


INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

MARCH 05, 2026

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) Robin Murez's comments regarding the Venice Carousel	#10038h	Referred to General Manager
2) Amy Goldstein's comments regarding the Venice Carousel	#10038i	Referred to General Manager
3) Drew Lobenstein's comments regarding usage of Recreation Room at Reseda Park	#10064	Referred to General Manager
4) Christine O'Brien's comments regarding Safety Concerns at Lake Hollywood Park	#10065	Referred to General Manager
5) Arthur Kessler's comments regarding Golf Cart Paths at Woodley Lakes and Rick Reinschmidt's response	#10066	Referred to General Manager
6) Donna Vaccarino's comments regarding Community Center for Pacific Palisades	#10067	Referred to General Manager
7) John Given's comments regarding Board Report 26-035 The Rancho Clubhouse	#10068	Referred to General Manager
8) Scott Baldyga's comments regarding the Venice Oceanarium	#10069	Referred to General Manager

9) Jill Holden's comments regarding the Venice Oceanarium	#10069a	Referred to General Manager
10) Douglas Fay's comments regarding the Venice Oceanarium	#10069b	Referred to General Manager
11) Janin Paine's comments regarding the Venice Oceanarium	#10069c	Referred to General Manager
12) Kevin Feeley's comments regarding the Venice Oceanarium	#10069d	Referred to General Manager
13) Wesley Ryan's comments regarding the Venice Oceanarium	#10069e	Referred to General Manager
14) Stephanie Waxman's comments regarding the Venice Oceanarium	#10069f	Referred to General Manager
15) Ghazel Omrani's comments regarding SUNS Girls Basketball at Tarzana RC	#10070	Referred to General Manager
16) Uyen Duong's comments regarding youth volleyball enrollment includes Sonya Young Jimenez's and Michael Harrison's response	#10071	Referred to General Manager
17) Amos Hartston's comments regarding Cheviot Hills Rec Basketball	#10072	Referred to General Manager
18) Simin Mehrabani's comments regarding Gas Powered Leaf Blowers at Pan Pacific Park and responses from Robert Buenrostro and Leo Floyd	#10073	Referred to General Manager
19) Yingjun Lyu's comments regarding Mar Vista Tennis Courts	#10074	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Venice Carousel - PLS REPLY

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 7:17 AM

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Feb 23, 2026 at 2:33 PM robin murez < > wrote:
On Feb 23, 2026, at 12:41 PM, robin murez < > wrote:

Dear Matthew, Cathie, Darryl, Sean, Juan et al,

We are pleased that the Commissioners again asked that RAP staff report back on the installation of the Venice Flying Carousel in Venice of America Centennial Park. We hope you will be in touch with us directly with any questions or comments prior to reporting to the Commissioners. We've sent you our documents in the past. With this letter, we're hoping to clear up misunderstandings, to learn your questions, to offer all necessary documentation, and to move forward with the proposal. We think it will make you all extremely proud!

MISUNDERSTANDING The Council Office states that Council Member Park supports the proposal but believes that RAP will not permit it due to it being a "concession." We do not believe we would be a concession. Please advise. From the outset in 2017, RAP informed us (with CD11, VNC and Chamber representatives) that the Carousel would enter a **Partnership Agreement** with RAP, not a Lease Agreement or Concession Agreement.

The Carousel is permitted by Cal/OSHA Amusement Rides Division. See attached.

Just as Cal/OSHA does with every amusement park or carnival ride operating in California, they have scrupulously examined our design, engineering, fabrication, maintenance procedures and manuals, staff training procedures and operating check lists, reporting requirements, and insurance. They conduct annual site inspections and carefully evaluate every and all matters regarding operations, maintenance and safety. It is a detailed and comprehensive evaluation and inspection process. We are proud that the Carousel is approved and permitted by Cal/OSHA. They too marvel at the Carousel. We know that this is essential for RAP and the City to be able to rely upon.

OWNER - OPERATED The Carousel is OWNER - OPERATED, maintained, insured et al, by our trained staff approved by Cal/OSHA. RAP is not to be involved in the staffing, maintenance, or operations of the Carousel. Additionally, our staff will clean the area surround our pavilion. Please tell us if something more is needed.

FREE The Carousel has a large endowment and operates free of charge to the public and free to RAP and the City. We also offer to fund additional approved features in Centennial Park and hope to share the park with other features such as a playground, butterfly garden, and plantings, as proposed by the community through the Venice Neighborhood Council.

CORPORATE OWNERSHIP The Carousel is owned by the Venice Flying Carousel 501c3 non-profit corporation. I am the CEO and project manager. We have Corporate Officers, a Board of Directors in addition to our engineer, architect, contractors, consultants and supporters. We have raised nearly \$1 Million Dollars through donations in reliance on the preliminarily approved plan to install in Centennial Park. The plan was derailed in 2020 when Council Member Bonin changed his mind and created the encampment in Centennial Park, in lieu of the Carousel, which he had always supported. Thank you for clearing up that horrific mess.

TEMPORARY INSTALLATION We then pivoted and made the Carousel mechanism mobile. Therefore RAP's approval may be for our installation in Centennial Park on a temporary basis instead of permanent.

FULLY FUNDED / ADA COMPLIANT / SUSTAINABLE The Carousel is fabricated and has been operating over the past 2-1/2 years. It is fully funded for all its needs including fabrication of its secure pavilion, (with an ADA restroom within) and ongoing operations. It is ADA compliant and enjoyed by children with Special Needs. The Carousel and its pavilion are "off the grid" human and solar powered.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT There is overwhelming support from the Venice community for the Carousel being in Centennial Park, including all neighborhood organizations, the Venice Librarians, over 1000 families, and several motions from the Venice Neighborhood Council (alone or with additional park features). The benefits and suitability to the park are far beyond that of a playground or plantings. (see summary attached)

The Cultural Affairs Commission was extremely supportive of our proposal in our informational presentation in December. We would expect to be required to present again to Cultural Affairs and to present our architectural plans to the Department of Building and Safety once RAP gives its approval. We have selected a LADBS pre-approved fabricator for the pavilion.

Please contact us with questions, to schedule a meeting, and if there are documents we may provide. **If there are changes that we need to make, to comply with RAP or City interests, please tell us. Our hope is to make this as easy and wonderful for RAP and the City, as well as the community and all visitors to Venice.**

Best,

Robin Murez

Venice Flying Carousel

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THE VENICE FLYING CAROUSEL



This “human-powered merry-go-round is interactive public art at its finest, serving up a children’s amusement-park attraction with a side of Venice history...”

Adam Tschorn, LA Times

Abbot Kinney’s creative vision of arts and amusement is recreated with the beautiful hand-carved old school charm, and ingenious new world sustainable technology of the Venice Flying Carousel. It’s a beacon of creativity and delight inviting all to enjoy Centennial Park.

Friends, neighbors and visitors to Venice meet at the Carousel. It’s a magical community gathering destination, an inspiring compliment to the Venice Public Library, and a uniquely delightful Venice of America attraction for Centennial Park.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS:

- Activation of a prominent walkable green space with “magical” art, play and cultural history.
- Free: All rides are free and the Carousel is public art visible 24/7 guaranteed by the Carousel Corp 501c3 endowment.
- Educational Opportunities: It’s STEAM: Simple mechanics demonstrate science, technology, and engineering principles while artistic carvings animate stories of Venice’s cultural heritage.
- Special Needs / ADA / School: Centennial Park becomes a welcome destination for Special Needs individuals and organizations, schools, and neighborhood community groups.
- Financial Benefit: RAP & City funds are not required to provide this premier attraction for the community and visitors.

PROJECT STATUS:

- Fully constructed, funded, permitted (Cal-OSHA), insured, and ADA-compliant. The Carousel has been operating for over 2-1/2 years. Its mobile mechanism enables easy installation in Centennial Park. Its park Pavilion and all ongoing costs are fully funded by the Carousel Corp.
- Design, engineering, operations, maintenance and staffing by the Carousel Corp Cal-OSHA Amusement Park Ride division approved standards, procedures, regulations and training.
- Supported by LA Cultural Affairs Commission, in addition to the Venice Neighborhood Council, the Venice Librarians, Venice Mom’s, the Chamber, and well over 1000 neighbors.
- **Adopt A Park Option:** the Carousel Corp offers to fund additional amenities in Centennial Park approved by the City, such as: a playground, butterfly garden and trees.
- **The Carousel 501(c)(3) seeks approval for its temporary installation in Centennial Park, within its secure pavilion.**

Cal OSHA Permit

The Amusement Rides division of the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration conducts thorough reviews and detailed inspections of the design, engineering, operations, insurance, training, safety, manuals and maintenance of all rides, from permanent roller coasters to temporary merry-go-rounds.

Annual inspections are conducted on site by CalOSHA engineers.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
AMUSEMENT RIDE SECTION

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PERMANENT

AMUSEMENT RIDE FIELD REPORT

TEMPORARY

OFFICE	INSPECTOR	INSPECTOR I.D.	DATE INSPECTED	STATE I.D. NUMBER
SA	MIKE DAWSON	D1588	04/09/2025	C20474

CERT / PERMIT EXPIRES	DATE	INSPECTION TIME	INSPECTION FEE	SURVEY TYPE	SPECIAL CALL
	03/01/2026	2 Hour(s)	\$412.00	NU	

AMUSEMENT PARK NAME	CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Venice Flying Carousel Headquarters	Robin Murez	

ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP

RESPONSIBLE PARTY	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Venice Flying Carousel	(310) 709-7826

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

AMUSEMENT RIDE NAME	AMUSEMENT RIDE CLASSIFICATION
Venice Flying Carousel	Class 1

MANUFACTURER NAME	TRADE NAME
N/A	Man Powered Carousel

Permit Number	Tag	Validation
A-54271		

Billing Information

Fee Type	Insp Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Amount Billed
Inspection	04/09/2025	10:30	12:30	2.0	\$412.00
Total				2	\$412.00

REQUIREMENTS SECTION

Notification in writing that each of the listed items have been complied with shall be provided to the Division by the required due date. Please send all written correspondence to the address listed above.

REQUIREMENTS DUE DATE: N/A

REQUIREMENTS EXPLAINED TO (NAME)	POSITION	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Robin Murez	Owner	

The Division conducted an Annual Records Audit and Operational Permit Inspection as required by Title 8, California Code of Regulations, sections 3900-3920 and California Labor Code section 7906, on the attraction stated above. LC 7906

At the conclusion of the Division's inspection, no safety hazards were observed.

COMMENTS/NOTES

NU- 2.0

Link to all Cal OSHA filings: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/19e4sj4f1zjss48nm53d/AA9DvBaQnx6P6YhXnMGsWiY?>

State of California

Portable Ride Owner Inspection Guide

Department of Industrial Relations
Division of Occupational Safety & Health
Amusement Ride Section
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| 27. Ride List | |
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| 33. 3903 Required Testing | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application and itinerary submitted 7906 | <input type="checkbox"/> All manufacture bulletins complied with 3911 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance requirements satisfied 7912 | <input type="checkbox"/> All required NDT certificates available for review 3903 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ride manuals and bulletins available 3911 (a) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ride is operational and <u>all</u> safety systems and devices working 3910 (b) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering letter received <u>and</u> accepted 3914 (a) | <input type="checkbox"/> All fencing, gates and barriers are installed 3913 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stress analysis submitted <u>and</u> accepted 3902 (a) | <input type="checkbox"/> Proper lighting and tools available as required 3911 (d)(e) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ride specific maintenance and repair documentation available 3910 (a) | <input type="checkbox"/> There is an electrical disconnect <u>and</u> stop switch located by the operator 3912 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ride specific training documentation available 3912 | <input type="checkbox"/> The ride does not automatically re-start after a power failure 3912 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ride specific evacuation plan available 3913 | <input type="checkbox"/> The ride data plate is installed as required 3918 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check available to pay inspection fee's (cash not accepted) 3915 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure vessel permit requirements satisfied (p. 19) | |

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THE VENICE FLYING CAROUSEL

Venice Themed Public Art / Playground Equipment

A Proposal for Centennial Park



“fabulous... This is just so lovely and such a gift. It looks to me like an amazing contribution to the community and our park system.”

Robert Vinson, Commission President
LA Cultural Affairs Commission
Voluntary Conceptual Review
December 10, 2025



scan for Carousel
video clip



Re: Support for the Venice Flying Carousel at Centennial Park – A Gift to Our Community

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 9:25 AM

To: Amy Goldstein <

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Cc: Councilmember Park <councilmember.park@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Feb 20, 2026 at 3:46 PM Amy Goldstein <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners and Council Member Park,

I am writing to you as a mother, a filmmaker, and a twenty-year property owner and resident of Venice, California.

I am asking you, urgently and wholeheartedly, to approve the installation of the Venice Flying Carousel in Centennial Park.

Robin, the artist who created the carousel, has been running it herself on the canal for years — out of her own pocket, for the love of this community. She hand-carved every animal. She built it as a gift. My daughter Charlie has grown up on it. We have gone almost every weekend of her nearly four years of life. Charlie has made t-shirts printed with the carousel animals in Robin's participatory art workshops. We have hosted her preschool class there. We have celebrated her birthdays there. The carousel is woven into the fabric of my daughter's childhood in a way I will never be able to fully explain — but every Venice parent who has been there knows exactly what I mean.

This is not a vendor seeking a commercial opportunity in a public park. Robin is a kinetic artist who has devoted years of her life and her own resources to building something magical for this community. She has raised the funds for installation. She will continue to maintain it herself. She is asking for nothing from the city but a permanent home where every family in Venice — not just those lucky enough to live near the canal — can experience it.

Every great city in the world has a beloved outdoor carousel. They become landmarks. They become memories. They become the places children close their eyes and see when they think of their childhood. Venice was built on exactly this kind of magic — on art in public spaces, on wonder, on the belief that a neighborhood can be more than functional. It can be alive.

We are living in a moment when community feels more fragile than ever. When neighbors don't know each other. When children are overscheduled and under-enchanted. A carousel in Centennial Park would be a gathering place — for families, for tourists, for grandparents watching children laugh, for neighbors who might otherwise never meet. You have already done the difficult work of making Centennial Park safe and welcoming. Now let's give people a reason to stay, to return, to feel the pride of living somewhere truly special.

I also want to speak directly about the library. We all know that right now it does not feel like the safe, joyful public resource it should be. The librarians are scared. Police presence is required just to keep the space functional. That is not acceptable — and it has not been fixed by police presence alone. It will be fixed by changing who is in that space and why. The carousel would do exactly that. Families coming for a ride on a weekend morning, children's birthday parties, preschool field trips, participatory art events with Robin — this is the foot traffic that transforms a place. When children and families flood a space with joy, it shifts the entire energy of the surrounding area. The carousel could be the catalyst that finally makes the Venice branch library feel like what it was always meant to be: a beloved neighborhood institution where librarians feel safe, where children discover books, and where the community genuinely gathers. These two treasures — the carousel and the library — belong together, each making the other stronger.

We are not asking you to do this alone — we are asking you to do it together. Robin has already done the extraordinary work of building and funding the thing. We just need to know what the path forward looks like so we can walk it with you.

Venice has always been a place apart. From its very beginning, it was a home for the dreamer, the artist, the one who marched to a different drummer. Venice has always said: come as you are, bring your wild ideas, your strange beauty, your refusal to be ordinary. That spirit is worth protecting. It is worth fighting for. The Venice Flying Carousel is not just a carousel — it is an embodiment of everything Venice has always stood for. Let's not let it slip away.

If there are any concerns or obstacles standing between the carousel and its new home, please let us know. If there are permits to navigate, questions to answer, or problems to solve, this community will show up. We are not asking you to do this alone — we are asking you to do it together. Robin has already done the extraordinary work of building and funding the thing. We just need to know what the path forward looks like so we can walk it with you.

Please say yes to this. Please say yes to Robin, who has given so much. Please say yes to our children, who deserve magic. Please say yes to our community, which needs it.

Amy Goldstein
Director |

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Use of the rec room at Reseda Park and exemption of the proof of insurance request.

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Feb 13, 2026 at 3:56 PM

To: Drew Lobenstein

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 Fri, Feb 13, 2026 at 3:42 PM Drew Lobenstein

wrote:

Dear Park Department:

I am requesting an exemption or offer of some resolution to a request that would allow the Western Jacobin Pigeon Club to meet for a few hours on February 21 at the rec room at Reseda Park as we have done for the past ten years. We are a small informal community group that holds a get together once a year in Reseda to share time and company and some birds with our other club members.

It is an event open to the public and there is no charge for entry or observation of the activity. In the past many park visitors have entered the room to look at the birds and learn about our wonderful hobby. We have had a good relationship with no negative incidents in the past ten years we have been meeting there.

I submitted an application for use this year and was told I needed to provide proof of insurance. I was e mailed a two page insurance policy form that looks like it is appropriate for contractors and people doing building and other contracted work on the park. It allows no information or opportunity for a local fraternal club of local citizens to have a recreational day at the park to share our common interest.

I have searched out one day coverage for various entities and they are all so far out of our reach expensive there is no way to do what is our need to meet and confer. Is there a park insurance that we can access or can we get an exemption of some kind to hold a few hour meeting in the rec room at Reseda Park as we have done for a decade? We use a few tables and chairs....no kitchen use...WE have paid the usual fees that usually come to about three hundred dollars plus the hundred dollar deposit. The doors are open and visitors in the park are welcome. We clean and leave the room as clean or cleaner than we found it. The previous management at the park has been friendly and helpful and totally on board with our small group of friends meeting there. Never an issue before. We had a good working relationship with the previous park personnel but are new to this staff and would like to continue our good stead with them if that can be made possible.

Please offer a solution that will allow us use of the rec room at Reseda Park February 21 (next Saturday) so we can have our annual meeting and get together and stay out of the expected rain as well. Exempt us from the requirement or allow us some deviation from that requirement or some solution that does not exclude us or bankrupt us either one.

Thank you in advance,

Drew Lobenstein

Western Jacobin Club representative



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: For your records, what happens when process is not followed

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 17, 2026 at 7:56 AM

To: Christine OBrien

Cc: SARAJANE SCHWARTZ

, Kim Kevorkian

, Linda Doe

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Feb 15, 2026 at 1:38 PM Christine OBrien

wrote:

Dear Commissioners:

This is an area adjacent to Canyon Lake Drive and Lake Hollywood Park. Around 2015 Councilman LaBonge cleared (without authorization and proper process) this area for the purpose of creating an illegal, unsafe viewing spot to see the sign. Eleven years later it continues to be an unsafe problem. My previous submissions to this board will show a sequence of the detailed concerns. A sad statement about integrity, proper process, the ability uphold the purposes entrusted with your charge. Christine O'Brien

Sent from my iPad

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Re: Fw: GOLF

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 17, 2026 at 4:06 PM

To: Arthur Kessler >

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 Tue, Feb 17, 2026 at 3:28 PM Arthur Kessler < > wrote:

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

From: Arthur Kessler >

To: RAPCOMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG <rapcommissioners@lacity.org>

Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 03:16:42 PM PST

Subject: GOLF

Dear Commissioners, I have be playing LA City golf courses since 1993. When I started playing the City offered a point system that rewarded golfers with a free round after acquiring 50 points. We also were offered a half fee if we doubled up and shared a cart. Over the years the free rounds and half fees disappeared. Under the present system if I reserve for my foursome and one golfer is ill or called into work unexpectedly he forfeits the \$10 reservation fee even if another player signs up and the City receives the full fee. This is unfair and golfers should be refunded if a foursome tees off at the reserved time. At the very least a couple of misses should be refunded. We pay \$18 to ride in a cart but we are forced to share a cart even though there are way more carts available for use then are signed up for. This is unfair.

I recently played Woodley lakes, a disgrace of a course. The cart paths are rutted and never leveled ot. The second hole has a wooden bridge for carts to cross. It gas been broken for months. Sand traps are dirt traps lacking in sand and many are overgrown with weeds. Some to the extent there is no longer a sand trap. The ninth green is a total disgrace. I went out as a single last Sunday and was told I had to ride with someone I never met and had no interest in riding with. I objected saying I'm a single and should have my own cart. I was told I would have to pay an additional \$18 to do so. If you have made this rule shame on you. You raise fees every few years; do not maintain the course and appear to only want to reach into our wallets and extract every dollar you can get your hands on. No self respecting golf course is run this way. If Woodley Lakes was a private course you would be fired by the members.

There is NO acceptable reason to make a single ride with a stranger or charge him double to ride alone.

I believe my group puts more than \$20,000 a year into LA City golf. We shall go elsewhere, American Golf courses, if you do not allow golfers to ride alone if they choose to do so.

Unhappily yours, Arthur Kessler

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Rick Reinschmidt <rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 8:18 AM

To:

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

Dear Mr. Kessler

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns and for your many years of support dating back to 1993. We truly value long time patrons at our courses.

Regarding the loyalty point program and promotional discounts you referenced, that program was introduced in summer 2018 during a period when golf participation was at a slight decline. Following the surge in demand during COVID, the program no longer aligned with operational needs and was discontinued in 2022. We are currently evaluating new promotional concepts that better reflect today's demand and service standards.

With respect to cart fees, our courses charge a per person, half cart rental fee, which is the standard structure throughout the golf industry. Due to fleet limitations, we cannot offer single rider carts unless the additional seat is paid for. This is consistent with policies at other regional and local operators, including American Golf facilities.

The \$10.00 per person nonrefundable green deposit was implemented to address widespread tee time reselling and no-show issues that significantly impacted course access. This policy was presented publicly and reviewed by the L.A. City Golf Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners. Deposits are nonrefundable regardless of the cancellation reason but will be credited towards your green fee upon check-in.

Regarding course conditions at Woodley Lakes Golf Course, the bridge on the second hole has been submitted for replacement through our construction division and is pending repair. Sand bunkers have recently been edged and we are awaiting delivery of 80 tons of sand. Additional orders are planned until all bunkers are restored. A couple of bunkers that have not been edged are scheduled for removal. They should have been marked as ground under repair, and we are correcting that. Cart path patching is ongoing, though recent rains have slowed progress. And the 9th green experienced significant vandalism in December. Repairs are underway, and the upcoming fall aeration should further improve surface conditions.

We understand your frustrations and are actively working to address these issues. I apologize that your recent visit did not meet expectations. If you would like to discuss any of these matters, I would be happy to discuss them further.

Thank you

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Unhappily yours, Arthur Kessler

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: GOLF

1 message

Rick Reinschmidt <rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 8:18 AM

To:

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

Dear Mr. Kessler

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns and for your many years of support dating back to 1993. We truly value long time patrons at our courses.

Regarding the loyalty point program and promotional discounts you referenced, that program was introduced in summer 2018 during a period when golf participation was at a slight decline. Following the surge in demand during COVID, the program no longer aligned with operational needs and was discontinued in 2022. We are currently evaluating new promotional concepts that better reflect today's demand and service standards.

With respect to cart fees, our courses charge a per person, half cart rental fee, which is the standard structure throughout the golf industry. Due to fleet limitations, we cannot offer single rider carts unless the additional seat is paid for. This is consistent with policies at other regional and local operators, including American Golf facilities.

The \$10.00 per person nonrefundable green deposit was implemented to address widespread tee time reselling and no-show issues that significantly impacted course access. This policy was presented publicly and reviewed by the L.A. City Golf Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners. Deposits are nonrefundable regardless of the cancellation reason but will be credited towards your green fee upon check-in.

Regarding course conditions at Woodley Lakes Golf Course, the bridge on the second hole has been submitted for replacement through our construction division and is pending repair. Sand bunkers have recently been edged and we are awaiting delivery of 80 tons of sand. Additional orders are planned until all bunkers are restored. A couple of bunkers that have not been edged are scheduled for removal. They should have been marked as ground under repair, and we are correcting that. Cart path patching is ongoing, though recent rains have slowed progress. And the 9th green experienced significant vandalism in December. Repairs are underway, and the upcoming fall aeration should further improve surface conditions.

We understand your frustrations and are actively working to address these issues. I apologize that your recent visit did not meet expectations. If you would like to discuss any of these matters, I would be happy to discuss them further.

Thank you

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From: Arthur Kessler < >
To: RAPCOMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG <rapcommissioners@lacity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 03:16:42 PM PST
Subject: GOLF

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Re: Striving to Save a Community Center for Pacific Palisades

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 17, 2026 at 8:49 AM

To: DONNA VACCARINO

Cc: Matthew Rudnick <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>, Donna Vaccarino, Mariana Valdivia
 <mariana.valdivia@lacity.org>, Marian Ensley <marian.ensley@lacity.org>, Arus Grigoryan <arus.grigoryan@lacity.org>, Traci
 Park, Bill Bruns, Patrick Healy, Tim Arango
 , May Sung, Felix Werner, Brigitte
 Nicole Grice, Sue, Randy Young

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Feb 16, 2026 at 4:52 PM DONNA

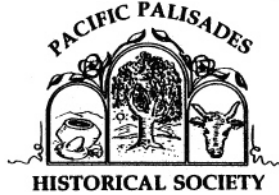
wrote:

Dear Commissioners -

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To: Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Commissioners:

Pacific Palisades News Letter – Spring 2026

Striving to Save a Community Center

By DONNA VACCARINO, AIA
PPHS President

In our November newsletter, we argued that the historic Palisades Recreation and Parks building should be adaptively repurposed to serve the Community at large, in conjunction with the massive restoration project proposed by Steadfast LA. Their \$40-million plan shows the demolition/removal of the “Old Gym,” built in 1947 and designed by the prominent Pasadena architectural firm Bennett and Bennett.

Alas, on January 15, the Recreation and Parks Commission, at a regularly scheduled meeting, voted unanimously to approve Board Report No. 26-017.

In summary, this premature vote allows the preliminary Steadfast Park Plan to move forward without any alternative considerations. The Commission also approved making the project “statutorily exempt” from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

No more review, no more community input required.

Per the written staff report: “The Proposed Steadfast Project contemplates improvements to a portion of the total area of the Recreation Center and excludes the baseball fields and the tennis courts. The Project will demolish the smaller recreation center and replace the two recreation centers (which had a total footprint of approximately 18,000 square feet) with an expanded structure featuring two indoor basketball courts with bleachers, two indoor pickleball courts, a lobby, a multipurpose room, office space, storage rooms and restrooms; the total footprint of this expanded facility is expected to be roughly 28,000 square feet....” The Project also includes the relocation of two outdoor basketball courts and new amenities, including “an outdoor community meeting area, new shaded outdoor community pods, a new multipurpose field and terraced seating west of the tennis courts and north of the baseball fields.”

WOW!! Sounds great – but wait, we see disturbing misrepresentations and a titanic change of use in the proposed park plan. The new building will no longer be a multipurpose building serving the local community. It will be a *sports complex* with no room for a Senior Center or community activities other than *ball-related* sports. The overall massing of the building footprint is not 28,000 sq.ft. but actually 35,000 sq.ft., thanks to the enormous roof overhang on the south side of the building. The structure is five times bigger than the existing “Old Gym” with no community space for non-sport programs. The designated multipurpose room is smaller than the bathrooms and one-third of its area is an exit corridor.

The proposed building is massively out of scale and out of character with the existing park and neighborhood. It will forever change the nature of the park setting and surrounding neighborhoods.

Although we contacted RAP numerous times alerting them to the historic significance of the building, no mention of that was acknowledged in their reports or at public meetings.

The staff report noted that RAP held a large community meeting on October 7 (ironically, in the “Old Gym”) to discuss the proposed plan, with about 300 people attending. The designers from Gensler and SWA Group presented a site and building plan “created through in-depth collaboration with key local groups, including the Pali Community Center Committee, the LA Parks Foundation, PaliStrong, Pali 4 Pali, Veterans Gardens stakeholders, Pacific Palisades Baseball Association, and the Park Advisory Board.”

This was a homogeneous and sports-centric gathering eager to approve a new sports gym to replace the one that was lost in the fire. Yes, we need a new gym, but the predesign due diligence for creating the overall park plan should have involved a much broader, wider community outreach, including arts organizations, seniors, dance, theatre, civic organizations, the library and of course the PPHS. This did not happen.

Another key question: It’s one thing for Steadfast to donate a \$40-million park plan to the Palisades, but will L.A. Rec and Parks have the money to operate this huge new structure and properly maintain the rest of the park with all its fanciful new amenities, including groves of new trees?

The RAP Commission’s action on January 15 was a rush to accommodate athletes and sports teams at the expense of the broader public in Pacific Palisades. This is not a fair or equitable replacement plan. Where will various community programs and events go in a rebuilt Palisades? Where will seniors conveniently gather in safety?

More than just a sports center, we need a park for community activities and a building that brings people together of all ages and interests. That’s why the Pacific Palisades Historical Society still urges preservation and the adaptive re-use of the existing, historic “Old Gym” as a Community Center. Retaining the building would continue its historic legacy as a gathering space for the greater Community, while honoring resilience, and the layered history of a town that has long balanced recreation, culture and adaptability.



Opened in 1950 and originally painted white, the gym building at the Palisades Recreation Center was a multipurpose gathering place that served the community as a nucleus for park activity. Photo: Courtesy the PPHS Image Archives



The “old gym” was a voting center for decades and hosted beauty pageants, high school prom dances, art classes, Halloween parties, roller skating, basketball leagues, yoga classes, theatre and music performances, Scouting ceremonies ... and even indoor archery (!). Photo: PPHS Image Archives

February 17, 2026
Donna Vaccarino, AIA
President, Pacific Palisades Historical Society



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: 2/19 RAP Board #26-035

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 18, 2026 at 10:11 AM

To: John Given

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Feb 18, 2026 at 9:40 AM John Given wrote:

Approval of 26-035 is another step in recovery of a vital public resource. The Rancho Clubhouse has now been closed for over 6 years. It won't reopen until sometime in 2027. Over and above the deplorable conditions and loss of vital park services, the RAP system has annually lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in concessions revenue.

On today's Board agenda is an opportunity to move the project forward without further delay by approving 26-035, the Categorical Exemption, which will permit RAP and its contractors to begin work on a 12 month construction project. Please approve 26-035.

In a parallel report on the concession task force agenda, please direct RAP staff to expedite negotiation of the Concession Agreement and presentation the RAP Board for approval. Participation of the selected operator in all aspects of design and construction of the clubhouse will improve the outcome in terms of project quality, golf operations, community benefit, timely reopening in 2027 and realization of operating revenues.

This project will revitalize a crown jewel of the park system while offering new amenities to the community and the Pico corridor. Concerns regarding impacts of noise, light and parking are easily resolved in collaboration with the Concessionaire and should be addressed in the agreement, subject to RAP Board approval.

Your ongoing high level and detailed attention to this project is appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Given

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Venice Oceanarium

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 7:11 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Feb 22, 2026 at 9:34 AM Scott Baldyga <> wrote:

Hi,

I'm writing to 100% support the quest for a spot on the Venice Pier. This is a top notch operation. My daughter and I have greatly benefited for many years by their efforts. It's absolutely a win and a great thing for us all. Thx.

"Every man is guilty of the good things he did not do."

- Voltaire

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: The Venice Oceanarium

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 7:14 AM

To: jill holden >

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Feb 22, 2026 at 9:48 AM jill holden < > wrote:

I have been using the Venice Oceanarium for years. I come from Van Nuys on Sunday mornings and spend some eye opening time on the pier.

I've seen the children with their eyes opened wide peering with delight at the displays.

I have been to the Moby Dick Readings and the Grunion Runs.

It would be wonderful and a boon to everyone to expand the possibilities of the Oceanarium to include a small pavilion type marina museum. It would bring tourists and school children and all of us to learn about the history of Venice and the amazing sea life we can all access.

Please approve this request to expand the Venice Oceanarium.

Jill Holden

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Re: Humbly Requesting a Yes Vote for the Venice Oceanarium on the Venice Pier

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
 To: "douglaspfay@aol.com" <

Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 7:14 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Feb 22, 2026 at 1:36 PM

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> wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

My grandfather Rimmon Loraine Fay and others formed the pioneering Ocean Fish Protective Association in 1949 in Venice, CA when the Santa Monica Bay world class fishery showed noticeable decline and signs of collapse. Amongst many other rolls, my legendary ocean lifeguard and marine scientist father Dr. Rimmon C. Fay offered free tours of his business Pacific Bio Marine that supplied marine specimens for education and research worldwide. Bus loads of children from throughout the Los Angeles region would tour PBM and learn about their marine species neighbors. I've met fellow scuba instructors that credit the lifechanging childhood experience of touring PBM as to why they became a professional educator.

Tim and the team at Venice Oceanarium have been on a similar admirable quest for several decades. By approving their request to locate their museum without walls educational vision on the end of the Venice Fishing Pier location that is currently vacant, you would be fulfilling a legacy that has been ongoing for over 75 years. The residents and visitors of Los Angeles want to know more about the ocean and inhabitants. The Venice Oceanarium team has been committed to offering this need for 3 decades.

I personally want to thank each and every Commissioner for asking questions if you have any reservations for this project and ultimately coming to the conclusion that unanimous approval is a win-win for the heart and soul of why you became a Parks & Recreation Commissioner and the communities that you serve.

Respectfully requested,
 Douglas Fay
 Santa Monica, CA

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Venice Oceanarium

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 7:15 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Feb 22, 2026 at 1:42 PM Janin Paine < > wrote:
Hi,

I'm writing in support of the Venice Oceanarium plans to build a small museum space on the Venice Pier.

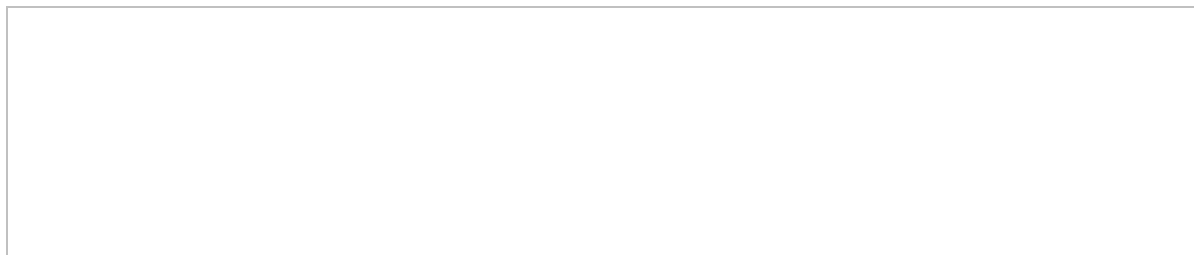
The Venice Oceanarium has a positive impact on our oceans and children and education and the community and tourism.

Volunteers have been working for years on this project and it deserves RAP's support.

Thank you!
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Re: Venice Oceanarium

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 7:15 AM

Good morning,

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On Sun, Feb 22, 2026 at 3:53 PM Kevin Feeley < > wrote:
To Whom It May Concern,

I write to you to express my support for the Venice Oceanarium and it's aim to expand its offerings to the public via a dedicated space on the Venice Pier (similar to other towns like Manhattan & Redondo Beach).

As a longtime Venice resident, homeowner, and community/beach member, a resource educating the public about the immeasurable value the ocean here seems both important and obvious. It would be the sort of attraction that I would both bring visitors to as well as recommend to tourists to Venice.

I do hope you consider the many positive impacts such a spot would offer. I appreciate your time.

Thank you,
Kevin

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Re: In support of the venice oceanarium

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 7:15 AM

To: Wesley Ryan <

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Good morning,

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

On Mon, Feb 23, 2026 at 10:05 AM Wesley Ryan <

> wrote:

Hi there, I write to encourage you all to approve the Venice Oceanarium's vision to expand their community teaching about the ocean. I understand they want to create a museum on the venice pier, which I wholly support. Their recurring events including the grunion run and moby dick reading on the beach have happened for years and really seek to make this community what it is. Thanks for your consideration.
Wesley Ryan

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Re: Venice Oceanarium

1 message

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

Thu, Feb 26, 2026 at 8:27 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Feb 25, 2026 at 4:46 PM Stephanie Waxman < > wrote:
Dear Commissioners,

I have been a resident of Venice since 1970, during which time I've watched Tim Rudnick transform his knowledge and passion for the ocean into a hands-on learning experience for folks of all ages.

I urge you to support the Oceanarium and grant it the necessary permit to create a free museum space on the Venice Pier where it can continue to offer what it has been offering without walls for over 30 years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Waxman

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Re: Urgent Request for Review – SUNS Girls Basketball All-Star Eligibility

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 7:46 AM

To: Ghazel Omrani >

Cc: LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PUBLICINFO@lacity.org>, Michael Shull <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>, Councilmember Blumenfield <Councilmember.Blumenfield@lacity.org>, Mayor Helpdesk <Mayor.Helpdesk@lacity.org>, Arlene Cordova <arlene.cordova@lacity.org>, Jose Cortez <jose.a.cortez@lacity.org>, , Kimberly Welden <kimberly.welden@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Feb 23, 2026 at 6:29 PM Ghazel Omrani <

> wrote:

Dear Regional Leadership and Council District Office,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to respectfully request a review of the All-Stars eligibility decision affecting the SUNS Girls Basketball Team at Tarzana Recreation Center.

The SUNS have had an undefeated season, and the players have demonstrated strong commitment, effort, and sportsmanship throughout the program.

During registration, our coaches and families made sincere efforts to increase participation by promoting the program and reaching out within the community. While there was interest, many families faced financial and scheduling constraints. Despite our best efforts, enrollment remained limited due to circumstances beyond the players' control.

While I understand the Bluebook guidelines, I respectfully ask that the impact on the athletes be considered. The players fulfilled every requirement within their control and earned their standing through hard work.

With All-Stars selections being finalized this week, I kindly request:

- A regional review of this determination
- Clarification on any exception or alternative pathway

This matter is very important to our players and families, and I would sincerely appreciate your time and consideration.

Thank you very much.

Ghazel Omrani

On Mon, Feb 23, 2026 at 6:15 PM Ghazel Omrani <

> wrote:

Dear Ms. Welden,

Thank you for your response and for taking the time to explain the Bluebook guidelines. I appreciate the clarity and your acknowledgment of the SUNS team's effort and performance this season.

That said, I would like to respectfully express my continued concern regarding this decision.

While I understand the policy requirements, the players fulfilled every obligation within their control. They registered, committed to the season, trained consistently, and earned their undefeated record through hard work and dedication. Being excluded due to participation numbers something the players cannot influence is understandably very difficult for the team and families to accept.

Programs like Girls Play LA are intended to encourage participation, development, and long-term engagement in youth sports. Opportunities such as All-Stars recognition play a meaningful role in sustaining that motivation. In situations like ours, rigid application of enrollment thresholds may unintentionally discourage the very participation the program seeks to build.

Given the time sensitive nature of All Stars selections, we will be pursuing further review and guidance through the City Council District Office and Regional Superintendent to better understand whether any alternative solutions or considerations may be available.

Thank you again for your time and professionalism in addressing this matter. I truly hope a constructive resolution can still be explored.

Sincerely,
Ghazel Omrani

On Mon, Feb 23, 2026 at 3:44 PM Kimberly Welden <kimberly.welden@lacity.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Omrani,

Thank you for reaching out regarding the All-Stars eligibility of the SUNS Girls Basketball Team. We share your pride in the team's dedication and perfect record this season, and we understand that this decision is disappointing.

While we appreciate the team's exceptional performance, eligibility must remain consistent with the **Citywide Youth Sports Board rules**. According to Guideline 2.A of the Bluebook, a league must utilize a "Common Draft System," which requires:

1. A system where every coach has the opportunity to select any registered player.
2. A league composed of players from one Recreation Center.
3. A minimum of two teams to constitute a "common draft".
4. Each center must also meet the minimum required number of registered participants for each respective division in order to qualify for All-Star play. The minimum for basketball is 12.

These requirements apply consistently across all citywide facilities.

Because the Tarzana GPLA minor division did not meet the minimum requirement of 12 participants and lacked the two teams necessary for a common draft, we must regrettably deny the SUNS' request to participate in the All-Star Tournament.

To ensure future eligibility, we encourage you to work with the Tarzana Recreation Center staff to help increase participation in the Girls Play LA (GPLA) program. Building the division to meet these citywide requirements will help ensure GPLA players' All-Star eligibility in the coming seasons.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Welden

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Kim Welden
Principal Recreation Supervisor I (Emergency)
Municipal Sports, Camping Section & Citywide Sports Board
City of LA Department of Recreation & Parks
Valley Region
6335 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406
818-756-8060 Mail Stop #641

"Winning is fun... Sure. But winning is not the point. Wanting to win is the point. Not giving up is the point. Never letting up is the point. Never being satisfied with what you've done is the point."

- Pat Summitt



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Request for Review of Youth Volleyball Enrollment Handling by West Region Supervisor Michael Harrison

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 25, 2026 at 5:29 PM

To:
Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org, rap.commissioners@lacity.org, jimmy.kim@lacity.org, matthew.rudnick@lacity.org

Dear Ms. Uyen,

Thank you for taking the time to clearly and thoughtfully outline your concerns. I appreciate the care you took to distinguish between the enrollment outcome itself and the process by which the decision was reviewed and communicated. I also recognize that your intent in writing is to seek clarity and consistency, not to dispute the final placement decision.

Regarding the involvement of upper management, requests that involve participation across multiple divisions—particularly when there is a significant age difference between divisions—may be elevated for regional review to ensure consistency and participant safety across recreation centers. I understand that the timing of this review created the impression that a finalized decision was later reversed, and I acknowledge that this sequence understandably caused confusion and concern.

You also noted inaccuracies in the prior response regarding waitlist status and your daughter's age. Accurate information is important to these discussions, and I regret any confusion caused by those misstatements. I appreciate you bringing them to our attention. Mike knows that Mar Vista usually has a waitlist due to the popularity of its programs, and registration is still open for several more weeks.

While there was no intent to apply heightened or selective scrutiny to your daughter's participation, I understand how the level of review and subsequent change in enrollment status could reasonably feel that way from your perspective, particularly given your prior experiences. Your feedback regarding how procedural questions were addressed, and how policy considerations were communicated, is noted.

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Feb 17 at 10:39 AM

To:

Cc: Keith Rice <keith.rice@lacity.org>

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Hi Uyen,

There was a meeting last week with some of the upper management and it was determined that Minh will not be able play in both Minors and Majors division.

I have dropped her from the Majors division and have credited your account.

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Activity Enrollment Details: 631427306-02 (Spring Girls Volleyball - Majors)

	<u>New Fees</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>	<u>New Paid</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Enrollee Name: Minh Duong	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00
Enrollment Date: 02/05/2026					
Enrollment Status: Enrolled					

Class Location: Big Gym Mar Vista RC 11430 Woodbine ST Los Angeles, CA 90066 (310)398-5982	Class Dates: 04/04/2026 to 06/06/2026 9:00 A to 5:00 P Sa
	Scheduled Sessions: 10

Activity Comments: Full refunds will only be granted if program is cancelled by the center. A 20% administrative fee will be assessed by the Recreation Center for any patron granted a refund, change or transfer per class or activity. For all refund inquiries, please submit your request to marvista.recreationcenter@lacity.org

Date: 02/05/2026
 Time: 3:27 pm
 Head of Household: Uyen Duong
 Enrollee: Minh Duong

AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE:

My child, a minor, has my permission to participate in all the activities. I understand that certain activities by nature have an increased risk of injury, including death, despite extensive measures taken by staff to provide a safe environment and ensure the safety of my child. I understand the nature of games and sports activities and I am aware of the minor's experience and capabilities and believe my child to be qualified, in good health and in proper physical and emotional condition to participate in such activities. I agree to relieve the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation & Parks, its officers and agents and employees from any injury to my child in connection with this program. I further understand that the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks CARRIES NO INSURANCE.

CONSENT TO TREATMENT OF A MINOR:

I, as the parent and /or legal guardian of the minor participating in this program, do hereby authorize the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks to act as agents for the undersigned to consent for any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care which is deemed advisable by, and is to be rendered under the general or specialized supervision of any physician licensed under the provisions of the Medicine Practice Act on the staff of the licensed hospital, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of the said physician or a said hospital. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any such diagnose, treatment or hospital care which the aforementioned physician in the exercise of their best judgment, may deem advisable. This authorization shall remain effective through the conclusion of the event or program that the minor is participating in, unless revoked sooner in writing and delivered to said agent.

PHOTO RELEASE:

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Total New Fees	10.00
Discount Applied	0.00
Total Due	10.00
Total Fees Paid	10.00
Total Paid	10.00

ACTIVITY SALES RECEIPT



Receipt #

4380894

Payment Date:

02/05/2026

Household:

173929

Household Balance Information

Overall Household Credit Balance Available	0.00
Overall Household Balance Due	0.00

Payment of: 10.00 Made By: Credit Balance With Reference:



ACTIVITY SALES RECEIPT

Receipt # **4364398**
Payment Date: 02/02/26
Household: 173929

City of Los Angeles
Los Angeles CA
Phone:
recreation.parks.lacity.gov

Uyen Duong

Cell Phone)

Activity Enrollment Details: 631427306-01 (Spring Girls Volleyball - Minors)

	<u>New Fees</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>	<u>New Paid</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Enrollee Name: Minh Duong	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00
Enrollment Date: 02/02/2026					
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Class Location: Big Gym
Mar Vista RC
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Special Questions: I understand a registration form is mandatory in order to participate. We're going paperless - look for an invite to create an account with ePACT, a digital form website, to complete the participant's registration information.: I understand.
 PHOTO RELEASE (NOT MANDATORY): The City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks (or its assigned agents), the International Olympics Committee (IOC) and the Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the Olympics and Paralympic Games 2028 (LA28) each has my permission to use images (digital, film, tape or video) of my child for non-commercial promotion of City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks', IOC's, and LA28's programs and activities.: I do not agree

Date: 02/02/2026
Time: 12:37 pm
Head of Household: Uyen Duong
Enrollee: Minh Duong

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Receipt #

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Payment Date:

02/02/2026

Household:

173929

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Total New Fees	10.00
Discount Applied	0.00

Total Due	10.00
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Total Fees Paid	10.00
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Total Paid	10.00
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Household Balance Information

Overall Household Credit Balance Available	10.00
Overall Household Balance Due	0.00

Payment of: 10.00 Made By:VISA Auth: 06105D Card#: xxxxxxxxxxxx4421 With Reference:



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: FW: Request for Review and Clarification - Cheviot Hills Co-Rec Basketball All-Star Eligibility

1 message

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

Thu, Feb 26, 2026 at 8:42 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Feb 25, 2026 at 9:07 PM < > wrote:

Forwarding because the below email bounced back. Please forward to the appropriate people. It may be time-sensitive. Thank you.

This relates to the Cheviot Hills Recreation Center's Juniors Co-Rec Basketball all-star team.

From: < >
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 8:42 PM
To: rap.playla@lacity.org
Cc: RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org
Subject: Request for Review and Clarification - Cheviot Hills Co-Rec Basketball All-Star Eligibility

*Please forward this email to the President of the Citywide Youth Sports Board, the Sports Board Supervisor, and the West Region representative (Cheviot Hills), including **Eric Mellem**, **Kimberly Welden**, and **Dylan Thomas**, or advise me if there are different designated contacts for eligibility review.*

Dear Mr. Mellem,

I am writing to request clarification and review regarding my son's exclusion from the Cheviot Hills co-rec basketball all-star team. I am contacting the Sports Board directly because the Cheviot Hills Recreation Center has stated that this outcome is dictated by Sports Board rules rather than by any discretion at the center level.

My son, Spencer Hartston, was nominated for the all-star team. I was later informed that he would be excluded because his paperwork was submitted yesterday, one day after the stated deadline, and because the roster is limited to ten players, making him the eleventh. However, the Recreation Center did not provide me with the required paperwork until the day after the deadline, making timely submission impossible. I submitted the paperwork immediately upon receiving it.

Additional context is important. Shortly before all-star selection, my son participated in a contentious game in which the referee, Troy Antee, assessed multiple technical fouls in rapid succession — first against my son, then another player, and then the coach — materially affecting the outcome of a close game. Following that game, my son was required to sit out one additional game, a suspension imposed without discussion with him, the coach, or me. That suspension has already been served and resolved any issues arising from that incident.

Although the Recreation Center characterizes the all-star decision as non-disciplinary, the timing and circumstances suggest otherwise. In practice, the exclusion operates as an additional and more severe consequence imposed after the fact, despite the prior incident having already been addressed. In my view, this reflects an inappropriate escalation by the Recreation Center and raises concern that resolved game-related issues are continuing to influence eligibility decisions indirectly.

I respectfully request clarification on:

1. Whether Sports Board rules permit discretion where paperwork delays are caused by the Recreation Center; and
2. Whether prior game-related incidents that have already been addressed are intended to factor into all-star eligibility determinations.

I am seeking transparency and fair application of the rules. Teaching accountability and sportsmanship is important, but those values are undermined when resolved matters are effectively relitigated through cumulative consequences rather than addressed through clear, proportionate, and transparent decision-making.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Amos Hartston

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Request for Investigation: Use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers at Pan Pacific Park

1 message

S M < > Thu, Feb 26, 2026 at 2:29 PM

To: Leo Floyd <leo.floyd@lacity.org>

Cc: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Robert Buenrostro <robert.buenrostro@lacity.org>, Brendan Kearns <brendan.kearns@lacity.org>, Jacqueline Lopez <jacqueline.g.lopez@lacity.org>

Good afternoon Leo,

This is great news! Thank you for taking action on this matter and saving people's lives including the landscape maintenance crew. I really appreciate that you informed me about this accomplishment. I hope this could be expanded to all other parks and functions in Los Angeles.

If there is any place where I can leave a public comment about this positive action, please let me know so everyone knows that our public officials take comments from individuals seriously and take action to address them.

Thank you,
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On Thu, Feb 26, 2026 at 2:11 PM Leo Floyd <leo.floyd@lacity.org> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> Our maintenance staff removed all gas powered blowers from Pan Pacific Park and replaced them with electric blowers to comply with the 500-foot ordinance regarding residential housing. Also, Rec & Parks does not hire contractors to perform landscape maintenance duties that might involve gas-powered blowers in any of our city parks. If you have any further concerns please let me know.

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> Thank you,

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> On Wed, Feb 25, 2026 at 1:22 PM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

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>> Good afternoon,

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>> Attached below is a response to your email sent to you on Jan 7, 2026. Thank you.

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>> From: Robert Buenrostro <robert.buenrostro@lacity.org>

>> Date: Wed, Jan 7, 2026 at 8:12 AM

>> Subject: Re: Request for Investigation: Use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers at Pan Pacific Park

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

>> Cc: Leo Floyd <leo.floyd@lacity.org>, Jessica Nunez <jessica.nunez@lacity.org>

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>> Good morning,

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>> Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. We will review the concerns regarding the use of gas-powered leaf blowers at Pan Pacific Park and will make any necessary adjustments. We will follow up. The Holocaust Museum is currently expanding within the park's footprint. That may be the contractor they are referring to. Nevertheless we will investigate. Leo, please make sure to report your findings and follow up on this thread.

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>> Thank you,

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>> Robert Buenrostro, Superintendent

>> Maintenance Operations- South

>> City of Los Angeles
>> Department of Recreation and Parks
>> Office: (213) 485-4809
>> Email: Robert.Buenrostro@lacity.org

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>> On Wed, Jan 7, 2026 at 8:00 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

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>>> Good morning,

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

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>>> Thank you

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>>> ----- Forwarded message -----

>>> From: S M < >

>>> Date: Sat, Dec 27, 2025 at 4:12 PM

>>> Subject: Request for Investigation: Use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers at Pan Pacific Park

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

>>> Cc: <bca.biphelp@lacity.org>, <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, <councilmember.yaroslavsky@lacity.org>

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>>> Dear Recreation and Parks Leadership,

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>>> I am writing as a Los Angeles resident and regular visitor to Pan Pacific Park to formally raise concern regarding the ongoing use of gas-powered leaf blowers during routine landscape maintenance at the park.

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>>> Over multiple months, I have observed landscape crews using gas-powered leaf blowers on a regular basis.

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>>> Legal and Contract Compliance Concerns

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>>> Los Angeles Municipal Code §112.04(c) prohibits the use of gas-powered leaf blowers within 500 feet of residences. Pan Pacific Park is surrounded by residential housing, meaning this restriction applies throughout much, if not all, of the park.

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>>> Given this, I am concerned about whether City-funded maintenance contracts are being implemented in a manner consistent with municipal law. If City-funded maintenance contracts permit or overlook non-compliance, this raises serious questions about oversight, enforcement, and appropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

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>>> Public and Worker Health Impacts

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>>> Gas-powered leaf blowers pose well-documented health risks to both the public and the workers operating them. These machines emit air pollutants such as fine particulate matter (PM2.5), nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and toxic hydrocarbons, and they resuspend dust, pollen, and biological debris directly into the breathing zone.

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>>> Park users—including children, seniors, and people exercising—are exposed during operation. Importantly, landscaping workers themselves experience repeated and prolonged exposure, placing them at elevated risk for respiratory illness, cardiovascular impacts, hearing damage, and other occupational health harms. These exposures are avoidable.

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>>> Availability of Cleaner Alternatives

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>>> There is also no apparent financial barrier to compliance. The South Coast Air Quality Management District offers rebates and incentive programs to support the transition from gas-powered to electric or battery-powered landscaping equipment. These alternatives significantly reduce air pollution and noise while protecting worker and public health.

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>>> Given the availability of incentives and the City's stated commitments to air quality, climate action, and environmental justice, continued use of gas-powered leaf blowers in a public park is difficult to justify.

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>>> Requests

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>>> I respectfully request:

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>>> An investigation into landscape maintenance practices and contractor compliance at Pan Pacific Park;

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>>> Clarification regarding why City funds are being paid to contractors who appear not to be complying with municipal law;
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>>> A written response outlining what corrective actions will be taken to ensure compliance going forward; and
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>>> Consideration of requiring electric landscaping equipment for City contractors, particularly in parks surrounded by residences.
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>>> Pan Pacific Park should be a space that promotes health and community well-being, not unnecessary air pollution or preventable worker harm.
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>>> Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.
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>>> Respectfully,
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>>> Simin Mehrabani, Ph.D, P.E.
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>>> Resident of Los Angeles, CA
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: URGENT: Monopolization of Mar Vista Tennis Courts by Private Entities

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Feb 27, 2026 at 7:06 AM

To: Yingjun Lyu < >

Cc: RAP Mar Vista RC <MARVISTA.RECREATIONCENTER@lacity.org>, Councilmember Park <councilmember.park@lacity.org>, matt.halden@lacity.org, info@marvista.org, >

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Feb 26, 2026 at 8:04 PM Yingjun Lyu < > wrote:

Dear Mar Vista Recreation Center Management,

I am writing as a Mar Vista homeowner to express my deep frustration regarding the current management and privatization of our public tennis courts. As a resident who contributes significantly to our community through property taxes, I find it unacceptable that these public facilities are effectively rendered private for a large portion of the year.

The current schedule (notably the February 2026 calendar) shows a staggering lack of public availability during peak hours (2:00 PM – 7:00 PM). During these times:

- **Courts 1, 2, 3, and 4** are consistently occupied by private schools like Windward and Le Lycée.
- **Courts 5 and 6** are almost entirely booked by five individual private coaches (Rollin, Trevor, Carlos, Kyra, and Gina).

This arrangement leaves virtually zero walk-on availability for taxpayers. Public parks should prioritize residents over for-profit entities and private institutions that have the resources to secure their own facilities. What makes it worse is that such a situation lasts almost half a year.

I propose the following immediate changes:

1. **Reduce Private Lease Hours:** Shorten the private lease windows to ensure at least 50% of the courts remain open for public "first-come, first-served" use during peak afternoon hours.
2. **Designated Public Zones:** Designate at least three courts strictly as "No Private Lease/Coaching" zones at all times.
3. **Revenue Transparency:** Provide a public disclosure of the current lease terms and justify why for-profit revenue is being prioritized over the rights of local residents.

I look forward to your response and a plan to restore equitable access for the Mar Vista community.

Sincerely,

Yingjun Lyu

Mobile:

Mar Vista Recreation Center
 11430 Woodbine St. Los Angeles, CA 90066 (310) 398-5982
Mar Vista TENNIS COURTS - FEBRUARY 2026 (Dates/Hours)

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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