 2025 at 9:01 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, Jun 10, 2025 at 9:51 AM Jeremy Silva <[jeremy.silva@lacity.org](mailto:jeremy.silva@lacity.org)> wrote:

Please see a comment we (RAP Planning/PNA Team) received from a constituent in Sylmar regarding Telfair Park.

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

From: **Robin Healy**

Date: Sun, Jun 8, 2025 at 12:22 PM

Subject: Telfair Park- follow-up email

To:

Cc: Jose Hernandez <[jose.H.Hernandez@lacity.org](mailto:jose.H.Hernandez@lacity.org)>

Hello,

I am following-up after speaking with Sarah Swanseen at the Parks and Rec meeting this past tuesday. I've been writing on and off for years with Jose Hernandez, Public Project Deputy & Area Representative for the Councilwoman (who I have copied on this email), about our park. Jose was very helpful in getting a broken climbing dome removed in our park back in 2021. Our park is connected to our townhouse community, but it is a public park, and only consists of swings in sand, and originally a climbing dome. The climbing dome was broken with pieces of metal sticking out of the sand for at least a year. Eventually hazard tape and signs were placed and finally after contacting Jose, it was removed.

I was hoping it was going to be replaced, but that never happened. Every 6 months I would reach out to Jose (lucky him) to see if there's anything that could be done. There are a lot of kids in the area and no other playground structure for miles. The new West Lakeside Street Park is beautiful and appreciated, but I was disappointed to find out there was no playground structure. The only other playground close by, Carey Ranch, is so outdated and dangerous. The ground is so uneven, I can't bring my small kids because they trip around the ground.

I want to make clear that while I would love to get a nice playground structure at Telfair Park- and there is space for it, as well as update Carey Ranch, what I really would appreciate at minimum would be to simply replace the climbing dome that was originally in our Telfair Park. This replacement, and anything else you can provide in terms of equipment would be so appreciated by all our neighborhood kids including my 5 and 2-year-old girls. We definitely drive to all the parks in the area and love them, but my husband and I are big commuters during the week for work, and it would be so nice to be able to enjoy our park more, staying close to home. I'm sure we aren't the only ones that feel this way.

I'll attach some pictures of our park including the current setup, the Park and Rec sign that Jose had me provide, and I found an old picture online of the original dome. I look forward to hearing from you about any attention you can provide on this matter.

Sincerely,



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

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**Re: Dog sports**

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 12, 2025 at 9:04 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, Jun 10, 2025 at 10:56 AM Jeremy Silva <[jeremy.silva@lacity.org](mailto:jeremy.silva@lacity.org)> wrote:

Please see a comment we (RAP Planning/PNA Team) received from a constituent regarding Dog sporting events.

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

From: **'Trudi Schoolhouse' via LA Park Needs Public Engagement**

Date: Sat, Jun 7, 2025 at 5:58 PM

Subject: Dog sports

To:

There used to be some parks that held Dog sporting events. LA does not have any parks that do this anymore so everything is held in Ventura or down south. There are so many dog obedience, rally, agility, fast, cat, and Lure. They are big money makers because there are so many people that are involved in these events, but Los Angeles is not making any money on these dog sports because there's nowhere for us to hold them. I used to be president of the Los Angeles Poodle obedience club and we will hold our events by Hanson Dam. These dogs sporting events always carry their own insurance always clean up afterwards, so it looks better than it was before they got there. I feel that Los Angeles is losing out on money that could be made because all the places that are available as I said before our in Ventura, Moorpark, and down south towards San Diego.

Sincerely, Trudi Schoolhouse



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

## Re: Advocating for Fair Opportunity for Hollywood Recreation Softball Girls

1 message

Cynthia R

Fri, Jun 13, 2025 at 5:00 PM

To: Carlos Alvarado &lt;carlos.jr.alvarado@lacity.org&gt;

Cc: RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org, RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org, "kimberly.simonet@lacity.org"

&lt;kimberly.simonet@lacity.org&gt;, Leslie Perez &lt;leslie.perez@lacity.org&gt;, Anita Meacham &lt;anita.meacham@lacity.org&gt;

I appreciate your efforts and response.  
My husband and I will look into that league.

Thank you

On Fri, Jun 13, 2025 at 4:45 PM Carlos Alvarado <carlos.jr.alvarado@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Cynthia,

Thank you for your message and for your continued support of the Hollywood Recreation Girls Minors Softball Team. We truly value the passion and commitment from both parents and players.

After careful consideration and review of all documentation and requirements, the decision regarding All-Stars eligibility has been finalized. Teams are required to complete a minimum of **7 games** during the regular season to qualify for All-Stars participation. Unfortunately, Hollywood Recreation does not meet the eligibility criteria for this season.

All-Star paperwork was due at the **end of May**, and once received, we conducted a review of the submissions. It was during this review that we became aware the team's schedule did not meet the minimum game requirement. It's important to note that the park director had teams participating in two separate leagues this season—one with Normandie and one in-house—which contributed to some confusion in tracking total game counts and ensuring eligibility compliance. However, only games played within the designated league count toward All-Star qualification.

This determination was made in accordance with league rules and procedures.

We understand the disappointment this may cause, especially for the girls who have shown such dedication. Please know that this outcome is not a reflection of their efforts or spirit, but rather a matter of adhering to consistent league standards that apply to all participating teams.

We would also like to remind you that the girls are eligible to participate in the upcoming **Natasha Watley Summer League**, which begins in July. This is a great opportunity for the players to continue growing, developing their skills, and enjoying the game in a supportive and competitive environment. That information has been shared with the Director and she can begin the registration process.

Thank you

On Tue, Jun 10, 2025 at 11:36 PM Cynthia B

wrote:

Dear Mr. Alvarado and LA Park and Rec Departments,

I truly hope I've reached the correct person, as this message comes from a place of care and advocacy for our girls. Please find attached a letter expressing our concerns and seeking clarification about the Hollywood Recreation Softball team's All-Star qualification. We appreciate your time and attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Best regards,  
Cynthia Rivas



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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## Re: Advocating for Fair Opportunity for Hollywood Recreation Softball Girls

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 12, 2025 at 8:17 AM

To: Cynthia B

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wrote:

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Best regards,  
Cynthia Rivas

To: Mr. Carlos Alvarado, Sports Board Supervisor of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Park, and To Whom It May Concern  
From: Hollywood Recreation Parents and Mother  
Date: June 10, 2025

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing not only as a parent of the Hollywood Recreation Softball Minor League girls, but also as someone who cares deeply about the values of fairness, opportunity, and growth in youth sports.

The reason for this letter is to better understand why our team is currently considered not qualified for All-Stars, to raise some ethical concerns surrounding this decision, and to explore possible solutions that might allow our girls to still participate this season (this weekend). These players have shown dedication, teamwork, and heart all season long, and we want to ensure they are given a fair chance to be recognized for their efforts.

It was brought to our attention that the Hollywood Recreation Girls Minors Softball Team was disqualified to participate in All-Stars softball league this season. We are truly saddened and shocked over the news. It caught many of us by surprise as our girls were ecstatic to win the League Championship this Sunday, June 8th. They have been looking forward to continuing playing this season in All-Stars.

From our understanding, we were able to participate this Spring season even up to the championship game with no communicated issues from your end. Documentation was sent prior to the season starting and scheduling errors were not communicated to our coordinator before or during the season. Also, before the last few games, all required documentation for All-Stars was submitted by the participating girls and by Hollywood Recreation. Today, the unfortunate news was shared by our recreation coordinator that we did not qualify for All-Stars due to not playing enough games this season. It was shared that we played 6/7 games.

Our concerns and questions are:

1. How could we have made it far into the season with missing documents and game scheduling errors? Why wasn't this matter brought to the attention of the recreation coordinator or supervisor earlier?
2. How were we able to qualify for All-Stars, submit documents on time, and after the championship game on June 8th, the adults from the team that lost raised a concern about our team's qualification? Why wasn't this matter brought to the attention of the recreation coordinator or supervisor earlier?
3. If this is not brought up by the opposing team, when was it going to be brought up by you; the Sport Board Supervisor in ample time?

Our understanding of your role is to catch mistakes or missing information and communicate them to our coordinator so they can be fixed within a respectful time frame. From what has been shared with us parents, all documents were received with no communication about any issues. Moreover, this was a preventative matter on your end.

With that in mind, I would like to provide you a glimpse of our fairly new coordinator and what she has done for our park. Our coordinator has done an amazing job of advocating for GPLA and for our community. Her dedication and support truly reflects what the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Park are all about. I mention this to emphasize on her morale, and if given the opportunity, she would have fixed any error with grace. However, she was not informed of them until deadlines approached.

I would also like to revisit the vision of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Park, *Our mission is to enrich the lives of the residents of Los Angeles by providing safe, welcoming parks and recreation facilities and affordable, diverse recreation and human services activities for people of all ages to play, learn, contemplate, build community and be good stewards of our environment.* (LACITY.org). With this in mind, let us remember that Los Angeles Recreation exists primarily for the children in our community, offering them accessible resources to grow, learn, and thrive.

Moving forward, we want to offer some solutions that we believe can still qualify our girls this season, based on what our coordinator has shared. First, we can play a home game by Friday, June 13, 2025, which will complete our seven games. We feel that your delays or miscommunication contributed to us not completing the games on time. I hope we can find a middle ground, and we are open to any other solutions you might suggest to support our girls.

In closing, I want to return to the main reason for writing this letter. It's about our girls and their love for softball. This is about advocating for them and giving them a fair chance to play for All-Stars. Our girls have put in so much effort and found real joy in playing softball. They were genuinely excited and hopeful about the opportunity to participate in All-Stars

Lastly, please excuse if I've misunderstood anything or shared incorrect information, I kindly ask for your understanding. My intention is not to place blame but to seek clarity, find solutions, and do what's right for the girls who have worked so hard all season.

I hope to hear from you soon and look forward to having an open and respectful conversation about how we can move forward in the best interest of the girls.

Sincerely,  
On behalf of the Hollywood Recreation parents,  
Cynthia Rivas

## References:

1. 2024 City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Park Softball Tournament Rules

[https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/sports/youth/pdf/spring2024/2024%20Citywide%20Softball%20Rules%20-%20revised%204.4.24\\_0.pdf](https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/sports/youth/pdf/spring2024/2024%20Citywide%20Softball%20Rules%20-%20revised%204.4.24_0.pdf)

2. City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Park Mission Statement

<https://www.laparks.org/department/mission-statement>





Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: Riverside Bridge Shelter

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 12, 2025 at 7:47 AM

To: Louis Wenzlaff

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 11, 2025 at 3:45 PM Louis Wenzlaff

wrote:

Dear General Manager Kim, Assistant General Manager Aguirre, and Honorable RAP Commissioners,

The community was glad to hear on June 9, 2025 at the RAP Commission meeting that a bid was released for a consultant for south Griffith Park.

The community wants a Community Center that has been long promised after nearly 2 years, on top of the originally agreed upon 3 year shelter lease term, with a lot of documentation about the impact to south Griffith Park and the safety conditions inside and outside the shelter, a decision about Riverside Bridge Home shelter needs to be made to close the facility.

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 Commission, as the 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 an 8% rate of "graduation", without exterior security for residents at the shelter or the broader community should not be allowed to continue denying public access to public parkland.

At the May 1, 2025 Rec & Parks meeting of the Board of Commissioners, it was discussed that the contract for embroiled nonprofit shelter operator People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) may not be renewed. A new nonprofit managing the shelter that the community first heard about (Keeping U Konneted) - because PATH and other large nonprofits are being audited, along with LAHSA - will be ill-equipped to handle the population and ongoing security issues.

Several audits have demonstrated that PATH mismanaged the shelter for the past 5 years. A new vendor without performance or financial accountability will be more of the same, or worse, despite empty City Council promises of "accountability and transparency". Ongoing waste of taxpayer funds, without money actually helping those who are homeless, will be the result.

Regardless of the untruth CD4 Representative Siggins tells the RAP Commission, the facts are well-established and south Griffith Park needs to heal.

If this Commission, after 2 years, decides to keep the congregate shelter, a model Mayor Bass disfavours for sound reasons, the responsibility for ongoing issues inside and outside that facility will rest solely with you. Enforce the conditions you already set - a functional facility with a true Ambassador Program focused on safety as promised (not coffee, donuts, friendship, and shuttle rides), a 40% permanent housing graduation rate, monthly updates, and a plan for decommissioning the shelter. The shelter has clearly not met these conditions, so, divest Griffith Park of this long standing issue, and deny the permit for operation.

Graduates of the shelter program, some of the worst criminals who admitted to destroying the Mulholland Fountain copper pipe and lighting after they got housed, are wondering why the shelter is still open without properly enforced rules and accountability to all residents. The interviewed "graduates" say there needs to be a curfew, residents need set times to meet with their case managers, there need to be rules for being on parkland and respecting the surrounding community, as PATH has never followed its own "good neighbor" policy.

You are urged to make a sound decision to shutter the shelter. PATH and other nonprofits have nearby non-congregate shelters to transfer those who do not want or are unmotivated to get housing.

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

Sincerely,  
DR. Louis Wenzlaff



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

## Re: RAP Commission Board - Riverside Bridge Home

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 13, 2025 at 3:42 PM

To: Keith Johnson

Good afternoon,

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

On Fri, Jun 13, 2025 at 3:14 PM Keith Johnson  
June 13, 2025

wrote:

City of Los Angeles

Department of Recreation & Parks

221 N. Figueroa, Suite 350

Los Angeles, CA 90012

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express the community's sentiments following the recent RAP Commission meeting on June 9, 2025, where it was announced that a bid has been released for a consultant for south Griffith Park. This news has been met with optimism, particularly regarding the long-awaited senior-focused Community Center that has been promised for nearly two years.

The community has been patient, but the ongoing situation surrounding the Riverside Bridge Home shelter has raised significant concerns. The shelter, which has been operating under a three-year lease, has not only failed to meet the needs of the community but has also raised serious safety issues both inside and outside its premises. The land surrounding the shelter was purchased by the City in 1952 for recreational purposes, and it is disheartening to see it being used in a manner that contradicts its intended use.

The statistics surrounding the shelter's effectiveness are troubling. With only an 8% graduation rate, it is clear that the current model is not working. The lack of exterior security for both residents and the surrounding community further exacerbates the situation. It is imperative that a decision regarding the future of the Riverside Bridge Home shelter be made promptly to allow for the development of the promised Community Center and to restore public access to this vital parkland.

At the May 1, 2025, Rec & Parks meeting, discussions indicated that the contract with the current nonprofit operator, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), may not be renewed. The introduction of a new nonprofit, Keeping U Konected, raises concerns about their ability to manage the shelter effectively, especially given the ongoing audits of PATH and

other large nonprofits. The community deserves a solution that prioritizes accountability and transparency, rather than a continuation of the status quo.

It is essential to recognize that the community's trust has been eroded by the mismanagement of the shelter over the past five years. The promise of accountability from the City Council rings hollow when the same issues persist. The community is calling for a decisive action to divest Griffith Park of this long-standing issue and to deny the permit for the shelter's operation.

Furthermore, the experiences shared by graduates of the shelter program highlight the need for stricter rules and accountability. Reports of criminal behavior among some graduates, including vandalism and theft, underscore the urgent need for a structured environment with enforced guidelines. The community deserves a safe and respectful atmosphere, and it is clear that the current model has failed to provide that.

We urge you to make a sound decision to close the shelter and explore alternative non-congregate options for those who are unwilling or unmotivated to seek housing. The community is counting on your leadership to prioritize the well-being of Griffith Park and its residents.

Thank you for your service to the Parks in Los Angeles. We look forward to your decision and the positive changes it will bring to our community.

Sincerely,

Keith Johnson  
Long time Hollywood resident & avid Griffith Park visitor