

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

MARCH 19, 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. Comments regarding Dogs Off Leash at Oakwood Park	#10039c-10039hhhhh	Referred to General Manager
2. Klaus Havelund comments regarding Spring Street Park	#10051c	Referred to General Manager
3. Nick Leathers comments regarding Spring Street Park	#10051d	Referred to General Manager
4. Guy Smith comments regarding a Situation that Happened at Rustic Canyon Park	#10055a	Referred to General Manager
5. Geron Rigatoni comments regarding safety issues at Griffith Park	#10075	Referred to General Manager
6. Shelly Yehuda comments regarding Child safety Hazard at Randal D. Simmons Park Playground	#10076	Referred to General Manager
7. Annemarie Helmick comments regarding Incident that Happened at Tregan Golf Academy	#10077	Referred to General Manager
8. Pierre Rivera comments regarding Safety Concern at Vermont Canyon Tennis Courts	#10078	Referred to General Manager

9. Val Marquez comments regarding Restroom Options Request at El Sereno Arroyo Playground	#10079	Referred to General Manager
10. Adam Thompson comments regarding Echo Park Pool Beautification Project	#10080	Referred to General Manager
11. Noel McCarthy comments regarding Arroyo Secco Water Reuse Project	#10081	Referred to General Manager
12. Jeff Leon comments regarding Arroyo Secco Water Reuse Project	#10081a	Referred to General Manager
13. Casey Law comments regarding Arroyo Secco Water Reuse Project	#10081b	Referred to General Manager
14. Dennis Hicks comments regarding the Venice Oceanarium	#10082	Referred to General Manager
15. Thomas Jones comments regarding Sign Missing at the Bee Canyon Park	#10083	Referred to General Manager
16. Jane Dean comments regarding Men's Restroom at Pacific Palisades Rec Center	#10084	Referred to General Manager
17. Jay Heldman comments regarding an Incident that happened at the Senior Center at Pan Pacific Park	#10085	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Rosa Cartagena, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 11:27 AM

To: Nina Fetner <

Cc: 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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 11:26 AM Nina Fetner < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup issues. But a total ban won't solve those problems as well as a clear compromise—designated dog hours/areas, better signage, enforcement of leashing and pickup rules, and targeted penalties for repeat offenders.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard. I've built real friendships and community there, and being able to walk and decompress at the park is important for my mental health and wellbeing.

Westminster isn't a real alternative for many of us: I don't feel safe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please reject a blanket ban and pursue a workable compromise.

Emma

Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park—support a fenced compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 11:59 AM

To: Leah Russell

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Cc: 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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 11:52 AM Leah Russell <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I come to Oakwood with my dog, Bananas, and I've built real friendships and community there—it's truly our neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's been important for my mental health and wellbeing.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer practice and cleanup issues, but a total ban won't solve those as well as a clear, enforceable compromise. Venice Dog Park is often overcrowded, unsanitary, and feels unsafe, and there are very limited alternatives nearby.

Oakwood is large, and there's an area behind the existing fence with trees that doesn't interfere with the sports fields. Extending that fence to create a designated off-leash area would protect kids' practices while providing a safe, contained space for responsible dog owners—without wasting money on ongoing security.

Please support a balanced solution instead of a ban.

Leah

Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please seek a compromise on dogs at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 8:55 AM

To: Linda Goldman <

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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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 8:32 AM Linda Goldman <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to reject a total ban on dogs at Oakwood Park and work toward a reasonable compromise. Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it has been essential for my mental health and wellbeing. I'm mildly handicapped, so long walks are not possible. The park gives my dog, Meeko, the exercise and socialization he needs—and it's where I've built real friendships and community that have genuinely changed my life.

Westminster dog park is not a workable alternative for many of us. Instead of spending limited funds on a security guard, please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and letting dog owners help fund maintenance. I'd also rather see those funds directed toward homelessness.

Thank you,
Linda

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and redirect guard funding

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To: Ana de Diego >

Cc: 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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 11:53 AM Ana de Diego < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues, but a total ban punishes responsible neighbors and won't solve those problems as well as clear, enforceable compromises.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community with my dog, Halo. It's also been important for my mental health and wellbeing. Westminster isn't a real alternative for us—there have been violent crimes there, I don't feel safe, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please support designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and letting dog owners help fund maintenance. Also, redirect the security guard costs to broader public safety needs.

Thank you,

Ana de Diego

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Re: Please seek a compromise on Oakwood Park dogs—not a total ban

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 9:05 AM

To: andrew whitelaw <

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Cc: 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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 8:57 AM andrew whitelaw <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to reject a total ban on dogs at Oakwood Park and pursue a workable compromise. Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community—something Venice sorely lacks. It's also been important for my mental health and wellbeing. My dog, Thunder, loves to run, and Oakwood field is not used most of the time.

Westminster dog park is unsuitable—dangerous, unhygienic, and with no accountability. A blanket ban will push more people there or onto streets.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, and supervised hours with community volunteers. And instead of spending money on a security guard, invest in clear rules, signage, and enforcement that supports shared use.

Andrew

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Re: Please *oppose*** a total dog ban at Oakwood Park**

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 12:12 PM

To: Evan Schiller <

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Cc: 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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 12:08 PM Evan Schiller <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. But a total ban punishes responsible neighbors and won't fix the underlying problems as well as a clear compromise—designated hours or areas, stronger enforcement of leash and pickup rules, and better signage.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard. Bringing my dog, Halo, has helped my mental health and helped me build real friendships and community at this park.

Westminster dog park isn't a viable alternative: I don't feel safe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please redirect the money being spent on a security guard toward homelessness services, and work with neighbors on a reasonable, enforceable compromise.

Evan

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Re: Please pursue a compromise for dogs at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 9:42 AM

To: Cecelia Mayora

Cc: 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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 9:41 AM Cecelia Mayora <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing about the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. Please don't move forward with a total ban. Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and visiting with my dog, Cherise, has genuinely improved my mental health and wellbeing. Going to Oakwood I've been able to foster a community—a place where I can experience good in a world that is surrounded by noise. I've made friendships that will last a lifetime.

A reasonable compromise is possible: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and having dog owners help fund maintenance.

Also, the money being spent on a security guard would be better used improving Westminster dog park, which is currently unsuitable.

Thank you,

Cecelia

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 12:14 PM

To: Ishell Winzer >

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

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Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 12:14 PM Ishell Winzer <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. Oakwood is one of the few places where neighbors actually meet, talk, and look out for each other—I've built real friendships and community there while spending time with my dog, Benny.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. But a total ban won't solve those problems as well as a clear compromise: set specific dog hours or designated areas, enforce leash and pickup rules, add signage, and issue citations when needed.

Also, spending city money on an ongoing security guard feels wasteful when practical rules and enforcement could address the issues directly.

Please support a workable compromise instead of a blanket ban.

Ishell

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Please seek a compromise on dogs at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 9:42 AM

To: Rebecca Lee <>
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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 9:38 AM Rebecca Lee <

> wrote:



Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing about the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I bring my dog, Léon, and this

park has become my neighborhood's front and backyard—where I've built real friendships and a sense of community. It's also been important for my mental health and wellbeing. Westminster dog park isn't a workable alternative for many of us.

A total ban feels unnecessary when reasonable compromises could address concerns: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a small fenced dog area, or supervised hours with community volunteers. Many of us would also support dog owners helping fund maintenance.

If the City is paying for a security guard, I'd urge you to redirect those funds toward solutions that actually improve the park for everyone.

Rebecca

Rebecca Lee

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park—support a workable compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 12:17 PM

To: Colin Hornett <

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Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 12:16 PM Colin Hornett <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I come here with my dog, Daisy, and I've built real friendships and community at this park—it's truly my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's been important for my mental health and wellbeing.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A reasonable compromise would address those problems better than a total ban, especially while the City is spending money on a security guard that many of us feel is wasteful.

Please consider designated off-leash hours and clear rules to keep dogs off the field during scheduled sports. The mix use of the park is beautiful—sports, BBQs, parties, picnics, and dogs—and there is enough time and space to accommodate everyone.

Colin

Colin W. Hornett

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and redirect security funds

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:19 AM

To: Pauline Zenker <>

Cc: 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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:16 AM Pauline Zenker <> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to urge you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a reasonable compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup/safety incidents. But a total ban punishes responsible neighbors and doesn't solve those issues as well as clear rules, designated hours/areas, and consistent enforcement.

My dog Kodi and I have found a real sense of community at Oakwood, and I've built real friendships there. Westminster is not a viable alternative for us: I've felt unsafe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. Kodi was also randomly confronted and kicked by a homeless person inside Westminster.

Please redirect the money for a full-time security guard toward homelessness services and a practical compromise that keeps Oakwood welcoming and safe.

Pauline

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1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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To: Richard Reinach >

Cc: Councilwoman Traci Park <councilmember.park@lacity.org>,

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 12:21 PM Richard Reinach <

> wrote:

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I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup and safety issues, but a total ban won't solve those as well as a clear, enforceable compromise.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard for 45 years, and it's been essential to my mental health and wellbeing. I've built real friendships and community there—My dog Kota has made so many friends, and so have I. Westminster isn't a real alternative for us: I feel unsafe there, violent crimes have occurred there, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area (it would be easy to fence from the batting cage on the north field to the 7th Street fence for a superheated dog park by the picnic benches), and supervised hours with community volunteers. Also, spending city money on a security guard feels wasteful when these options could work.

Richard

Richard Reinach**Mobile:**

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and redirect security funds

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:18 AM

To: Meghan O'Keefe <

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Cc: 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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:16 AM Meghan O'Keefe <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. But a total ban punishes responsible neighbors and won't solve the underlying problems as well as a workable compromise.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and walking Sunny there has been essential for my mental health—I've built real friendships and community at this park. Westminster isn't a real alternative: I don't feel safe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please pursue designated off-leash hours, keep dogs off the field during scheduled sports, consider a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and let dog owners fund maintenance. Also, redirect the security-guard spending toward homelessness services and trash cleanup.

Meghan

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I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead support a workable compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup/safety issues, but a total ban won't solve these as well as clear rules and shared enforcement.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard for 25 years, and it's been essential for my mental health and wellbeing. I've built real friendships there—Dakota has made so many friends there and so have I. Westminster isn't a viable alternative: I feel unsafe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please redirect the security-guard spending toward real public safety and implement compromises like designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area (a fence from the batting cage on the north field to the 7th Street fence is doable), and supervised volunteer hours.

Kathy Scherling

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:18 AM Sandi O'Keefe <> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. Oakwood is where I take my dog, Buster, and where I regularly see neighbors of all ages using the park respectfully.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. But a total ban won't solve those problems as well as a reasonable compromise—clear hours for soccer, enforced leash rules, stepped-up citations for owners who don't pick up, and better signage and trash bags.

It's also hard to justify spending city money on a security guard while choosing the most extreme option. Please support a balanced approach that keeps Oakwood welcoming and safe for everyone.

Sandra

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To: rayabbiatici >

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 12:36 PM rayabbiatici < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and a sense of community—often while walking my dog, Sunshine.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. But a total ban won't solve those problems as well as a workable compromise.

Please consider a fenced dog area and clear rules with enforcement focused on bad behavior. It's also hard to justify ongoing spending on a security guard when a fenced area and signage could reduce conflicts for everyone.

Thank you for listening and for protecting a balanced, shared public space.

Ray

Sent from my iPhone

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Please pursue designated off-leash hours, keep dogs off the field during scheduled sports, consider a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and let dog owners fund maintenance. Also, redirect the security-guard spending toward homelessness services and trash cleanup.

Meghan

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and redirect guard funding

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:02 PM

To: Nikki Sanoff < >

Cc: 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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:01 PM Nikki Sanoff < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and ongoing cleanup issues. But a total ban punishes responsible neighbors and won't solve the underlying problems as well as a clear compromise would.

I bring my dog, Dora, to Oakwood regularly, and it's one of the few places where neighbors actually meet, look out for each other, and keep the park active. Instead of spending scarce funds on a dedicated security guard, please redirect those resources to practical improvements: posted and enforced dog hours, temporary fencing or field-only protection during soccer, more trash cans and bag stations, and targeted enforcement for repeat offenders.

Please support a balanced solution, not a blanket ban.

Nikki

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and redirect guard funding

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:25 AM

To: Kimia Hangafarin >

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

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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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:21 AM Kimia Hangafarin < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I work in Venice and I am asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a workable compromise. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup issues. A total ban punishes responsible neighbors, while clear rules, enforcement of leashing/cleanup, and designated hours or areas would address the real problems more effectively.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and I've built real friendships and community there. It's relaxing to walk there, get a nature escape, and play with my neighbor's dogs—it genuinely supports my mental health and wellbeing.

Also, the money being spent on a security guard at the park feels wasteful compared to urgent needs. Please redirect those resources toward homelessness services and outreach. I feel unsafe from the Homeless people here.

Kimia

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and redirect security spending

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:47 PM

To: Andrew Murray < >

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:06 PM Andrew Murray <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident who regularly visits Oakwood Park with my dog, Ora, and I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs. I've built real friendships and community there, and the park has been genuinely important for my mental health and wellbeing—just a great place to see friendly faces and dogs having fun.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't solve this as well as clear rules and shared responsibility.

Please pursue a reasonable compromise: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and having dog owners help fund maintenance. The money for a security guard would be better spent on solutions that improve the park for everyone.

Andrew

Andrew Murray

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and redirect security funds

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:26 AM

To: Jamie Lipman

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:22 AM Jamie Lipman < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a workable compromise. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup issues, but a total ban won't solve those as well as clear rules, enforcement of leashing and pickup, and designated hours/areas.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community while spending time with my dog, Hudson. It's also been genuinely important for my mental health and wellbeing.

Westminster isn't a real alternative: I don't feel safe there given violent crimes that have occurred, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please redirect the money being spent on a security guard to improvements that actually help everyone—lighting, maintenance, signage, and targeted enforcement.

Jamie

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Re: Please oppose the Oakwood Park dog ban and pursue a compromise

1 message

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Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:47 PM

To: Rachel Davis >

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:20 PM Rachel Davis < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead work toward a reasonable compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup or safety issues, but a total ban won't solve those problems as well as clear rules and shared responsibility will.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's been genuinely good for my mental health and wellbeing—I've built real friendships and community there. I bring my tiny terrier, Maddie, and the group of dog owners who use the park are responsible and in control of their dogs.

Westminster isn't a real alternative: I feel unsafe there given violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during sports, a fenced area, supervised volunteer hours, and dog owners funding maintenance—and redirect security guard spending toward homelessness.

Rachel

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Please oppose a full dog ban at Oakwood Park—support a compromise

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Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:26 AM

To: Jack Higgins >

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:24 AM Jack Higgins <

> wrote:

Dear City officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community while spending time with my dog, Bunny. It's also been genuinely important for my mental health and wellbeing.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't solve those as well as clear rules and shared responsibility would. Please consider a compromise: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a small fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and allowing dog owners to help fund maintenance.

Also, the money going to a security guard would be better redirected to improvements that actually make the park safer and cleaner for everyone.

John

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park—support a compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:47 PM

To: Shan Benson <

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Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:29 PM Shan Benson <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident who goes to Oakwood Park with my shepherd mix, and I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup and safety issues, but a total ban won't solve those problems as well as clear, enforceable compromises.

Oakwood has become my community—familiar faces every night, real friendships, and we check in when someone hasn't shown up. It's been essential for my mental health and wellbeing. Westminster isn't a real alternative for us: I don't feel safe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and dog owners helping fund maintenance. Also, the money being spent on a security guard would be better redirected toward homelessness services.

Shan

Cheers,

Shan

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1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:27 AM

To: Louis Delavenne

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

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:25 AM Louis Delavenne

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and about cleanup and occasional safety incidents, but a total ban won't solve those issues as well as a reasonable compromise.

For over 17 years I've gone to Oakwood daily with my son to play soccer and with my dog, Chasseur, and I've built real friendships and community there—it's our front and backyard and it's vital for my mental health. Westminster isn't a real alternative: I don't feel safe there, violent crimes have occurred, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and dog owners funding maintenance. Also, redirect the security guard money toward cleaning the trash left by BBQ-area users. Dogs are being used as an excuse for a deeper issue—please don't let a few people create more hate in Venice.

Louis

Louis Delavenne

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Oakwood has become my community—familiar faces every night, real friendships, and we check in when someone hasn't shown up. It's been essential for my mental health and wellbeing. Westminster isn't a real alternative for us: I don't feel safe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and dog owners helping fund maintenance. Also, the money being spent on a security guard would be better redirected toward homelessness services.

Shan

Cheers,

Shan

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Re: Please oppose the Oakwood Park dog ban and pursue a workable compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:53 AM

To: Mike Kessler <>

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:28 AM Mike Kessler <> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I come to Oakwood most evenings with my dog, Henry Horseradish, and over time it's become my neighborhood's front and backyard—an end-of-day community respite that's genuinely helped my mental health and wellbeing.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't solve those problems as well as a clear, enforceable compromise: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and dog owners funding maintenance.

Westminster isn't a real alternative for us—I've felt unsafe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. Please redirect the security guard money to places that actually need security and help us implement a practical solution we'll help enforce.

Mike

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Re: Please oppose a full dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:57 PM

To: sima pun <

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

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:55 PM sima pun <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. This park is one of the few places where neighbors actually meet, talk, and look out for each other—I've built real friendships and community there while walking my dog, Sindu.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and about cleanup and occasional safety incidents. A total ban won't solve those issues as well as a clear, enforceable compromise: set dog-free hours during practices and games, strengthen signage and waste-bag stations, and enforce leash/cleanup rules with targeted citations.

The City is spending money on a security guard; please use that presence to support a workable compromise rather than punish responsible residents.

Seema

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:27 AM

To: Ally Bruschi < >

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:25 AM Ally Bruschi < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a workable compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents—but a total ban won't solve these as well as clear rules and shared responsibility.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community walking my dog, Louise. Westminster isn't a real alternative: I don't feel safe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and allowing dog owners to help fund maintenance. The money spent on a security guard could be redirected to improvements that benefit everyone.

Ally

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Ally Bruschi (she/her)
Partner, Managing Director
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: sanjay ghale >
Cc: Councilmember Park <councilmember.park@lacity.org>,

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:57 PM

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:55 PM sanjay ghale < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and about cleanup and occasional safety incidents. But a blanket ban won't solve those issues as well as a clear, enforceable compromise.

Oakwood is where I've built real friendships and community—often just by showing up with my dog, Sindu, and talking with neighbors who care about this park. Spending city money on a full-time security guard while moving toward a total ban feels wasteful when targeted solutions could work: set dog hours or designated areas, better signage, more waste bags, and focused enforcement for repeat offenders.

Please support a balanced approach that keeps Oakwood welcoming and safe for everyone.

Sanjay

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:54 AM

To: Lindsey Michaels <

Cc: 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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:41 AM Lindsey Michaels <

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I come to Oakwood with my dog, Wynn, and I've built real friendships and community there—it truly feels like my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's been important for my mental health.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. But a total ban won't solve these as well as clear rules and shared responsibility.

Westminster isn't a real alternative for many of us: I don't feel safe there given violent crimes that have occurred, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please support a compromise—designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and dog owners helping fund maintenance—instead of spending limited resources on a security guard and enforcing a blanket ban.

Lindsey

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1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:59 PM

To: Ryan Aronson <

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

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:58 PM Ryan Aronson <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup or safety issues. But a total ban won't solve those problems as well as a clear compromise—enforced hours, designated areas, and meaningful accountability.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's been huge for my mental health and wellbeing along with connecting with neighbors and the heart warming friendships not only I've made but my pup cowboy has as well. My dog Cowboy and I go for our sunset social hour, and I've built real friendships and community there—neighbors and dogs peacefully coexisting at certain hours, creating a safe place to breathe fresh air and connect and is the highlight of my best furry friends day.

Ryan

Sent from my iPhone

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1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:54 AM

To: Parker Roe

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:38 AM Parker Roe < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and to reconsider spending city funds on a full-time security guard there.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues, but a total ban won't solve these as well as a clear compromise with rules and shared responsibility.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's been essential to my mental health and the friendships I've built here. It's also the only suitable grassy space in Venice where Spar can safely run and neighbors regularly gather. Westminster isn't a real alternative—I feel unsafe there, violent crimes have occurred there, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

I've been surrounded by six city officials and ticketed \$400 for playing fetch while serious violent crimes went unresolved. Women were literally raped and beaten in our neighborhood walking at night the evening before, yet city officials were going after me... the guy with his dog in the park... it doesn't make sense. Please redirect those resources toward crime and homelessness and adopt practical solutions: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, supervised hours with community volunteers, and letting dog owners fund maintenance.

Parker

Parker Roe

Cell:

Email:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park—support a compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Claire THOMPSON <>
Cc: Councilmember Park <councilmember.park@lacity.org>,

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:58 PM Claire THOMPSON <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a practical compromise. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents, but a total ban won't solve these as well as clear rules and shared accountability.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and walking my dog Onie there has been essential to my mental health and wellbeing—and it's where I've built real friendships and community. Westminster isn't a real alternative: I've felt unsafe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please redirect the security-guard spending toward solutions like designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and allowing dog owners to help fund maintenance.

Claire

Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park—support a compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Ben Rosenberg < >
Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:54 AM

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:47 AM Ben Rosenberg <

> wrote:

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I'm a Venice resident and I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. But a total ban won't solve those problems as well as clear rules and enforcement—and it makes the current spending on a security guard feel wasteful when a reasonable compromise could work.

I bring my dog, Dudley, to Oakwood because Westminster isn't a viable alternative: I don't feel safe there given the violent crimes that have occurred, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please consider compromises like designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and having dog owners help fund maintenance.

Ben

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1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 2:34 PM

To: Deidre Lee <

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org, i

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 2:15 PM Deidre Lee < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead adopt a reasonable compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup/safety issues, but a total ban won't solve those as well as clear rules and shared enforcement.

My dog, Loretta, and I don't have a yard—Oakwood is our neighborhood's front and backyard and the only place we can experience nature together. It's been essential for my mental health and wellbeing. Westminster is not a real alternative: I don't feel safe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and allowing dog owners to fund maintenance. The money spent on a security guard would be better redirected to these solutions.

Deidre

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and invest in real solutions

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:54 AM

To: Nantrum < >

Cc: 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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:47 AM Nantrum < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a workable compromise. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues, but a total ban won't solve those as well as clear rules and shared responsibility.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and walking my dog Otis there is important for my mental health and wellbeing. Westminster isn't a real alternative—it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and dog owners helping fund park maintenance. The money being spent on a security guard would be better redirected to these improvements.

Nancy

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park—support a workable compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Kaiko Manson < >
Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 2:34 PM

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 2:15 PM Kaiko Manson <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. This park is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and with my dog Moose I've built real friendships and community here—it's also been important for my mental health and wellbeing.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't solve this as well as clear, enforceable compromises: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, and supervised hours with community volunteers. Dog owners can also help fund maintenance.

Westminster isn't a real alternative for many of us—there have been violent crimes there, I don't feel safe, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. Please redirect the security guard spending toward solutions that actually improve the park.

Kaiko

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:54 AM

To: Sarah Pillsbury <>

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:49 AM Sarah Pillsbury <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues, but a total ban won't solve those as well as a clear, enforceable compromise.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and I've built real friendships and community there—it's also important for my mental health and wellbeing. Westminster isn't a real alternative because it's a dirt park in poor condition. My dog Ralphie is an old dog, but he's as energetic as a puppy when he plays with other dogs, and that off-leash stimulation is a big reason he's made it to 10.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and letting dog owners help fund maintenance—rather than spending money on a security guard and pushing through a blanket ban.

Sarah

Sarah Pillsbury

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park—support a reasonable compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Erica Piccininni < >
Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 2:41 PM

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 2:38 PM Erica Piccininni < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues, but a total ban doesn't solve this as well as clear rules and shared responsibility.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's been essential for my mental health and wellbeing. With my dog Gilly, I've built real friendships and community here, and I always keep her away from kids playing soccer unless they initiate contact. She's well-behaved, friendly, and has never harmed anyone—she's honestly enriched many kids' visits.

Westminster isn't a viable alternative: I feel unsafe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please support compromises like designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, supervised volunteer hours, and dog-owner-funded maintenance. I'd gladly pay a monthly allowance tag fee that supports maintenance or the adjacent kids community center.

Erica

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:54 AM

To: Kerr Wilson <

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

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:52 AM Kerr Wilson <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a workable compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't fix those problems as well as clear rules, signage, designated hours/areas, and consistent enforcement.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's been a huge part of my mental health and wellbeing. I've built real friendships and community there while walking my dogs, Goob and Finn. Westminster isn't a viable alternative: I feel unsafe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please redirect the money being spent on a security guard toward solutions that actually improve the park for everyone.

Kerr

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park—choose a compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 2:41 PM

To: Jared Van <m>

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 2:35 PM Jared Van <> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community—walking my dog Kendall there has been important for my mental health and wellbeing.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't solve those as well as clear rules and shared responsibility.

Please pursue a reasonable compromise: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and dog owners helping fund park maintenance.

Also, the money being spent on a security guard would be better redirected to improvements that make the park work for everyone.

Camilo

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Please oppose the Oakwood Park dog ban and pursue a workable compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 11:05 AM

To: Yelena Filipchuk < >

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 11:04 AM Yelena Filipchuk <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I bring my dog, Bananas, there daily, and I've built real friendships and community that make this park feel like our neighborhood's front and backyard—and it's been genuinely good for my mental health.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't solve those as well as a clear compromise with rules and enforcement.

Westminster is not a viable alternative: I don't feel safe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and allowing dog owners to help fund maintenance. Also, the money for a security guard would be better redirected to homelessness services.

yelena

Cherish your visions and your dreams, as they are the children of your soul; the blueprints of your ultimate achievements. ♥

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 11:19 AM

To: Josh Lary < >

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 11:08 AM Josh Lary < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup and safety issues, but a total ban won't solve those as well as a clear, enforceable compromise.

For four years I've brought my dog, Cosmo, to Oakwood and built real friendships there—this park has genuinely improved my mental health and connection to the neighborhood. It doesn't seem reasonable for Oakwood to be only a human park, especially when sports aren't being played.

Westminster isn't a viable alternative: I feel unsafe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. Please support designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, supervised volunteer hours, and dog-owner funding/membership for maintenance—instead of spending on a security guard and pushing a full ban.

Josh

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 11:27 AM

To: William Graham-Welton <>

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 11:23 AM William Graham-Welton <> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues, but a blanket ban punishes responsible neighbors and won't solve these problems as well as clear rules and enforcement.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community—especially with my dog, Arlo. The park is also important for my mental health and wellbeing. Westminster isn't a real alternative: I don't feel safe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Instead of funding a dedicated security guard, please pursue compromise solutions: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and dog owners helping fund maintenance.

Alice

Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and redirect guard funding

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 11:27 AM

To: Elizabeth Bunn <>

Cc: 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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 11:24 AM Elizabeth Bunn <> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident and I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a workable compromise. I understand there have been concerns about cleanup issues and occasional safety incidents.

A full ban won't solve those problems as effectively as clear rules and enforcement: set designated dog hours/areas, add waste stations, post signage, and ticket repeat offenders. Oakwood is one of the few safe, welcoming outdoor spaces where neighbors can gather and pets can get consistent exercise—I've built real friendships and community there with my dog, Rummy.

I'm also worried that spending limited funds on a full-time security guard isn't the best investment when that money could go toward broader public safety and park improvements that benefit everyone.

Elizabeth

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 3:52 PM

To: Jamie Brown

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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

On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 3:51 PM Jamie Brown < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. This park is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I take my dog, Boo boo, to get a little exercise and fresh air without driving across town.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. But a full ban won't solve those problems as well as a clear compromise: designated dog hours or areas, better signage, enforcement of leashing and pickup rules, and real accountability for repeat offenders.

The City is already spending money on a security guard—please use those resources to implement a balanced plan instead of punishing responsible neighbors.

Jamie

Jamie B.

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 3:53 PM

To: Johnny Brown <>

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 3:52 PM Johnny Brown <> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. This park is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and I've built real friendships and community here.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. But a total ban won't solve those problems as well as a reasonable compromise—clear time/area rules, better signage, enforcement of leash and pickup laws, and targeted penalties for repeat offenders.

My older dog, Boo Boo, loves being outside and playing with other dogs at the park; it keeps her mentally and emotionally healthy. Spending city money on a security guard while pushing out responsible neighbors feels wasteful when workable rules could address the real issues.

Please support a compromise instead of a blanket ban.

Johnny

Johnny Brown

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 4:14 PM

To: Buster Powers <

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

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Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 4:14 PM Buster Powers <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. But a total ban punishes responsible neighbors and won't solve those problems as well as a clear compromise—designated hours/areas, stronger enforcement of leash and pickup rules, and real signage.

Oakwood is where I've built real friendships and a sense of community with my dog, Ratty, and other neighbors. Spending city money on a security guard while removing one of the main ways residents peacefully use and steward the park feels backward.

Westminster isn't a realistic alternative for many of us: I don't feel safe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please support a balanced solution instead of a blanket ban.

Buster

Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 4:23 PM

To: "H. Finch" >

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 4:23 PM H. Finch <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident who lives across from Oakwood Park. It's truly our neighborhood's front and backyard, and I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from the park.

I empathize with the concerns of long term residents about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. But a total ban won't solve these as well as a workable compromise—and it risks punishing responsible neighbors.

We have a dog, Penny, and we do not let her go off leash; however, we would still like to walk our dog in the park. Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, and allowing dog owners to help fund maintenance. This is a better use of resources than paying for a security guard.

Holle

Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park—choose a compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 6:55 AM

To: Paige Cone <

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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 4:52 PM Paige Cone <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a shared-use compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't solve those problems as well as clear rules and enforcement: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and dog owners helping fund maintenance.

Westminster isn't a real alternative—I don't feel safe there, violent crimes have occurred, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. Oakwood is our front yard. After being assaulted, threatened at knife point, and dealing with ongoing drug use and break-ins near my home, my dog Jack and the community I've built at Oakwood are essential to my mental health and safety.

Please redirect security guard funds toward real public safety needs and work with neighbors on a practical compromise.

Jocelyn

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: No Dog Ban @ Oakwood

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 6:55 AM

To: Stefan Leikin < >

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

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 5:10 PM Stefan Leikin < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident and I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup issues. But a total ban punishes responsible neighbors and won't solve the underlying management problems as well as a clear compromise would.

Oakwood is where I've built real friendships and a sense of community with my dog, Memphis. Westminster isn't a viable alternative for us—I've felt unsafe there, and there have been violent crimes at or near that park.

Instead of spending city money on a security guard while banning dogs, please support a workable plan: a fenced dog area and/or supervised dog hours with trained community volunteers.

Thank you,
Stefan

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 6:55 AM

To: Shane Cassilly >

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 5:11 PM Shane Cassilly < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. This park is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community while spending time with my dog, Daisy.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't solve this as well as a workable compromise—and it risks punishing responsible neighbors.

Westminster isn't a real alternative for us: I feel unsafe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. Oakwood is also important for my mental health and wellbeing.

Please pursue solutions like designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and allowing dog owners to help fund maintenance—rather than spending more on a security guard.

Shane

Best,

Shane Cassilly

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 6:55 AM

To: Patricia Yoon <

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Cc: , 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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 5:32 PM Patricia Yoon <

> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I bring my dog, Lucky, there regularly, and the dog park community has created a sense of home for me in a neighborhood that was previously just a place I lived.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. But a total ban won't solve these as well as a workable compromise—and it's troubling to spend city money on a security guard when neighbors are ready to help.

Westminster isn't a real alternative: I feel unsafe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and dog owners funding maintenance.

Patricia

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and pursue a compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 6:56 AM

To: Chris Brody <

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Cc: 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 Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 5:38 PM Chris Brody <

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident and I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I come to Oakwood with my dog, Fish, and I've built real friendships and a sense of community there—it's honestly my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's been important for my mental health and wellbeing.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't solve this as well as a clear, enforceable compromise: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and dog owners helping fund maintenance.

Westminster isn't a real alternative—I feel unsafe there given violent crimes that have occurred, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. Please redirect the money spent on a security guard to solutions that actually improve the park for everyone.

Chris

Chris Brody

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Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 6:56 AM

To: Sydney Levine < >

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 8:17 PM Sydney Levine < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a workable compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup/safety issues, but a blanket ban won't solve those as well as clear rules and shared responsibility.

I've been coming to Oakwood for about seven years with my dog Tink (and her sibling who has since passed), and it's become my neighborhood's front and backyard—real community and a therapeutic 45 minutes for both dogs and people. Westminster isn't a real alternative: I don't feel safe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, and a designated fenced dog run—plus dog owners helping fund maintenance. Also, redirect the security guard spending to something more impactful.

Sydney

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To: Michele Lauto <>

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 10:39 PM Michele Lauto <> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and walking my dog Daisy there has been essential for my mental health and wellbeing. I've also built real friendships and a sense of community at this park—something that's hard to replace.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup and safety issues. But a total ban won't solve those problems as well as a reasonable compromise would—clear hours or designated areas for dogs, better signage and enforcement for scooping/leashing, and specific rules during games.

It's frustrating to see city funds spent on a security guard when practical, community-supported solutions are available. Please work with neighbors on a balanced policy instead of a blanket ban.

Michele

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To: Barry Cassilly <>

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 6:21 AM Barry Cassilly <> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I've been bringing family dogs to this park for 25 years, and now I come with my trained dog, Udo. The sharing of the park is what makes for community—I've built real friendships and a network of neighbors here.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup issues. But a total ban won't solve those problems as well as a reasonable compromise: clear time or field restrictions during games, stronger signage and enforcement for pickup, and meaningful penalties for repeat offenders.

Also, spending city money on a security guard feels wasteful when practical rules and targeted enforcement could address the actual issues.

Please support a balanced policy that keeps Oakwood shared and safe.

Barry

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Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 7:14 AM

To: Haitham Haddad

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 7:02 AM Haitham Haddad < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. But a total ban won't solve those problems as well as a clear compromise with enforceable rules.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and spending city money on a full-time security guard feels wasteful when targeted measures could work: posted hours or areas for dogs, strict leash requirements, more waste stations, and meaningful enforcement for bad actors.

I come to Oakwood with my dog Oscar, and I've built real friendships and community there. It's also been important for my mental health and wellbeing. Westminster isn't a real alternative—it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please help protect shared access and pursue a reasonable compromise.

Haitham

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Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 8:38 AM

To: Sydney Kobil

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

Good morning,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 7:34 AM Sydney Kobil

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a workable compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and about cleanup issues, but a total ban doesn't solve this as well as clear rules and enforcement would.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and I've built real friendships and community there—it's genuinely good for my mental health and wellbeing. Westminster dog park isn't a viable alternative for me: I feel unsafe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please redirect funds currently used for a security guard toward solutions like designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and allowing dog owners to help fund maintenance.

Sydney

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Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 8:39 AM

To: Lauren Siegel

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 7:58 AM Lauren Siegel

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't solve those problems as well as clear, enforceable rules and shared responsibility.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community with neighbors while spending time with my dog, Felix. The park has been important for my mental health and wellbeing.

Westminster isn't a real alternative: I don't feel safe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please pursue a compromise—designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and allowing dog owners to fund maintenance—rather than spending more on a security guard.

Thanks

Lauren Siegel

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To: Roshanne Bakhtiary

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 7:59 AM Roshanne Bakhtiary

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a workable compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and about cleanup. A total ban won't solve those issues as well as clear rules and enforcement: designated off-leash hours (like Central Park), keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, and a dog-owner fund to support maintenance.

Oakwood is Fern and my safe haven—especially in the early morning—and it's where I've built real friendships and community. When I bought my home four years ago, being near Oakwood was a deciding factor. Westminster isn't a viable alternative: I feel unsafe there, violent crimes have occurred there, and it's a dirt park in poor condition with needles.

Please redirect the security guard funding to cleaning up Westminster and/or homeless services, and give neighbors a chance to live in harmony.

Roshanne

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To: Paul Keister

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 8:28 AM Paul Keister

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident living on Oakwood, and I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. A full ban won't solve those problems as well as a clear, enforceable compromise.

Oakwood Park is the perfect community space, and there should be a solution that makes it possible for everyone to enjoy it. With my dog Piper, I'd gladly support designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, and a fenced dog area. Other parks nearby use a simple 3-4' fence to create dual zones, and it works. Dog owners could also help fund maintenance—far better than spending ongoing money on a security guard.

Please direct staff toward a balanced plan instead of a blanket ban.

Paul

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To: Hillary Zashin

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 8:21 AM Hillary Zashin wrote:

Dear City Officials,

As a Venice resident, I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. But a total ban won't solve these as well as a clear, enforceable compromise.

I come to Oakwood with my dogs, Flash and Blaze, and I've built real friendships and community there—neighbors who look out for each other and the park. Westminster isn't a viable alternative for us: I've felt unsafe there, violent crimes have occurred there, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Instead of spending money on a security guard and pushing a blanket ban, please support designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and dog owners funding maintenance.

Hillary

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To: Samuel Capozza

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 8:17 AM Samuel Capozza

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. But a total ban is the wrong tool—clear hours, designated areas, stronger enforcement of leash and pickup rules, and meaningful fines would address the real problems better than punishing everyone.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and I've built real friendships and community there walking my dog, Zinni. The city is already spending money on a security guard; it feels wasteful when a reasonable compromise could work and would be easier to enforce.

Westminster isn't a real alternative: I don't feel safe there given violent crimes that have occurred, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please support a balanced compromise instead of a ban.

Samuel

Samuel P. Capozza

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Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 9:04 AM

To: katie

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 8:34 AM katie

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident and regular at Oakwood Park with my dog, Skippy, and I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from the park.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues, but a total ban won't solve these as well as a clear, enforceable compromise.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community; it's also been important for my mental health and wellbeing. Westminster isn't a viable alternative—there have been violent crimes there, I don't feel safe, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a small fenced dog area, and supervised volunteer hours. Dog owners can also help fund maintenance—far better than spending on a security guard.

Katie

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Alexis Wolfer

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 8:35 AM Alexis Wolfer

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident and I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't solve those problems as well as a clear, enforceable compromise.

I walk my dog, Lemonade, at Oakwood because Westminster isn't a real alternative for us: I've felt unsafe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. Spending city money on a security guard feels wasteful when we could adopt reasonable rules that neighbors will follow.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, and supervised hours with community volunteers. Many dog owners would also help fund maintenance.

Alexis

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To: Jeffrey McHugh

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 8:35 AM Jeffrey McHugh

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. This park has been an amazing spot to socialize and exercise my dogs, Jolene and Petey, and I've built real friendships and community here by meeting neighbors I wouldn't otherwise know.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup issues. But a total ban doesn't solve those problems as well as a workable compromise—clear posted hours or designated areas, stronger enforcement of leash/scoop rules, and targeted penalties for repeat offenders.

It's also hard to justify spending city money on a security guard if a reasonable, community-backed compromise could address the issues more effectively.

Please support a balanced approach that keeps Oakwood welcoming while protecting kids and maintaining the space.

Jeff

Jeff McHugh Mobile:

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1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 9:11 AM

To: Sarah Fuss Kessler

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 8:35 AM Sarah Fuss Kessler

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

As a Venice resident, I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I come to Oakwood with my dog Henry, and I've built real friendships and community there—it's truly our neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's been important for my mental health and wellbeing.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. I believe we must give priority to the kids and that there is a workable compromise: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, and/or supervised hours with community volunteers. Dog owners are also willing to help fund maintenance.

Westminster dog park isn't a real alternative—there have been violent crimes there, I don't feel safe, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. Oakwood is empty most of the time outside kids' sports, and we're happy to give kids priority.

Please redirect the security guard funds toward solutions that actually improve the park.

Sarah Kessler

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To: Mary McLamb

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 8:38 AM Mary McLamb

wrote:

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I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's been essential for my mental health and wellbeing.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup issues. But a full ban won't solve those problems as well as a clear, enforceable compromise.

Barkley has been coming to Oakwood for nine years, and this park is where we've built real friendships and community—neighbors and dogs getting to know each other. I would hate to see this space closed to the neighborhood in this way, especially while the City is spending money on a security guard when practical rules could work.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, and/or a fenced dog area.

Kate

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To: Tim Bonefeld

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 8:47 AM Tim Bonefeld

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood

I'm not a dog person, but I do care about keeping Oakwood welcoming and well-managed. please consider a fenced dog area, supervised dog hours supported by community volunteers, and a model where dog owners help fund park maintenance and improvements.

Tim

Tim
(sent from my iPhone)

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To: Jo-Ann McAuliffe

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 8:52 AM Jo-Ann McAuliffe

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident and I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup issues. But a total ban isn't the answer—reasonable compromises would address those problems better than spending city money on a security guard.

I've lived here for over 40 years. For most of that time, my five kids and I avoided the park because of gangs. Now Oakwood finally belongs to the whole community, and dogs and their owners are part of that vibrant, diverse community. Walking a dog here has helped my mental health and helped me build real friendships.

Westminster isn't a real alternative: I feel unsafe there, violent crimes have occurred, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please support designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, volunteer-supervised hours, and dog owners funding maintenance.

Jo-Ann

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 11:31 AM

To:

Cc: "councilmember.park@lacity.org" <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 Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 9:13 AM more

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to urge you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a workable compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. A total ban won't solve these as well as clear rules and shared responsibility—designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a small fenced dog area, and supervised hours with community volunteers.

Lincoln and I both value the people and dogs we meet at Oakwood; I've built real friendships and community here, and the park is my neighborhood's front and backyard and a real support for my mental health.

Westminster isn't a real alternative—there have been violent crimes there, I don't feel safe, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please redirect the security guard funds toward homelessness and practical park solutions, and let dog owners help fund maintenance.

Andrzej

Andrzej Liguz



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and pursue a compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 11:32 AM

To:

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Good morning,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 9:17 AM more

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a workable compromise. Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community; it's also been important for my mental health and wellbeing. Aspen and I both appreciate the dogs and people at Oakwood.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't solve these as well as clear rules and shared accountability: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and dog owners helping fund maintenance.

Westminster isn't a real alternative for us—there have been violent crimes there, I don't feel safe, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. Also, the money being spent on a security guard at Oakwood feels wasteful; those resources would be better directed to homelessness services.

Please reject the ban and work with neighbors on a compromise.

Andy

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and redirect security funds

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Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 11:32 AM

To: Rick Smith

Cc:

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 9:39 AM Rick Smith wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident and regular at Oakwood Park with my dog, Hank. I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from the park and instead pursue a workable compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues, but a total ban won't solve these as well as clear rules and shared accountability.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and I've built real friendships and community there—one of the best things about Venice. Westminster isn't a real alternative for us: I've felt unsafe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and dog owners funding maintenance. Also, the money for a security guard would be better spent addressing homelessness.

Rick

Rick Smith

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park—pursue a compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 11:33 AM

To: Todd Collins

Cc: 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 Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 9:47 AM Todd Collins < > wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident and Oakwood Park is my neighborhood's front and backyard—my dog Ralph and I are there all the time, and it truly feels like the heartbeat of our community.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. But a total ban doesn't solve these as well as a workable compromise would.

Please oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs and instead direct resources toward real public safety and practical solutions: a clearly designated, fenced-in dog area, better signage and waste stations, and targeted enforcement for repeat offenders. That would protect sports fields and keep the park welcoming—without spending ongoing money on a security guard when those funds could do more for overall public safety.

Thank you for listening.

Todd

Todd Collins

Head of Sales & Strategy

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Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 11:33 AM

To: Brooks Cook

Cc: 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 Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 10:04 AM Brooks Cook

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. This park is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and I've built real friendships and a sense of community there. It's also a big part of my mental health and wellbeing—getting outside, seeing familiar faces, and feeling connected matters.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. But a total ban won't solve those problems as well as a reasonable compromise: clear dog hours or designated areas, better signage and enforcement of leashing and pickup, and meaningful penalties for repeat offenders.

The City is already spending money on a security guard—please put that effort toward a workable policy that protects kids and keeps neighbors connected.

Sincerely,
Brooks Cook

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park—support a compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 11:33 AM

To: Alexa Grant

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 10:35 AM Alexa Grant

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. This park is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community while bringing my dog, Morty.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. A total ban won't solve those as well as clear, enforceable compromises: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, and supervised hours with community volunteers. Many of us would also support dog owners funding park maintenance.

Westminster isn't a real alternative—there have been violent crimes there and I don't feel safe going.

Please redirect the security guard funds to more effective safety and park improvements instead of a blanket ban.

Alexsa

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Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 11:33 AM

To: Danah Ezekiel

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 10:35 AM Danah Ezekiel

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident and Oakwood Park neighbor writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I bring my dog, Papi, to the park and want a solution that works for everyone.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. A full ban won't solve those problems as well as clear, enforceable compromises—especially when the City is spending money on a security guard that many of us feel is wasteful.

There is a win-win path: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, and supervised hours with community volunteers. Most dog owners will happily pay at least \$200/year for legal, restricted access; with a sliding scale, we could raise \$20–30k annually for Oakwood Recreation Center.

Please support a compromise, not a ban.

Danah

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Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 11:34 AM

To: Lori Mcbrayer

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 11:14 AM Lori Mcbrayer

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. But a full ban won't solve those problems as well as a workable compromise—and it risks breaking the everyday community this park supports.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard. I've built real friendships there, and it's been important for my mental health and wellbeing. Westminster isn't a real alternative for many of us: I don't feel safe there given the violent crimes that have occurred, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please pursue compromises like designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, and supervised volunteer hours. Dog owners can also help fund maintenance—far better than spending on a security guard.

Lori

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and pursue a compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 1:09 PM

To: Darnell Kemp

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 11:59 AM Darnell Kemp

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. This park is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and walking Luna there has helped my mental health while also building real friendships and community.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. But a total ban won't solve this as well as a reasonable compromise: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, and supervised hours with community volunteers. Many of us would also support dog owners funding maintenance.

Westminster isn't a real alternative—it's a dirt park in poor condition. Please redirect the security guard money toward solutions that actually improve the park for everyone.

Darnell

Darnell W. Kemp II

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Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 1:09 PM

To: Brita Luscher

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

Good afternoon,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 12:06 PM Brita Luscher

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a workable compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't solve the underlying problems as well as clear rules and shared responsibility would.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's been essential for my mental health and wellbeing. I've built real friendships and community there while walking my dog, Benson. Westminster isn't a real alternative for us—I feel unsafe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please redirect security guard funds toward solutions like designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a small fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and allowing dog owners to fund maintenance.

Brita

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Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 1:09 PM

To: Jason Berg

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 12:11 PM Jason Berg

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. But a blanket ban won't solve the underlying conflicts—it will just punish responsible neighbors and push the problem elsewhere.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard. I've built real friendships and community there while walking my dog, Luna. Westminster isn't a viable alternative for many of us: I don't feel safe there given the violent crimes that have occurred, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. We're all grown ups—we should be able to come together.

Please pursue a reasonable compromise: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, and/or a fenced dog area. Also, spending city money on a security guard feels wasteful when a workable policy could.

Best,

Jason

Jason Berg

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 2:15 PM

To: Sabrina Elizondo

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 1:45 PM Sabrina Elizondo

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup issues. But a total ban won't solve those problems as well as a clear, enforceable compromise—designated dog hours/areas, stricter leash rules during games, better signage, and real enforcement of pickup requirements.

Oakwood is where I've built real friendships and a sense of community, and my dog Bubba Duke is part of that daily routine. Spending city money on a full-time security guard while pushing an outright ban feels like the wrong priority when a workable middle ground could reduce conflicts and keep the park welcoming for everyone.

Please support a compromise rather than a blanket ban.

Sabrina

Sent to space and back

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Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 1:28 PM

To: Gianni Cantu

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 5:33 PM Gianni Cantu

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. This park is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and a sense of community—often just from showing up with my dog, Jagger.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer practice and cleanup issues. But a total ban won't solve the underlying problems as well as a reasonable compromise—clear hours for field use, designated dog areas, better signage and enforcement of leashing/cleanup rules, and real accountability for repeat offenders.

Also, spending city money on a security guard feels wasteful when a balanced set of rules could address these issues without shutting neighbors out.

Please support a compromise instead of a blanket ban.

Gianni



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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 1:41 PM

To: "Angus A.K. MacDougall"

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 5:54 PM Angus A.K. MacDougall

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a practical compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup issues. But a total ban punishes responsible neighbors and won't solve the core problems as well as clear rules and enforcement.

Oakwood Park is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community—often while walking my dog, Alice. It's also genuinely important for my mental health and wellbeing.

Please consider keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports and creating a fenced dog area. And instead of spending ongoing money on a security guard, redirect those funds to improvements that actually support shared use—signage, fencing, waste stations, and maintenance.

Angus

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To: Rachael Sharma

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 6:59 PM Rachael Sharma

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup or safety issues, but a full ban isn't the answer—clear rules and enforcement would address these problems better than shutting families out.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community. It's also important for my mental health and wellbeing. My dog, Captain, is friendly, and I'm a responsible owner who watches him closely.

Westminster is not a viable alternative: I feel unsafe there, violent crimes have occurred, it's a dirt park in poor condition, and Captain was attacked within 30 seconds of entering—I had to rescue him. Airport Park isn't an option either; I've nearly been ticketed for not having a Santa Monica dog license.

Please pursue a reasonable compromise: keep dogs off the field during scheduled sports, create a fenced dog area, and let dog owners help fund maintenance—instead of spending city money on a security guard.

Rachael and Abhi Sharma

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To: V Noice

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 7:08 PM V Noice

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. This park is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community while walking my dog. It's also become essential to my mental health and wellbeing.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup or safety issues. That's exactly why a reasonable compromise makes more sense than a blanket ban—clear rules and shared responsibility will address the problems directly.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a small fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and allowing dog owners to help fund maintenance. Spending city money on a security guard while banning responsible neighbors feels backwards.

Thank you for your time and for protecting a solution that works for everyone.

Vi

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and redirect security funds

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 1:42 PM

To: Julie Nguyen

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 7:20 PM Julie Nguyen

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a workable compromise. Oakwood Park is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and a sense of community.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. But a total ban won't solve those problems as well as clear, enforceable rules—designated dog hours/areas, better signage, and real accountability for bad behavior.

Oakwood is also important for my mental health and wellbeing, and it provides a space for my dog Molé to socialize and enjoy some sun. The money being spent on a security guard feels wasteful, and I'd rather see those resources redirected toward homelessness services.

Please support a compromise, not a ban.

Julie

Julie Nguyen

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To: Katy Koob

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 7:55 PM Katy Koob

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. A total ban won't solve those as well as a clear compromise with rules and enforcement that neighbors can support.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and I've built real friendships and community there. My dog Jimmy loves to run freely and socialize, and Oakwood is the highlight of our day—the grass is the best for dogs and it brings people together in a positive way. It's also important for my mental health and wellbeing.

Westminster isn't a real alternative: I've felt unsafe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. Instead of spending money on a security guard, please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and dog owners funding maintenance.

Katy

Sent from my iPhone

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1 message

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Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 1:43 PM

To: Niklas Svennefiord

Good afternoon,

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 10:34 PM Niklas Svennefiord

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and occasional cleanup or safety issues. A total ban won't solve these as well as a workable compromise—clear rules, enforcement, and shared responsibility will.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard. I've built real friendships there, and taking Barkley to the park is a big part of my mental health and wellbeing. Westminster isn't a real alternative: I don't feel safe there given violent crimes that have occurred, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Instead of spending city money on a security guard and pushing a ban, please support designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, and supervised hours with community volunteers. Many of us will also fund maintenance.

Sven

Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 1:43 PM

To: Kelly Cheung

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 7:17 AM Kelly Cheung wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. This park is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and spending city money on a security guard feels wasteful when a reasonable compromise could work.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't solve those as well as clear, enforceable rules that focus on the actual problems.

Oakwood is where I've built real friendships and community, and walking my dog Lany there is a big part of my mental health and wellbeing. Please support a compromise: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, and allowing dog owners to help fund maintenance.

Kelly

All the best,

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 1:43 PM

To: "Grandi, Jan"

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

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 8:22 AM Grandi, Jan

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. This park is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where I've built real friendships and community—often just from seeing the same neighbors while I walk my dog, Captain. It's also been genuinely important for my mental health and wellbeing.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. But a total ban won't solve this as well as a clear, enforceable compromise—especially if we're already spending city money on a security guard.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, and a fenced dog area. These options protect kids' play while keeping Oakwood welcoming for everyone.

Jan

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a full dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 1:44 PM

To:

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 8:25 AM Diane Abraham

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

Oakwood is a lovely neighborhood park and it's where I bring my dog, Kona, and where I've met so many neighbors—there's no better place to meet people and dogs than a relaxing, green environment like this.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. But a total ban won't solve these as well as a reasonable compromise: clearly posted hours or designated areas, stronger enforcement of leashing and pick-up rules, and targeted penalties for repeat offenders.

Also, spending city money on a security guard while eliminating responsible dog use feels wasteful when a balanced approach could address the real problems.

Please support a compromise instead of a blanket ban.

Diane

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 1:44 PM

To

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 8:32 AM

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. The park is a real anchor for my mental health and wellbeing, and taking it away from responsible dog owners would hurt many of us who rely on that daily routine with our dogs—mine is Boden.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't solve those as well as a clear, enforceable compromise: posted hours or designated areas, stricter leash rules during games, more waste stations, and meaningful enforcement.

It's frustrating to see city money spent on a security guard when a reasonable, balanced policy could address the real problems without punishing everyone.

Please oppose the ban and support a workable compromise.

Jacki

Jacqueline Zawisa

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 1:44 PM

To: Daniel Grill

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 10:56 AM Daniel Grill

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. Oakwood is one of the few places where my dog Sur and I regularly see neighbors, talk, and build real friendships—this park has become part of my community.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. But a total ban won't solve those problems as well as a clear, enforceable compromise: designated dog hours or areas, stronger cleanup enforcement with fines, and simple fencing/signage to keep dogs off the field during games.

The City is already spending money on a security guard; it feels wasteful when a reasonable compromise could protect kids, keep the park clean, and preserve the community that's grown here.

Please reject a blanket ban and work with neighbors on a balanced approach.

Daniel

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and pursue a compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 2:54 PM

To: andrea abegglen

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 2:30 PM andrea abegglen

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident and I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead support a workable compromise. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues, but a total ban won't solve these as well as clear rules and shared accountability.

I've lived in my house for 19 years and have had a dog the entire time—first Zoe, now Ralph. Oakwood Park is our neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's critical to my mental health and daily wellbeing. Ralph needs space to run and chase a ball, and Westminster isn't a real alternative: I don't feel safe there, there have been violent crimes, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and letting dog owners help fund maintenance. And please redirect the security guard funds toward solutions that actually improve the park.

Andrea

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park—support a workable compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 3:48 PM

To: Beth Tate

Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org,

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 3:39 PM Beth Tate

wrote:

Condensed rewrite (≤50 words)

I'm a Venice resident opposing the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. Oakwood has given me with my dogs a sense of community. Please don't take that away.

A leash-by-fields compromise with designated hours, more signage, waste stations, and citations is fair. Westminster is unsafe and its grounds are toxic. A security guard is wasteful and to do what? That seems like a bogus suggestion.

I understand the Soccer Clubs pay money to use the park, possibly the dog owners could pay a nominal fee too.

Please don't destroy our little community.

Beth Tate

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Mar 6, 2026 at 11:42 AM

To: Vibiana Molina

Cc: 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, Mar 6, 2026 at 11:29 AM Vibiana Molina

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. This park is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and I've built real friendships and a sense of community there that I don't want to lose.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. A full ban won't solve those problems as well as clear, enforceable compromises—and it risks punishing responsible neighbors while the City spends money on a security guard that could go toward practical solutions.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, adding a fenced dog area, and allowing dog owners to help fund park maintenance.

Thank you,

Vibiana

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 11, 2026 at 7:53 AM

To: Betsy Bennett

Cc: 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, Mar 6, 2026 at 4:25 PM Betsy Bennett

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. But a total ban won't solve these as well as a clear, enforceable compromise.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's been huge for my mental health and wellbeing. Taking my dog Dudley to Oakwood every night is a tradition for me and my husband—we've made real friendships there, spent time in nature, and watched the sunset. It makes Venice feel like home.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, and letting dog owners fund maintenance. Also, spending city money on a security guard feels wasteful when workable rules and community buy-in could get better results.

Betsy

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose the Oakwood Park dog ban and pursue a workable compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 11, 2026 at 7:59 AM

To: Hollie Stenson

Cc: 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 Sat, Mar 7, 2026 at 3:15 PM Hollie Stenson

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead adopt a reasonable compromise. I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues, but a total ban punishes responsible owners and won't solve the underlying management needs.

Oakwood is where I've built real friendships and community—my dog Osita is safe there, and I'm a responsible dog owner. I also helped organize the Oakwood Park Community BBQ and, as VNC Outreach Officer for five years, hosted events there like the Venice Green festival with lots of kids' activities.

Westminster isn't a real alternative for me: I feel unsafe there, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and having dog owners fund maintenance. Also, the money for a security guard would be better redirected toward homelessness.

Hollie

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Re: Please oppose a full dog ban at Oakwood Park and pursue a compromise

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 11, 2026 at 7:59 AM

To: Stefanie Wilkes

Cc: 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 Sat, Mar 7, 2026 at 3:29 PM Stefanie Wilkes

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident and I'm not regular at Oakwood Park, but I live nearby and support dogs at the park. I'm asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from the park and instead support a workable compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A total ban won't build better behavior, but designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and dog owners helping fund maintenance would address these issues directly.

Westminster isn't a real alternative for many of us: I don't feel safe there, violent crimes have occurred there, and it's a dirt park in poor condition. Oakwood is our neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's been vital to my mental health and the friendships I've built.

Please redirect the security guard spending toward solutions that actually improve the park.

Stefanie

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Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 11, 2026 at 8:06 AM

To: Michael Herman

Cc: 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 Sat, Mar 7, 2026 at 6:08 PM Michael Herman

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident writing to ask you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a workable compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. A full ban won't solve those as well as clear rules and shared accountability: designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, and supervised hours with community volunteers. Many of us would also support dog owners helping fund park maintenance.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard. I've built real friendships there, and bringing my dog Dino is genuinely good for my mental health and wellbeing.

Please redirect the money spent on a security guard toward homelessness services and practical park improvements.

Mike

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park and redirect guard funding

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 11, 2026 at 8:08 AM

To: Zach Moskowitz

Cc: 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 Mon, Mar 9, 2026 at 6:32 PM Zach Moskowitz

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park and instead pursue a workable compromise.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. A total ban won't solve these as well as clear rules and shared responsibility would.

Oakwood is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and walking my dog Georgie there has built real friendships and community—it's also important for my mental health. Westminster isn't a real alternative for us: I don't feel safe there given violent crimes that have occurred, and it's a dirt park in poor condition.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised volunteer hours, and having dog owners help fund maintenance. The security guard money would be better spent on improvements that benefit everyone.

Zachary

Zach Moskowitz

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 11, 2026 at 8:10 AM

To: "Moskowitz, Holly"

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

Good morning,

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On Tue, Mar 10, 2026 at 6:38 PM Moskowitz, Holly

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. I bring my dog, Jojo, and this park has become a place where I've built real friendships and a sense of community—and it's been genuinely good for my mental health and wellbeing.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer, cleanup issues, and occasional safety incidents. A full ban won't solve those as well as clear rules and shared accountability, and it feels especially frustrating while the City is spending money on a security guard when a workable compromise is available.

Please consider designated off-leash hours, keeping dogs off the field during scheduled sports, a fenced dog area, supervised hours with community volunteers, and allowing dog owners to help fund park maintenance.

Holly

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please oppose a total dog ban at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 11, 2026 at 10:08 AM

To: Mark Abellera

Cc: 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 Wed, Mar 11, 2026 at 9:51 AM Mark Abellera

wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I'm a Venice resident asking you to oppose the VNC motion to ban all dogs from Oakwood Park. This park is my neighborhood's front and backyard, and it's where my dog Jojo and I regularly spend time with neighbors.

I understand there have been concerns about dogs on the field during youth soccer and cleanup issues. But a total ban won't fix these as well as a workable compromise—clear hours for dog use, designated areas, better signage and bins, and consistent enforcement of leash and pickup rules.

It's a great place for pooches and people to spend time in a confined but open area, and it really promotes good spirit in the neighborhood. Also, spending city money on a security guard feels wasteful when reasonable rules could address the real problems.

Please support a compromise instead of a ban.

Mark & "Jojo"

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Spring Street Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 7:24 AM

To: Klaus Havelund <

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Cc: Dylan Stickland <dylan.stickland@lacity.org>, Kelli Lloyd <kelli.lloyd@lacity.org>, Alfredo Rodriguez <Alfredo.rodriguez@lacity.org>, Adan Acosta <adan.acosta@lacity.org>, "rap.publicinfo@lacity.org" <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>, RAP Pershing Square <pershing.square@lacity.org>, RAP City Ranger <rap.cityranger@lacity.org>, "Councilmember.Jurado@lacity.org" <Councilmember.Jurado@lacity.org>, KIMBERLY GUERRA <41768@lapd.online>, DEON JOSEPH <32511@lapd.online>, GORDON HELPER <34549@lapd.online>, KELLY MUNIZ <35361@lapd.online>

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Mar 1, 2026 at 5:15 PM Klaus Havelund <

> wrote:

Dear all,

Again, thanks for closing the park at night, and for removing the fence. Appreciated !!!

But :) ... here we go:

Homeless do hang out in the park's south end mostly. Homeless have been hanging out there all day. A woman is cooking good on a pan with open fire, as I write this. She has two dogs (and a big mess of things), including a German Shepherd, which is tied up in a 4 feet long rope all day long. It has barked all day. Could it be a case of animal abuse? - being tired all day in this heat. And of course we have to listen to this barking all day.

One problem is that there is no one we can call. The BID cannot go in.

Klaus Havelund

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Re: MyLA311 - Spring Street Park Jan 30th follow up Ongoing Safety Issues

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 9:04 AM

To: Nick Leathers <njl615@gmail.com>

Cc: Adan Acosta <adan.acosta@lacity.org>, Councilmember Jurado <councilmember.jurado@lacity.org>, Kelli Lloyd <kelli.lloyd@lacity.org>, Dominique Sanchez <dominique.sanchez@lacity.org>, Alfredo Rodriguez <Alfredo.Rodriguez@lacity.org>, City Ranger RAP <rap.cityranger@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 6:57 PM Nick Leathers

wrote:

Hello CD 14,

We are continuing to have problems at our Spring Street Park. We are asking for day time security and proactive maintenance. We truly appreciate CD 14's LOVE campaign, but I have seen Urban Alchemy staff doing drugs on the job (marijuana), so can you let us know how this is going to accomplish your goals? We have consistent problems at Spring St Park and need your attention on a weekly basis as this is our only green space in an urban community.

Thanks,
Nick

On Jan 30, 2026, at 9:10 AM, Nick Leathers

wrote:

Dear Council District 14 Team, Mayor's Office, LAPD, and Recreation & Parks,

I am reaching out again regarding the ongoing and escalating public safety issues at Spring Street Park. As directed, residents have continued to submit 311 service requests, call LAPD non emergency line & file online police reports. We are doing everything we are being told to do and would greatly appreciate your assistance in helping move this toward resolution.

We have seen LAPD presence and response, which residents greatly appreciate. However, as of late I don't believe my neighbors and I have received responses from CD 14 despite worsening conditions.

The Recreation and Parks staff did not feel safe opening the park gates this morning. Attached are photos showing a fire started by the gate last night and existing conditions observed this morning.

Summary of current conditions and concerns:

- Aggressive and volatile behavior by individuals occupying the park perimeter, including confrontations with LAPD
- Visible drug paraphernalia documented on video by residents
- Multiple dogs acting aggressively, barking nonstop overnight (approximately 3:00 am to after 7:00 am), contributing to safety concerns and severe sleep disruption
- Harassment and intimidation of pedestrians, including residents being followed or stared down while using the adjacent sidewalk
- Open flames/fires observed overnight (see attached photo)
- Individuals occupying or climbing park fencing, obstructing normal park and sidewalk access
- Rec and Parks staff unable to safely open the park gates due to aggressive dogs and occupants at the entrance

While keeping the park gates closed may be necessary in the short term, residents do not feel safe and this is not a sustainable condition. This situation requires more than LAHSA outreach alone. Outreach has not stabilized conditions and the situation has escalated to the point where city staff cannot safely perform routine duties and residents feel at risk.

We are again requesting active engagement from CD 14 and relevant departments to address safety, enforce park rules, and restore safe public access. Please advise what actions are being taken and what the plan is to address this situation.

Thank you for your time and attention on this.

Nick Leathers





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From: MyLA-311 <311-no-reply@lacity.org>

Date: Fri, Jan 30, 2026 at 8:53 AM

Subject: MyLA311: New - Park Amenity and Facilities Repair

To:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Rustic Canyon Park complaint

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 7:48 AM

To: Guy Smith <

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

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 4:31 AM Guy Smith <

> wrote:

No one replied to this email of Feb 10.

Today, Saturday Feb 28, she is again parking in a non-staff area. Photos attached.

Additionally, last week I saw her at work twice with a harsh cold and not wearing a mask. Now I am sick and have to wonder if it's because of her.

How many times are you going to ignore her bad behavior and let her slide around the rules and health issues. Why are you protecting her instead of firing or transferring her?

On Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 12:10 PM, Guy Smith <

> wrote:

The intended use is not the point. The point is she threatened me with the police for doing what she herself does. Then she closes the park early, turned people away but stayed to keep getting paid. Do you really not understand this concept? Clearly you didn't do a proper investigation. Do you really think it's appropriate to pretend to miss the point? If you can't follow up on important points of my written complaint, then you should t be managing anything.

Begin forwarded message:

On Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 12:00 PM, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org> wrote:

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. I have contacted the Facility Director, and she has been reminded to ensure that staff park only in designated areas moving forward.

Regarding the patron seated in the grass area, guests are permitted to enjoy the park in this manner, as it aligns with the intended use of the space. Based on the photo provided, there does not appear to be a violation.

Please be assured that staff will continue to monitor the area and address any issues should they arise. We appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns.

On Mon, Feb 2, 2026 at 12:23 PM Guy Smith <

> wrote:

Oh look (attached photo), Monday noon and here she is doing it again. Parking in the red zone instead of in the empty staff parking slots. Breaking the law daily. And what have her supervisors done about it? Nothing. Sonya sounded so professional when she said she

would have to ask the employees about instances but I guess those words are empty. So the LA parks dept encourages your employees to break the law and do whatever they want. The residents will remember this.



On Friday, January 30, 2026, 8:55 AM, Guy Smith
< > wrote:

Attached are two photos one of the park director's car in the red zone as usual instead of in the empty slotted staff parking spaces. The other of the woman who told me loitering in a park is illegal, loitering in the park. These people have no respect for the residents.





On Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 8:13 AM, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

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 Sat, Jan 24, 2026 at 6:52 PM Guy Smith <Guy.Smith@lacity.org> wrote:

Today, Jan 24, 2026, I wanted to use the restroom in the rec center at Rustic Canyon park. It was somewhere between 430pm and 445pm. The park was open, but the rec center lights were off and the door locked. The door to the outside was open. Someone

was in the office. I don't know her name. An old woman with dyed platinum blonde hair.

I called into the office and asked if they were still open. They were supposed to be open till 5. She said the manager told her to close at 4 if it was slow.

Is that how it goes? Close early? Are they a retail store with an owner who wants to go home early? No. And even though she closed early, she was waiting till 5 so she could keep getting paid. Is that how it's supposed to work? Close up early but still get paid?

That's not the bad part.

I asked to use the restroom and she told me to go use the one down the hill near the tennis courts. (We wouldn't want her to be open to the public). Then she looked at the bandages on my legs and didn't change her mind. God forbid she unlock the door while she is still getting paid.

This is not the first caustic interaction I've had with her. A week or two ago I plugged my phone into the wall and she chastised me for it, said costs the city money to charge a phone (yeah 2 cents), added "what if everyone did that." This all seems petty but if it's a rule, fine. But then she said it could be considered loitering and she could call the police and have me arrested. Imagine telling the police that she called them because someone was charging his phone. Imagine claiming someone was loitering in a park. Does she think the park is only there for activities like basketball tournaments and play

rehearsals? Many people go there just to sit in a quiet place and relax. It's even called a "park."

I calmed her down and while talking to her she started talking about a homeless guy (Felix) who she claims she got banished from the park because he was trying help with things and he dared quote rules to someone when that was her job. I know who Felix is and while he had his problems in life obviously, he kept the place clean and even safe at times. He even reported things to the police that could have been illegal activity. This woman has delusions of grandeur.

A week later I walking near the office and I could hear her talking to the new park director about rules and laws and legal issues. I think she thinks she's part security camera and part judge over everyone in the land.

Something is wrong with this woman. To say she makes going there unpleasant is an understatement. I brought this up to a guy I know who walks his dog there and he noticed her aggressive domineering attitude too. I think it's time she work somewhere else. If nothing else move her to a park in another part of Los Angeles.

Going back to the beginning of the story, I really don't appreciate her telling me to walk down to the tennis courts when she was still getting paid to have the rec center open, not to mention after noticing bandages on my legs. And I don't appreciate the manager arranging for her to specifically not to work but yet get paid and tell citizens and taxpayers

to go away.

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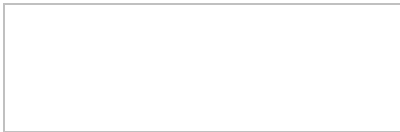
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Equestrians causing safety issues at Griffith Park

1 message

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

Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 7:31 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, Mar 1, 2026 at 11:26 PM Geron Rigatoni < > wrote:
Hi,

I would like to report that equestrians are causing a lot of safety issues at Griffith Park. Equestrians on Griffith Park trails are operating unsafely, endangering hikers. A lot of equestrians galloping very fast on trails very close to pedestrians, taking up the whole pathway, and not moving over to make room for hikers. Sometimes horses come within inches of hikers- my mother who is in her 70s almost was hit by a horse that was not under control. A lot of riders are on their phones or too busy talking and not paying attention to how their horse is walking into pedestrians. Some of the equestrian groups led by horse rental businesses seem like they don't care about the safety of hikers. The employees in charge will not direct the riders to make room or to not get too close to hikers. The employees do not set good examples because they will even sprint their horses down the trails with hikers being nearly hit and fail to move their horses away from people walking. You would at least expect the companies running these horse rides to behave respectfully themselves and to lead their clients properly but they do not. There are also individual equestrians separate from rental businesses that behave poorly on their horses as well.

What can be done about this?

Thank you so much for your time.

-from a citizen concerned for Griffith Park safety

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Re: URGENT: Child Safety Hazard at Randal D. Simmons Park Playground

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 7:29 AM

To: Shelly Yehuda <

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Cc: RAP PublicInfo <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>, Council Member Padilla <councilmember.padilla@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 Sun, Mar 1, 2026 at 9:24 PM Shelly Yehuda <

> wrote:

Dear Park Director and

Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks,

I am writing to report a serious and immediate safety hazard at the playground area of Randal D. Simmons Park.

This week, my two-year-old ran from the open playground area directly toward the adjacent street. Because there is no gate, latch, or enclosed barrier, he was able to exit the play area within seconds. I was unable to reach him in time, and there was a near collision with a passing vehicle. It was only by luck that a tragedy did not occur.

This playground is uniquely vulnerable because it sits close to active traffic and has an open access point without any self-closing gate or latch. Toddlers are impulsive and unpredictable. A playground design that allows a small child to run straight into a busy street presents an obvious and preventable danger.

Other City of Los Angeles parks have addressed this exact risk. Warner Center Park has a fully enclosed playground with gated entries on all sides, and Reseda Park's playground is gated and positioned away from direct street exposure. The absence of similar safety measures at Randal D. Simmons Park creates an inconsistent and dangerous standard.

I am urgently requesting that the City install a self-closing, self-latching gate at the playground entrance and evaluate the need for full perimeter fencing to prevent children from running directly into traffic.

Please confirm that this hazard has been logged and advise what immediate steps will be taken to address it. I would also appreciate information regarding the timeline for review and implementation.

No parent should have to rely on luck to keep their child safe in a city playground. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Shelly Yehuda

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Re: Formal Complaint Regarding 2/27 Little Linksters Incident – Immediate Action Required

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
 To: Annemarie Helmick < >
 Cc: Kris Helmick < >

Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 10:59 AM

Received, thank you.

On Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 10:58 AM Annemarie Helmick < > wrote:
 It occurred at Tregnan Golf Academy in Griffith Park.

On Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 10:41 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:
 Good morning,

Could you please provide us with the name of the park or recreation center where this occurred? Thank you.

On Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 10:38 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:
 Good morning,

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

On Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 9:22 AM Annemarie Helmick < > wrote:
 Dear LA City Parks & Rec Commissioners,

I am writing to formally report a highly disturbing and unacceptable incident that occurred on Saturday, February 27th during the 2:30 p.m. Little Linksters class with Coach Craig.

Our son, Landon Helmick, was listening carefully to instruction and swung his club exactly as directed by the instructor. At that moment, another student walked toward him, resulting in accidental contact between Landon's club and the other student's eye. Coach Craig immediately acknowledged that it was an accident. The other student said his eye was "fine" and did not require further attention.

However, what followed was completely inexcusable. The other student's father — who should not have been anywhere near the students on the green during instruction — began screaming at our son, saying, "How would you like it if I hit you in the eye?" He then proceeded to scream profanities at me, my husband, and both of our children. He threatened to sue us and told my husband he would "knock him the F*ck out," all in front of our children.

My husband and I remained calm and immediately went to Jonas at the front desk for assistance, asking for help to restrain this individual while we safely removed our children from the situation. Jonas provided zero assistance and instead allowed this father to continue coming after us toward the parking lot.

This behavior is unacceptable and inexcusable. No family should ever feel unsafe at your facility, especially during a children's instructional program. Since the incident, both of our children have had nightmares and are afraid to be out of our sight.

We are demanding:

1. A full refund for this Little Linksters session for Landon Helmick and a full refund for this session's 7-9 year olds for Parker Helmick.
2. A full refund for Parker's 7-9 year old upcoming Spring session.
3. A written explanation of what actions will be taken to ensure this never happens again, including policies regarding parent proximity to instructional areas and staff intervention protocols.

Additionally, we want to be absolutely clear that under no circumstances are you or your organization permitted to share any of our personal information with the other parent involved. This includes our names, contact information, address, or any identifying details. Further, if that parent was not Live Scanned and formally cleared to be around children in a youth sports setting, his presence and behavior around minors raises serious concerns and may constitute a violation of youth sports safety standards and child protection policies.

We are actively considering legal action related to these concerns as well. We expect a prompt written response addressing this matter.

Sincerely,
Annemarie & Kris Helmick

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Re: Formal Complaint — Recurring Safety Concern at Vermont Canyon Tennis Courts

1 message

Anthony Gallo <anthony.gallo@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 3:38 PM

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

Cc: Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, Andrew Seja <andrew.seja@lacity.org>

I will reach out to Mr. Rivera right now.

On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 3:29 PM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Please see the email below. For your information.

Thank you

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From: **Pierre Rivera**

Date: Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 2:52 PM

Subject: Formal Complaint — Recurring Safety Concern at Vermont Canyon Tennis Courts

To: <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>

Cc: <contactCD4@lacity.org>

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally document a recurring safety concern at the Vermont Canyon Tennis Courts involving an individual known to staff as "Peter." I am providing my name and contact information below, but I respectfully request that my identity be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law, as I have a genuine concern about retaliation from this individual given the aggressive behavior described in this complaint.

On March 4, 2026, I had a reserved court (Court 10) from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Peter was on Court 12. Throughout his time on the court, he was speaking and yelling at such a consistently high volume that it materially interfered with play on Courts 9, 10, and 11. This went on for approximately 20 minutes before I asked him to lower his voice. He responded aggressively, yelling back at me, and when he eventually left the courts, he directed a profanity at me as he walked away.

I also have reason to believe Peter was not a paying patron. He had asked whether we were taking his court when my hitting partner and I were simply approaching our adjacent court — a question that suggests he had not reserved or paid for court time and was concerned about being displaced.

This was not an isolated incident. On at least two other occasions in 2025, I encountered the same individual at the Vermont Canyon courts displaying the same disruptive and aggressive behavior.

After my session on March 4, I spoke with the staff member at the tennis office. She confirmed that multiple other patrons had complained about Peter on multiple occasions. She also shared that when these complaints have been escalated to the Park Ranger and the LA Parks office in the past, she has been told that nothing can be done unless the individual physically harms someone.

That response concerns me deeply — both as a patron and as someone who felt genuinely threatened by this individual's aggression. Peter's behavior represents a clear and recurring pattern: he is not paying for court time, he is disrupting the experience of paying patrons across multiple courts, and he responds with hostility and verbal abuse when asked to follow basic standards of conduct. This pattern is escalating, not resolving.

Waiting for a physical altercation before acting is not a reasonable standard, particularly when the department has

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I want to note that the Vermont Canyon tennis office staff have been professional and responsive throughout. My concern is with the lack of institutional support they are receiving when they escalate these issues on behalf of patrons.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Re: El Sereno Arroyo Playground – Restroom Options Request

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 10:58 AM

To: ES Arroyo Playground Vecinos

Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@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 Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 5:51 PM ES Arroyo Playground Vecinos

wrote:

El Sereno Arroyo Playground – Restroom Options Request

Supporting Documentation - March 5 Rec and Parks Commission Meeting

Dear Commissioners,

Ahead of tomorrow's meeting, I am submitting the attached letter addressed to General Manager Jimmy Kim, which outlines our concerns regarding the Proposition 68 expansion and the community's lack of opportunity to review proposed restroom design options.

We understand that restroom facilities are included as part of the Proposition 68 project. However, Proposition 68 also requires meaningful community engagement, including the opportunity to review and provide input on proposed designs prior to finalization. To date, no restroom design options have been presented to the community. We have only been informed by The Trust for Public Land that a "standard structure" is the only option being considered, which does not provide sufficient detail for meaningful community evaluation or input.

For your reference, I have also attached:

Exhibit A

A copy of the two-page letter to the General Manager

Exhibit B

A sample petition of 25 signatures reflecting strong(out of 400 collected) reflecting strong community support

Exhibit C

Letters of support from:

C-1 Tori Kjer, Executive Director, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust

C-2 Vlasta Hakes, , Grifols (to be presented at Commission Meeting)

Exhibit D

Photo: 2 homeless encampments next to the park

The attached letter (Exhibit A) also provides full background and context. I will also address this matter briefly during public comment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Val Marquez, *Chair*

El Sereno Arroyo Playground Vecinos

L.A. Recreation and Parks Commission

March 5, 2026

EXHIBITS from El Sereno Arroyo Playground Vecinos

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Neighbors Devoted to Keeping the El Sereno Arroyo Playground Safe and Clean

March 3, 2026

Jimmy Kim
General Manager
Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

Dear Mr. Kim,

As you know, the El Sereno Arroyo Playground (ESAP) park expansion is in the design phase, and a restroom is required under the Prop 68 grant. RAP is insistent on installing its standard model, which has been problematic in the past, and has a history of attracting crime and unsavory behavior.

The existing park is one acre, and the expansion adds another acre, two acres total. This is a small neighborhood park that serves 7 elementary schools within one mile, families with children (ages 3–10), and seniors. There are no sports fields or large-scale activities, so a full-size, standard restroom is unnecessary. What we need is a smaller, safer, and lower-maintenance option, perhaps a single-stall, self-locking facility that is better suited for limited, daytime use.

The park has functioned well for more than a decade without a restroom, but since one is now required, we want to ensure it's designed responsibly and does not invite issues such as loitering, drug use, or drinking. Safety and sustainability should be the priority.

Major Concern: Our park is located across the street from a large homeless encampment on Lowell Avenue, just 200 hundred feet from the park. LA City has attempted to clear the encampment four times in the last eight months; most recently was three weeks ago. Each time, the camp has returned even larger than before. Additionally, for the past year and a half, a couple has been living just 50 feet from the park and is seen climbing the fence to enter the park, hanging on trees, and hiding "items" on a regular basis. Once a restroom is installed, we are deeply concerned about accelerated misuse, loitering, drug activity, or other unsafe behavior that could impact the families, seniors, and children who use the park daily.

We are seeking guidance and collaboration with RAP on how these potential issues will be managed and how the design and operational plan will prioritize safety, accessibility, and responsible use, including, but not limited to the possible installation of a smaller, safer option that is proactive to the everchanging issues in the community. It is imperative that RAP be open to exploring better restroom options that will help deter these issues and still address the needs of parkgoers.

There are modern, low-maintenance restroom models that meet these goals. For example, The Portland Loo has self-cleaning, graffiti-resistant restrooms that have open sightlines for safety and automatically lock at night. Additionally, they are maintained by the vendor - meaning no additional cost to RAP, and they may even be less than what it costs RAP to maintain the current standard models.

On November 2, 2023, we had a community meeting with RAP and the City, to raise these concerns, and again on March 12, 2024, we presented these same concerns at the El Sereno RAP Commission hearing, where we discussed the issue with you directly. Since then, the community has continued to advocate for better options. We've collected close to 400 petition signatures from , local bunnesses park-users and received several letters of support requesting that RAP allow meaningful community input in the restroom selection process.

We would like RAP to present its restroom design options and hold a community meeting, just as the Trust for Public Land is doing under the Prop 68 community engagement requirements for the park. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to help coordinate outreach for a community meeting at your convenience.

Jimmy Kim General Manager

February 24, 2026

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Our goal is to work collaboratively with RAP to identify a restroom model that is safe, cost-effective, and appropriate for a small neighborhood park like ESAP.

We look forward to hearing from you soon, and your support will mean a lot to the community.

Sincerely,

Val Marquez, Chair

El Sereno Arroyo Playground Vecinos

cc:

Luis Sanchez, President,

Los Angeles Recreation and Parks

Nola Eaglin Talmage,

Trust for Public Land

Petition: Let the Community Decide – Restroom Design Must Reflect El Sereno Arroyo Playground's Safety Needs

We, the undersigned, support a public restroom in the El Sereno Arroyo Playground expansion, but insist that the Department of Recreation and Parks work with the community to choose a safe, appropriately scaled design that reflects the park's small size and addresses long-standing concerns about misuse and public safety.



First Name	Last Name	Street Address	Zip Code	Signature	Email address
Mitzi	Armeda			<i>Mitzi Armeda</i>	
María	Adquir			<i>María Adquir</i>	
Yaremi	Magallanes			<i>Yaremi Magallanes</i>	
Sabrina	Velosquez			<i>Sabrina Velosquez</i>	
Crystal	Arallano			<i>Crystal Arallano</i>	
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Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

Attn: General Manager Jimmy Kim

Re: Community Request for Restroom Options at El Sereno Arroyo Playground

September 26, 2025

Dear General Manager Kim,

I am writing to express my support for the Vecinos' request that RAP provide restroom options for the upcoming expansion. The El Sereno Arroyo Playground is a vibrant community park. For over a decade, the Vecinos have cared for it, ensuring it remains safe, welcoming, and well-used by families and seniors. As part of the Prop 68-funded expansion, a restroom is now required, and the community agrees it's necessary, but have also been clear in asking for alternatives to the standard restroom model RAP currently installs.

The community has gathered nearly 400 petition signatures, researched cost-effective alternatives, and demonstrated a commitment to identifying solutions that prioritize safety, scale, and long-term maintenance. These alternatives include models that may even reduce RAP's maintenance burden or allow for outside management.

I urge RAP to meet with the community to review these options. A dedicated community meeting—organized by the Vecinos—would provide the opportunity to present alternatives and select the solution best suited for this small, family-focused park. Given my history with this project and my continued work in parks and open space, I strongly encourage RAP to respect the community's request and provide options beyond the standard model. Doing so will honor the spirit of collaboration that made this park possible in the first place.

Sincerely,

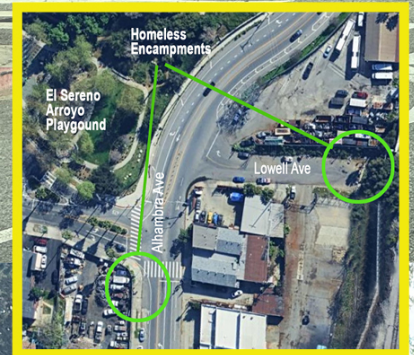
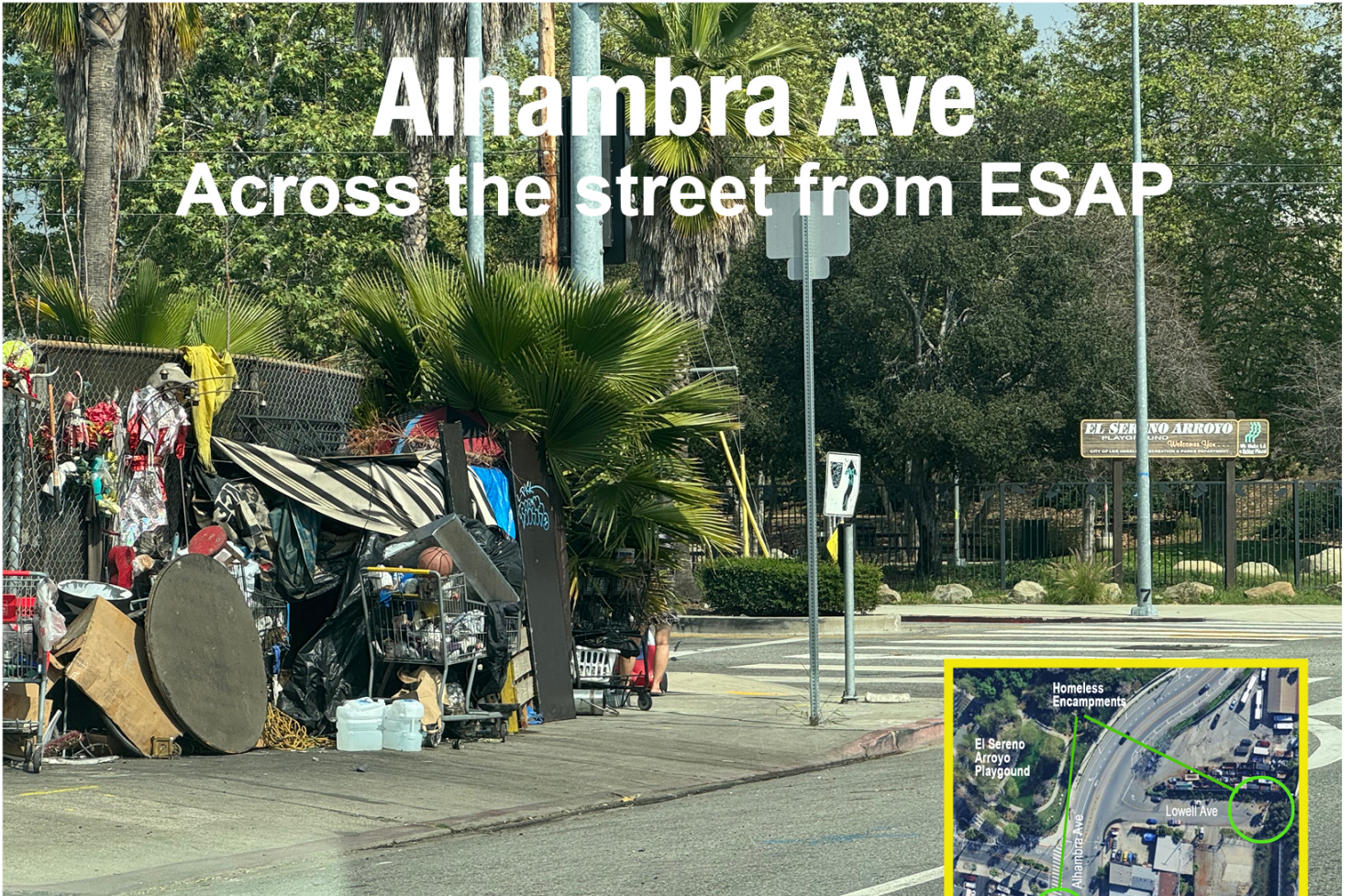
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Tori Kjer

Executive Director, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust

Grifols Letter of Support
To be presented at 3/5/26 Commission Meeting

Alhambra Ave Across the street from ESAP



Lowell Ave - Across the street from ESAP





Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Echo Park Pool Beautification Project

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 11:04 AM

To: Adam Thompson

Cc: Christopher Mangum-James

, Echo Park PAB

, Lizette

Navas <lizette.navas@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 Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 10:01 AM Adam Thompson

wrote:

Dear Comissioners,

Thank you for your time this morning. I am writing to introduce you to a project to beautify the Echo Park Indoor Pool named Swimming Shadow Series. I am working with Lizette Navas, Manager 2 of the Echo Park Pool, as well as the local arts nonprofit Los Angeles Nomadic Division to install a photography show in the Echo Park Indoor Pool men's and women's locker rooms. The project will be installed using commercial grade waterproof vinyl, designed to leave no mark on the wall upon removal.

The project is already funded through a 2026 Mohn Grant from Los Angeles Nomadic Division, covering \$5000 in production funds.

I am attaching our proposal, submitted to the pool superintendent with renderings and background information. CC'd are Christopher Mangum-James of Los Angeles Nomadic Division, Lizette Navas of Echo Park pool as well as Sakae Koyama of the Echo Park Parks Advisory Board. We are gathering the support of the local PAB, Neighborhood Council, City Council office as well as the pool staff.

We will be submitting our official application at the end of the month, and we hope we can install and open the project this summer.

Thank you, and I hope we can gain your support,

Adam Thompson

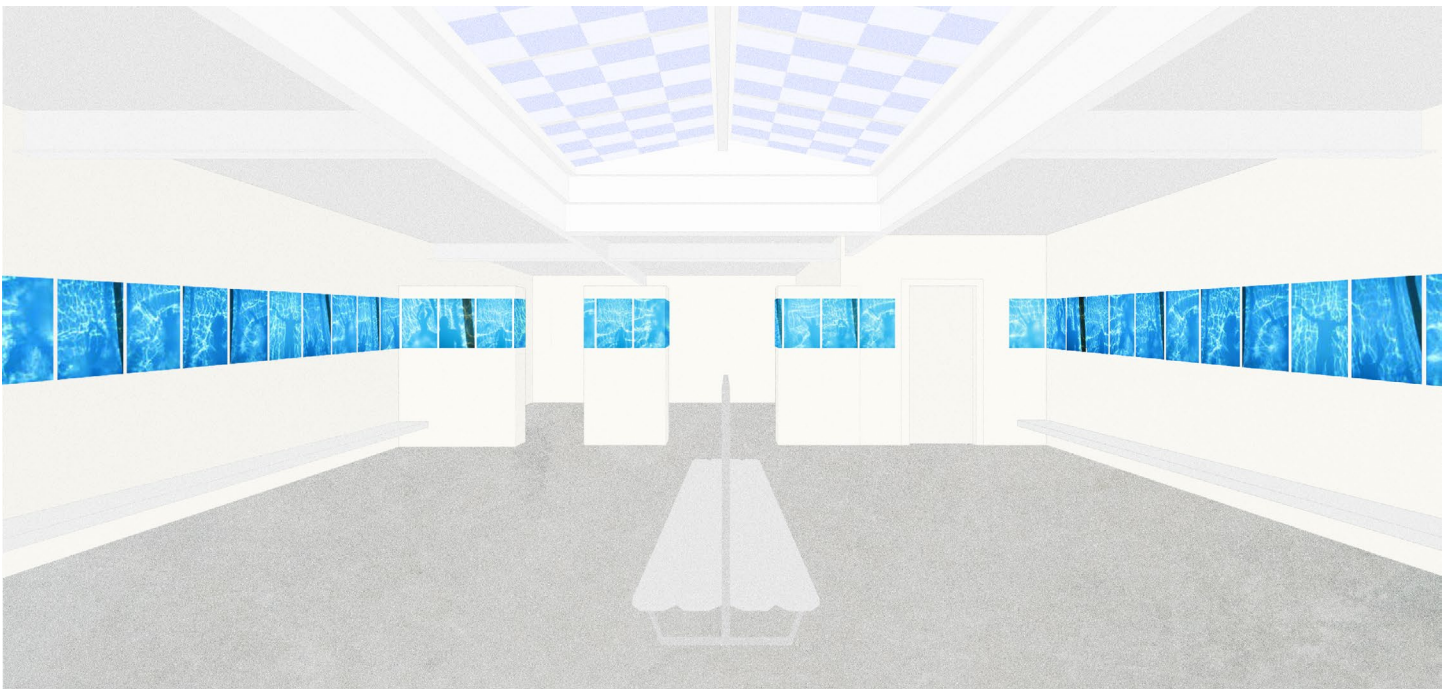
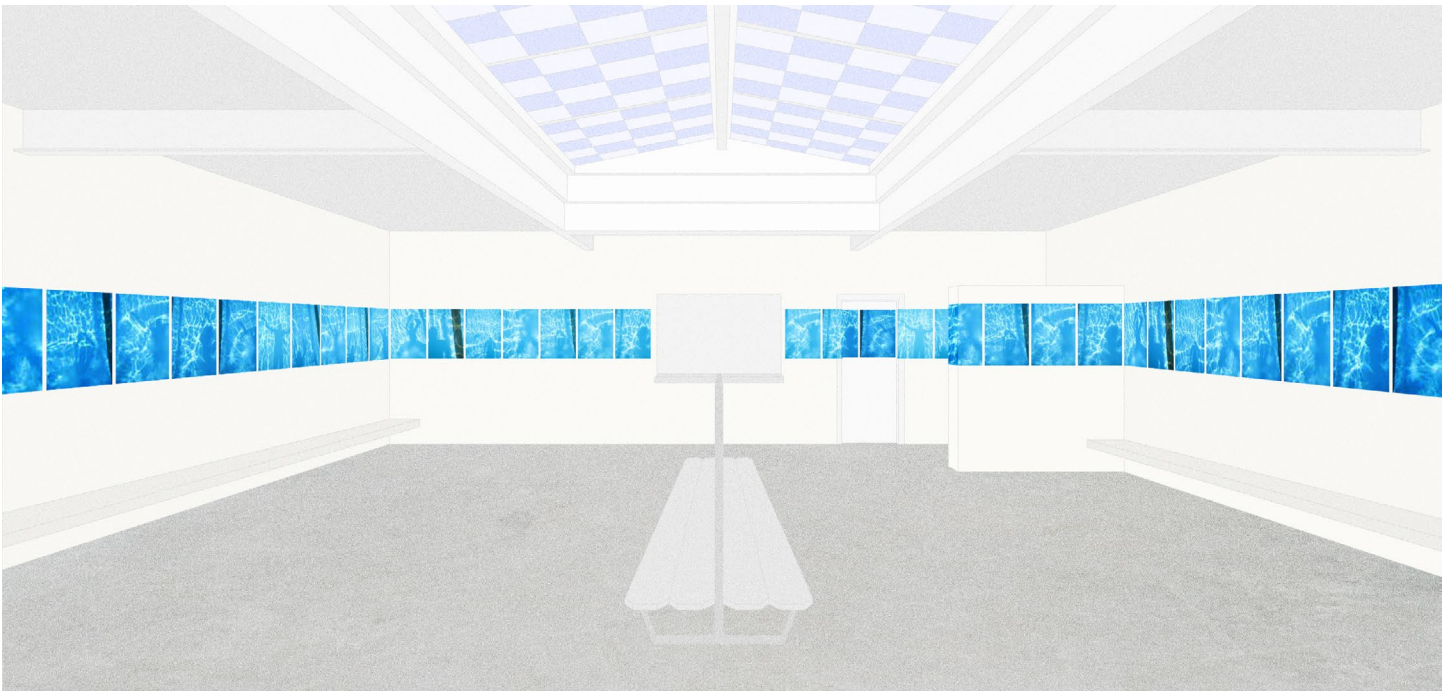
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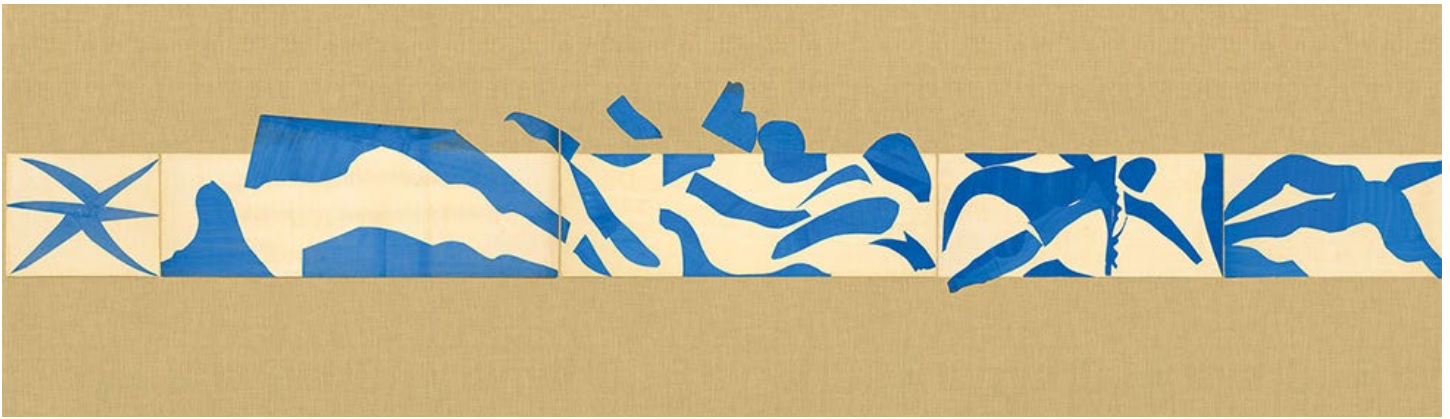


Working Title: Swimming Shadow Series
Proposal for Echo Park Indoor Pool
Updated February 16, 2026
Adam Thompson

This project seeks to install a set of photographs of swimming shadows to beautify the Echo Park Indoor Pool locker rooms and make a positive impact on the psychology of patrons. I will transform the men's and women's changing areas using saturated, cyan photographs printed on waterproof and removable vinyl and applied directly to the locker room wall. The images show distorted, anonymous shadows of swimmers and underwater pool architecture. The work expands the contemplative, tranquil world of the swimming pool into the sparse public locker room. The project is designed to make installation easy and feasible within usual maintenance hours as well as nondestructive to walls finishes and other city property. Local nonprofit Los Angeles Nomadic Division has agreed to fund the project given the city and pool's agreement to participate.



Proposed Installation Concept Mockup
Men's Locker Room, Echo Park Indoor Pool



The Swimming Pool by Henri Matisse, installed in Matisse's dining room at the Hôtel Régina, Nice, 1953

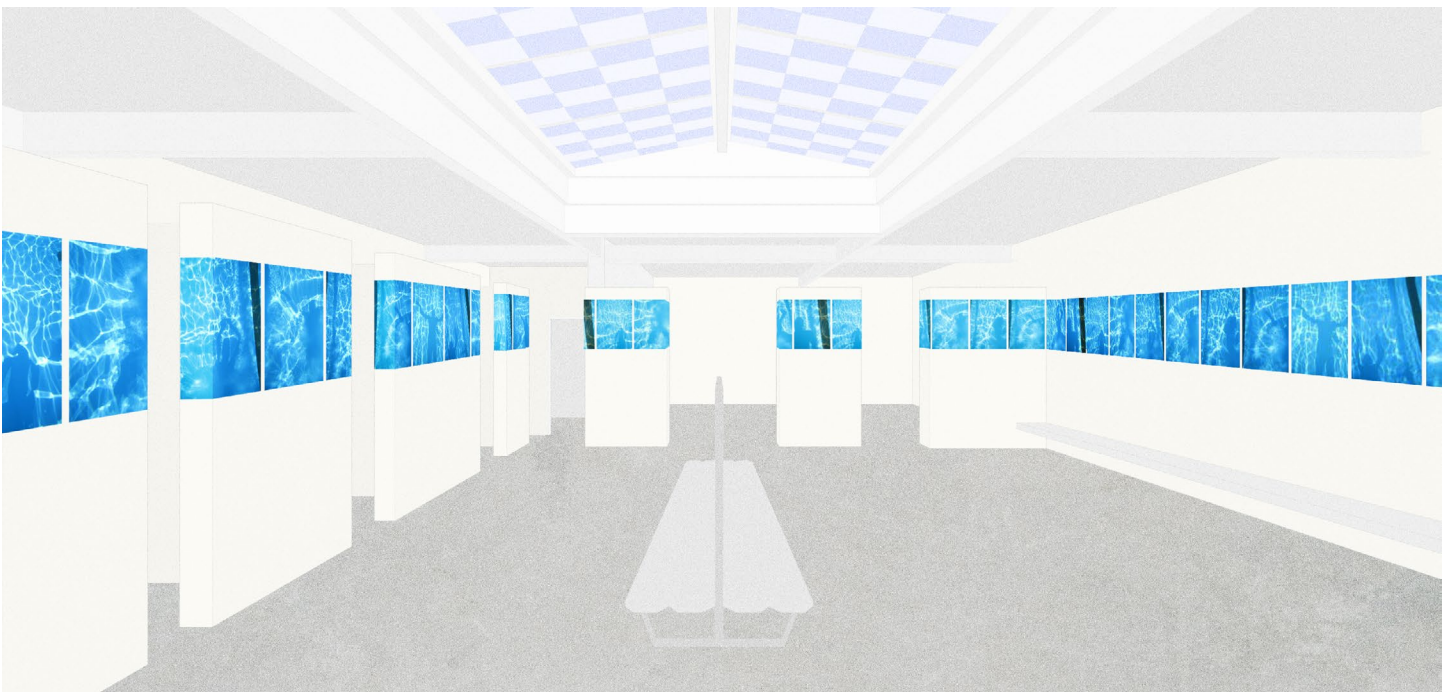
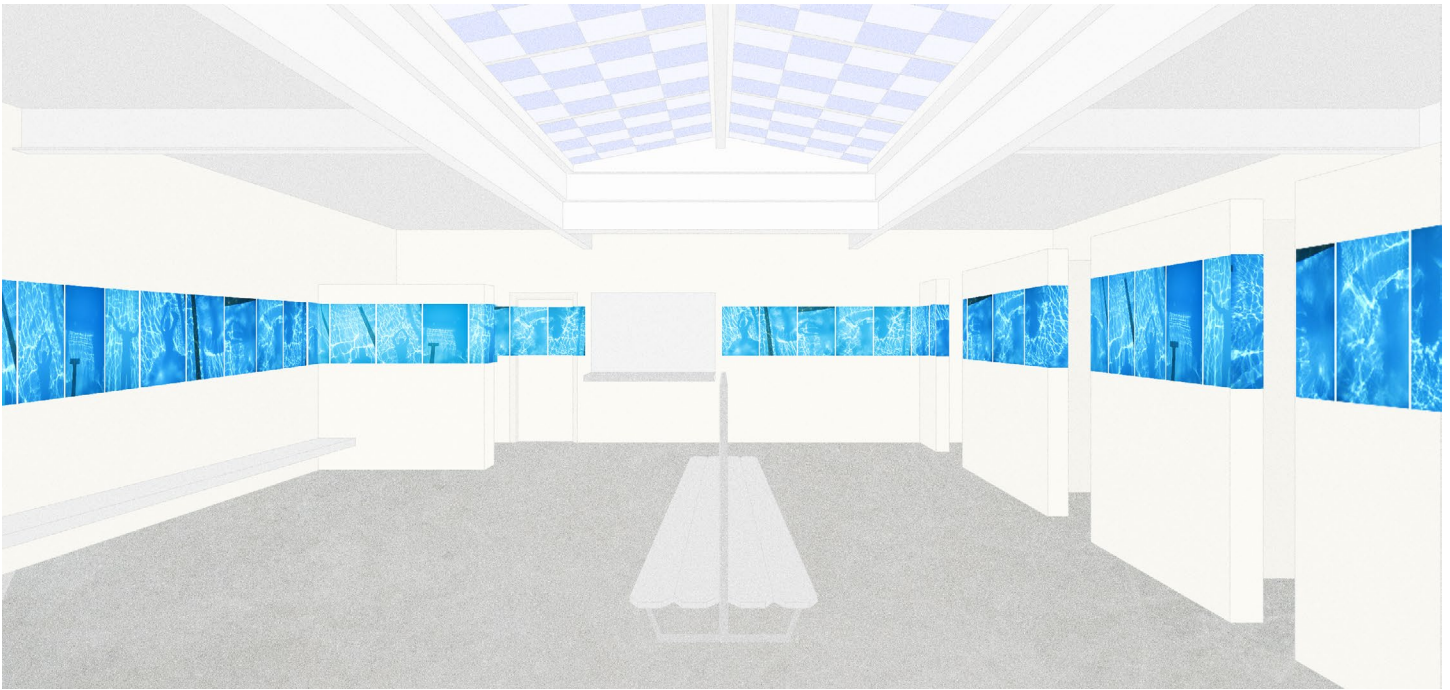
Swimming Shadow Series is inspired by a swimming pool themed artwork created by Henri Matisse late in his life. In 1952, Matisse asked his assistants to bring him to a local pool to see swimmers diving. Unable to stand the heat of the pool deck, he declared that he would bring the pool home, pinning paper cut outs of swimmers along a wide strip and fixing them to his dining room wall.



Current Conditions
Women's Locker Room, Echo Park Indoor Pool

Echo Park Indoor Pool's utilitarian architecture will be an interesting counterpoint to the artwork. It is an ideal location, given that it is open year-round and has an architecturally traditional locker room. Pool patrons must enter and exit the pool through the locker rooms, making the overall experience of these spaces critical to their enjoyment of the facility. Skylights over the pool deck create contrasty shadows on the bottom of the pool. Art will prepare patrons for the mental health benefits of swimming and serve to help patrons approach their swimming and life beyond the pool more mindfully.

The project is designed to be as accessible to the swimming public as possible. The work is visually celebratory and appealing, welcoming those who are not the usual audience for contemporary art. The photographs only picture shadows and pools; they are completely appropriate for the public. Everyone will be able to see themselves in the work, as every person goes through the world with a shadow by their side. New pool visitors will feel more comfortable in this space as they prepare to traverse water. Regular swimmers will appreciate the installation as they spend their workout watching their shadows emerge from and disappear into the pool's subtle waves. Swimming Shadow Series will foster mindfulness, taking advantage of the transitory quality of the locker room to ease pool patrons between the water and the rest of their lives with a sense of serenity.



Proposed Installation Concept Mockup
Women's Locker Room, Echo Park Indoor Pool

Adam Thompson (b. 1998, Boston, Ma.) is a Los Angeles based artist. He uses sculpture, installation and lens-based media to investigate the camera's relationship to the phenomenology of perception. Referencing online pop culture and media, his work documents his personal search for individual agency. His work merges contemporary technology with traditional fine art methods, linking progenitive history to today's questions of identity, power and free will. Adam held a solo exhibition at Rabbit Rabbit in New York, collaborated at Gallery Kannski in Reykjavik, Iceland and exhibited in LA-based group shows at the Box and O-Town House. He holds a BA in architecture from Yale University and an MFA in sculpture from the University of California, Los Angeles.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: RAP Board Meeting - 02/05/26 Public Comment

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 11:07 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 10:19 AM Noel McCarthy

wrote:

Hello Commissioners -

My name is Noel McCarthy - A Garvanza/Highland Park resident for 15 years. Although not on today's agenda, I am writing representing the many, many people who **fully** support the **Arroyo Secco Water Reuse Project**. I believe you may have only heard from those in opposition to this excellent project that includes the cooperation of Pasadena, South Pasadena and Los Angeles to finally begin the process of cleaning water in our watershed. This is an incredible opportunity to create a beautiful new park that will serve multiple communities and provide millions of gallons of clean water to the LA River and ultimately our Ocean.

Although 90% of the overall project does Not occur within LA's boundaries - LA will benefit significantly from both a new Park space that is built to be accessible to all and We will also benefit from a beautiful Native habitat - free from the Invasive species that are currently choking it. And this comes at no cost to the City of Los Angeles (And by the way there have now been two major fires in this space- that had it occurred on Jan7 last year easily could have been catastrophic.)

I think a really important aspect to this plan is its very specific location. The planners are leveraging literally tens of millions of dollars in existing (although unmaintained) infrastructure. And they're doing so in a manner that saves a vast majority of Keystone Species - Namely the oaks and sycamores. I've walked the site with plan in hand - looking at all of the trees tagged by the Arborists that helped prepare this project. Almost all of the great trees you see there will remain.

I'd also like to make one last observation about this project. As you probably know this project has been delayed by a lawsuit. There was also a petition filled with false information circulating on Social Media filled with mis-information. Since diving into the details of this project I've spoken to dozens of people who reflexively signed that petition without any knowledge of what the actual plan is. All of those same people - after looking at the plan regret signing it and are now fully supportive. Even organizations like the Sierra Club retracted a newsletter posting of the petition after admitting they hadn't looked at the details.

At the end of the day this project will be a win win for **all** the stakeholders involved - We all will have cleaner water and I believe this will be a beautiful park with excellent habitat that we can all be proud of.

Thank you.

Noel McCarthy

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Re: Watershed Support

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 10, 2026 at 2:55 PM

To: J L

Good afternoon,

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

On Tue, Mar 10, 2026 at 1:49 PM J L

wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

I walk the Arroyo Seco trails regularly and love this place. I am writing in strong support of the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project.

Yes, trees will be removed — but invasive ones, replaced by native species that will create a healthier habitat for the wildlife we all want to protect. It was promised that the amount of trees going in will be more than what is being taken out. As long as there is a plan for tree care, while they establish, I am in full support of this restoration work.

It isn't acceptable to have bacteria-laden runoff flowing untreated into the Los Angeles River. That's not acceptable for any community downstream. We are upstream of the majority of Los Angeles and are at a rare moment. The need is documented, the funding is secured, and the solution is ready. Over \$14 million in grants — including Measure W dollars designed for exactly this purpose — are waiting to make this stretch of the Arroyo Seco safer, cleaner, and more beautiful.

Please don't let fear of change block what our watershed urgently needs.

Respectfully,

Jeff Leon

South Pasadena Resident

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Re: Please Support the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 11, 2026 at 7:58 AM

To: Casey Law

Good morning,

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

On Sat, Mar 7, 2026 at 1:10 PM Casey Law

wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

I am Casey Law and I serve as a commissioner on the South Pasadena Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC). I write in strong support of the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project, a project led by the cities of Pasadena and South Pasadena.

This initiative will capture and treat urban stormwater runoff that would otherwise flow untreated into the Los Angeles River, which is a vital resource of so many Angelenos. The current state of urban water management has been neglected for decades, causing tremendous harm to our waterways and ocean. Measure W helps us meet our obligations under clean water mandates while building long-term water resilience.

Opposition and misinformation is being circulated by some residents adjacent to the San Pasqual site in Highland Park. Concerns about this project must be weighed honestly against the current reality: the San Pasqual site is neglected, overgrown, and poses a documented fire risk and ongoing public nuisance to the very neighbors who now oppose its improvement. The status quo is not a neutral outcome — it is an active harm. The claims being made against amount to a claim of private ownership over a public space. Opposition rooted in fear of change should not be allowed to block an investment that will make this site safer, cleaner, and beautiful.

This project is a rare convergence of need, funding, and opportunity. Measure W dollars were expressly intended for projects like this one. The San Pasqual site, properly restored as part of this water reuse infrastructure, could become a healthier, more vibrant community asset rather than the fire-prone, neglected parcel it is today. It will also improve water downstream for the benefit of Los Angeles residents.

Respectfully,

Casey Law

NREC, South Pasadena

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Re:

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Mar 6, 2026 at 11:42 AM

To: Dennis Hicks

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Mar 6, 2026 at 10:58 AM Dennis Hicks wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

I have been a resident of Venice since 1969. Beginning in the early '70s, 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 Venice Oceanarium and grant it the necessary permit to create a free museum space on the Venice Pier where it can continue to educate and inspire young and old as it has for over 30 years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dennis Hicks

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Park sign removed

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 12, 2026 at 8:13 AM

To: Earthlink

Cc: RAP.PublInfo@lacity.org

Good morning,

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

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

On Sun, Mar 8, 2026 at 2:17 PM Earthlink

wrote:

To whom it may concern,

The Bee Canyon Park sign located on Balboa Blvd is missing. Who removed the sign? And why? I used to clean that park when I worked for the Department of Recreation and Parks back in the late 1970s. The first image was taken on April 5 2025. The second image was taken on March 1, 2026.

Please let me know what happened?

Sincerely

Thomas Jones

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pacific palisades rec center

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 12, 2026 at 10:25 AM

To: Jane Dean

Cc: Jimmy.Kim@lacity.org, Chinyere.Stoneham@lacity.org

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Mar 12, 2026 at 9:18 AM Jane Dean wrote:

Attached are photos of the men's room. I called the exec office 3 times and the west office once about this and nothing has been done. There is sludge under both urinals, under the soap dispenser, grime on the walls and the floor is sticky.

The other day a guy walked in there with his dog and just after I saw him cleaning the dog's feet. Everyone here knows this is a health hazard. It's disgusting and you all who ignore it, including those who work there in addition to those the offices who ignored it, are disgusting.

I reported it to the health dept this morning. Shame on all of you.

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Re: Fw: problem at Senior Center, no one has contacted me

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 12, 2026 at 2:33 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Mar 12, 2026 at 2:04 PM Jay Heldman

wrote:

Dear Sir,

What follows is my complaint about the Senior Center at Pan Pacific Park. My dissatisfaction occurred on Thursday, February 19, 2025. The bad actor is a woman named Monica. I believe she is the director of the Senior Center. That day was 44 degrees and raining. Monica told me that she cannot let me in the Senior Center. I asked if I could use the bathroom. Monica told me to use the outdoor bathroom.

Monica ignored me when I advised that the outdoor bathrooms were locked. I believe Monica lacks compassion and an understanding of her role as an employee of the City.

My complaint also is about a woman who maintains the area of the park which is outside of the Senior Center. She failed to unlock the outdoor bathrooms that day and she lied to me about someone having locked himself inside one bathroom for two hours. She later told LAPD officers that I had locked myself inside one of the bathrooms earlier that morning. A liar is an unacceptable employee.

Please see my email dated Monday, February 23, 2026 which I sent to Eric Calhoun, director of Pan Pacific Park Recreation Center.

Thank you for your attention,

Jay Heldman

From: Eric Calhoun <eric.calhoun@lacity.org>**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2026 1:29 PM**To:** Jay Heldman**Subject:** Re: problem at Senior Center, no one has contacted me

Hi Jay,

Jacqueline Lopez of the Central District supervises the Senior Center.

Maintenance is supervised from the west region yard. I'm not sure who the direct supervisor is.

On Thu, Mar 12, 2026 at 12:48 PM Jay Heldman

wrote:

Eric,

I want to follow up on my complaints about the Senior Center. Whom did you forward my original complaints to? You mentioned the maintenance woman is not under your leadership, so where is the appropriate office for me to report her being a liar about her saying she had opened the outside bathroom that rainy morning, then told LAPD that I had been in one of the bathrooms for two hours? Who supervises Monica and the Senior Center.

Thank you,

Jay Heldman

From: Eric Calhoun <eric.calhoun@lacity.org>

Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 4:05 PM

To: Jay Heldman

Subject: Re: Fw: problem at Senior Center

Good afternoon Jay

I forwarded your previous email to the supervisor overseeing that director.

I have not heard anything back.

Eric

Eric T. Calhoun

Senior Recreation Director

Pan Pacific Recreation Center

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On Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 3:31 PM Jay Heldman

wrote:

Eric,

What is the status of my complaints about my experience at the Senior Center on February 19?

Jay Heldman

From: Jay Heldman

Sent: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:07 PM

To: eric.calhoun@lacity.org <eric.calhoun@lacity.org>

Subject: problem at Senior Center

Eric,

Thursday, February 19, 2026 was raining and 44 degrees. At 10:00AM, I was standing near the front door protected from the weather. After about twenty minutes, a woman comes to the door and rings the bell. A curly brown-haired woman opens the door allowing the woman to enter. Assuming the curly haired woman is Monica, she tells me, "I can't let you in." I didn't ask why she couldn't let me in, but I asked if I could use the bathroom. She responds by telling me to use the outdoor bathroom. I told her the outdoor bathrooms were locked. Monica did not care, as she ignored me and walked away towards the gym.

I was feeling upset and believing I had been refused entry to a public building specifically known as a Senior Center. I am 66. I made a phone call to councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky's office. I was speaking with someone for five minutes explaining my being at the senior center and was given the phone number for Pan Pacific Recreation Center. I was on the phone for another five minutes telling what had occurred, and the agent said he would contact the maintenance worker and have her open the outside doors.

After another five minutes, the heavy-set gardener comes out the front door of the senior center. I have spoken with her in the past, and I asked why the outdoor bathrooms were locked. She responded that she had opened the bathrooms earlier that day, and someone had entered a bathroom, locked the door from the inside and didn't come out for two hours. That explanation did not seem honest to me and I ended the conversation.

About ten minutes later, a man comes up to the door and rings the doorbell. Monica opens the door for him and I grab the door holding it open. I did not attempt to enter the facility. Monica loudly says "No!" and tells the gardener to call 911. She then tells the gardener to record this with her cell phone. I say, "I will record this!" and take out my phone. I say, with enthusiasm, to Monica that she is obnoxious. I say, "Monica, I am not going to go inside." I step away from the door and the door closes.

Fifteen minutes later, two police arrive. I wave to them and they approach asking if I had called. I then tell them what had happened as I have written above.

The police rang the doorbell and Monica opens the door. They ask who called? Monica says she did. The police enter the building.

Five minutes later they come out. They tell me that Monica had said that I am homeless and that I had been involved in a ruckus at the center previously. I ask the police if Monica had said what the ruckus was about and they said she had not. Further, they say that the gardener had said that I had locked myself in the bathroom for two hours. I asked if they were sure she had stated that I had been in the bathroom. They said, yes, they were sure. I asked them to go back and ask again because I had not been in the bathroom, but they did not go back inside. They tell me that Monica had asked the gardener to unlock the bathrooms. As the gardener did not unlock the bathrooms for at least fifteen minutes after Monica had ignored me, it had to have been after the Recreation Center had called to ask for the doors to be unlocked.

The police told me that Monica had said she is afraid of me. The police want me to go to the library's roofed area and that I would be arrested for trespass if I returned to the area outside the senior center again that day. (Library would not open until noon). I respond that it is not a crime for someone to be afraid. (i.e. I had not committed a crime.) I say that I cannot be charged with

trespass from public property and that I do not want to go to jail. I walk to the library and the police leave.

I want to file a formal complaint about both Monica and the gardener. The gardener is a liar. She had not opened the outside bathrooms that morning, made up a story about someone locking themselves in for two hours, and then told police that I had been in the bathroom for two hours that morning. (assuming the police were honest about what the gardener had told them.) Monica is not a nice person. Her decisions to say she can't let me in, to refuse me to use the indoor bathroom and to then to ignore me when I said the outdoor bathrooms were locked are not excusable. When lunch was being served in the senior center, I ate inside everyday. On Mondays at 1PM, there was bingo as a senior center activity. The woman who ran the bingo game told me that Monica made a rule that no one could charge their cell phone inside the center. This was after someone had lost their phone. It seems absurd that Monica would make such a rule against charging cell phones.

I believe Monica is poorly situated as director of Pan Pacific Senior Center.

Thank you for your attention.

Jay Heldman

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