

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

April 1, 2021

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: MICHAEL A. SHULL, 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) Sarah Poage comments regarding Lap Swim	#8855a	Note and File
2) Daryl Barnett comments regarding Venice Beach Boardwalk	#8874d	Referred to General Manager
3) Marisa Zakaria comments regarding Pallets Homes 7570 Figueroa St	#8882f	Note and File
4) Victor Sanchez comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882g	Note and File
5) Catherine Oyster comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882h	Note and File
6) Sasha Rappaport comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882i	Note and File
7) John Goldfarb comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882j	Note and File
8) Cyndi Otteson comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882k	Note and File
9) Sophie Steinberg comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882l	Note and File

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10) Cason Hall comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882m	Note and File
11) Lindsey Ortega comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882n	Note and File
12) Patricia Spalding comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882o	Note and File
13) Amy Spalding comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882p	Note and File
14) Amelie Cherlin comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882q	Note and File
15) Julie Cole comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882r	Note and File
16) Jack Bentele comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882s	Note and File
17) Kate Grodd comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882t	Note and File
18) Valerie Hurt comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882u	Note and File
19) Anne Shapiro comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882v	Note and File
20) Allyson Lambert comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882w	Note and File
21) Rebecca Hartman Edwards comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882x	Note and File

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22) Mia Livas Porter comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882y	Note and File
23) Jessica Jimenez comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882z	Note and File
24) Sarah Strunin comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882aa	Note and File
25) Jessica Craven comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882ab	Note & File
26) Tracy Cook comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882ac	Note and File
27) Jessica Stamen comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882ad	Note and File
28) Heather McCallum comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882ae	Note and File
29) Rachael Mason comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882af	Note and File
30) Josh Hoffman comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882ag	Note and File
31) Jessica Eason comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882ah	Note and File
32) Clark Reinking comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882ai	Note and File
33) Sarah Eggers comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882aj	Note and File

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34) Estrella Sainberg comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882ak	Note and File
35) Jane Demian Reinking comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882al	Note and File
36) Elliot Kilham comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882am	Note and File
37) Giulia Rozzi-Miles comments regarding eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882an	Note and File
38) Claire Savage comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882ao	Note and File
39) Kuniko Vroman comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882ap	Note and File
40) Greg Merideth regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Homeless Housing	#8882aq	Note and File
41) John Baginski regarding Public Safety Committee Meeting regarding Venice Crime	#8887a	Referred to General Manager
42) Jack Foxx comments regarding Travel Town	#8888	Note and File
43) Justin Hart comments regarding Fox Soul TV and Leimert Park Juneteenth event	#8889	Note and File
44) Council Motion request for comments regarding Exide Pollution cleanup settlement	#8890	Referred to General Manager
45) Christine Obrien comments regarding Hollywoodland	#8891	Referred to General Manager
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47) Marcy Valley comments regarding Low Protective Fence at Rancho Golf Course	#8893	Referred to General Manager
48) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park	#8894	Referred to General Manager
49) Jason Greenwald comments regarding Lynn Brown	#8895	Referred to General Manager
50) Jewell Karinen comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896	Note and File
51) Malloy Moseley comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896a	Note and File
52) Ruthie Holmes comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896b	Note and File
53) Jamin Warren comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896c	Note and File
54) Kaycee Cheyenne comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896d	Note and File
55) Erin Hauer comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896e	Note and File
56) Birtu Belete comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896f	Note and File
57) Jennifer Holmes comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896g	Note and File
58) Zoe Nissen comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896h	Note and File
59) Berencie Badillo comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896i	Note and File
60) Jay Thomas comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896j	Note and File
61) Lindsay McCormick comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896k	Note and File

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62) Jen Martinez comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896l	Note and File
63) Bianca de la Vega comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896m	Note and File
64) Jesse Orrall comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896n	Note and file
65) Maddie comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896o	Note and File
66) Grayson Morris comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896p	Note and File
67) Nancy Popp comments regarding Echo Park Lake residents	#8896q	Note and File
68) Pilar Diaz comments regarding AAPI violence	#8897	Note and File
69) Jen Ritchkoff comments regarding Westwood Park soccer field	#8898	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Carolyn Shannon, RAP Commission Office



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

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**Re: Lap Swim Guidance LA County- Not updated**

1 message

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

Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 2:57 PM

To: Sarah Poage

Cc: "phwebmaster@ph.lacounty.gov" &lt;phwebmaster@ph.lacounty.gov&gt;, "cd4.issues@lacity.org" &lt;cd4.issues@lacity.org&gt;, "RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org" &lt;RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org&gt;, "mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org" &lt;mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org&gt;

Good Afternoon,

Sorry for the delayed response. Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office. We are currently reviewing the County orders. You may check our website at <https://www.laparks.org/covid-19> for updates as well as contact Rose Watson, Public Information Officer, at [rose.watson@lacity.org](mailto:rose.watson@lacity.org) with inquiries.

On Fri, Jan 29, 2021 at 10:07 PM Sarah Poage

wrote:

Hello!

In the new Public Health Orders for LA County it would appear that the guidance for public swimming pools has not yet been updated. We ask you to **please consider opening the pools up to a higher lane capacity level.**

Over the summer, pools were allowed more than 1 person per lane for lap swim. However, after the orders at the end of November, pools across the county had to shut down access to swim teams because of the 1 swimmer per lane rule.

LA County has a vast number of kids from ages 5-18 who participate on swim teams. They need to get their exercise and get back into the pool for their mental and physical well-being. The CDC guidance for public pools suggests that swimmers be 6 feet apart in the lanes. That is 100% achievable and was put into practice over the summer and fall.

The CDC also states:

**“CDC is not aware of any scientific reports of the virus that causes COVID-19 spreading to people through the water in pools, hot tubs, or water playgrounds. Plus, proper operation of public pools, hot tubs, and water playgrounds (such as at an apartment complex or owned by a community) and disinfection of the water (with chlorine or bromine) should inactivate the virus.”**

Please consider updating the guidance. The teams are suffering financially and the kids are suffering physically and emotionally.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Poage

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**Re: Venice Beach Boardwalk**

1 message

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

Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 9:07 AM

To: Daryl Barnett &lt;

Cc: Robert Davis &lt;robert.davis@lacity.org&gt;, "Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org" &lt;Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org&gt;,

Nisa Kove &lt;nisa.kove@lacity.org&gt;

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 7:25 AM Daryl Barnett

wrote:

In 1990, I came to visit a friend who lived near the Venice Boardwalk - I never left - the creativity of world class artists, the vibrance and eclecticness made me feel like I was home.

Over the years, I've done my part to contribute to Venice - helping to create the Westminster Dog Park, creating milestone events, risking my life to manage and clean up a drug infested apartment building on the Boardwalk and helping to rid the gangs that ruled the 90's.

I am sickened by the state of affairs of My beloved Boardwalk. You just have to read any blog to see that Venice residents feel the same and are frustrated that you're seemingly doing nothing to help the situation and only offering a lot of reasons why you can't - and it gets worse every day. We can't play handball because there are people living in the courts. We can't ride the bike path because encampments spill on to the path. We can't recreate - this is a public space - where is the coastal access?

It's time to act, no more excuses - residents are being mugged and murdered, it's not safe to walk outside. Buildings are burning down. Filth and debris run rampant.

We are at your mercy, please help us.

Daryl Barnett





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**Re: OPPOSED: Pallet Homes 7570 Figueroa St**

1 message

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

Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 1:53 PM

To: Marisa Zakaria &lt;

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and appropriate staff. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Sat, Mar 20, 2021 at 9:46 AM Marisa Zakaria < > wrote:

I would also like to point out that we had over 70 rooms available to the homeless in the Eagle Rock community motels through Project Room Key. Only 2 of those rooms were used all year. Please push that DeLeon considers this option before the very costly \$10m project that he proposed. The pallet homes seem like the most inefficient and corrupt way to take advantage of housing the homeless and ruin our community.

As a taxpayer, I would us to push to see the breakdown of the \$130k cost per unit and see the bids for that contract.

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**From:** Marisa Zakaria**Sent:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 9:39 AM**To:** [rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org) <[rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)>**Subject:** OPPOSED: Pallet Homes 7570 Figueroa St

Hello Board,

My neighbors and I are just hearing about the new pallet town to be located on Figueroa street. We are **STRONGLY** opposed to it. We were not even consulted about this, and we are the taxpayers, homeowners, and long-term residents of this community.

Eagle Rock is a small family community. Since the parking lot was approved for the tents, our crime has gone up significantly, including people smoking crack and doing/dealing heavy drugs all throughout the neighborhood (look at the calls to the cops and our social media pages). I'm scared for my family and my elderly neighbors. I myself have had to call the cops many times over the past few months for heavy drugs, confrontations with the homeless population, attempted break-ins, squatting on empty properties, etc. With 75 new pallet homes, this will not stop and will only get worse (especially if the city plans to bus additional people in to our location).

In addition, the proposed site is within 200 feet of a freeway, 500 feet of Eagle Rock Park which has a beautiful new dog park and a day care/after school care, and very close to other daycares and multiple schools. The judge requiring homeless encampments be removed also said shelter cannot be placed within 500 feet of a freeway- this location clearly goes against that. This is a very poor location. DeLeon's original proposal mentioned 6 locations downtown, 1 in Boyle Heights, 1 in El Sereno, and 1 in the Art District for these homes. Per his website, those

locations were where the most need was. What happened to that plan? Eagle Rock was nowhere on that list, yet none of these sites have gone in yet and ER will go in starting next month (if DeLeon has his way).

He seems to be rushing this through to avoid opposition during covid. This is not okay, and the community leaders should consider the community before making these decisions. As evidenced by the city council public comments, the MAJORITY of the comments and community members are opposed to this plan.

DeLeon is set to begin construction next month, but has yet to address the below:

1. How will he eliminate tents around that location and will the current tents just being spread all over the community- if this goes in, my hope is all tents are gone forever
2. How will he drug test and monitor the residents
3. Will mental health services that will be available for the residents
4. Will additional police patrols and units that will be in our community due to the expected drastic increase in crime
5. What is the cost of these units- I heard \$130K a unit? Surely this cannot be correct since NoHo did a very similar thing for \$7,500 a unit
6. How will he handle trash disposal and sanitation of these sites
7. What is the sunset and disposal plan for these units since they are only to be here for 3-5 years

Have you seen NoHo location? I'm sure you will quickly notice how many additional homeless people have accumulated outside and around that location and how the crime rate has risen. This is not okay and not wanted here in Eagle Rock.

I am urging you to please NOT allow them to use the parking lot on 7570 Figueroa St. I believe you can still say no to this. Most of the community were even aware this was happening, and if we were, you would've seen much greater numbers opposing this.

Thank you, and I look forward to your response. As a community, we are going to continue to push this issue to prevent this being rushed without clear plans to ensure the safety of ALL community members. Our voices should matter, too.

Sincerely,  
Marisa Zakaria

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**Re: ERNC - CF 19-0774-S1**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Victor Sanchez <victor.sanchez@eaglerockcouncil.org>  
Cc: Jesse Saucedo

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 8:24 AM

Good Morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 7:21 PM Victor Sanchez &lt;victor.sanchez@eaglerockcouncil.org&gt; wrote:

Hi there,

My name is Victor Sanchez, Chair of the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council's Housing and Homelessness Committee. It is my understanding that CF 19-0774-S1 will be discussed before your body. I wanted to share our letter of support for this item, which you will find attached, for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or our ERNC President Jesse Saucedo, who I have cc'd on this email.

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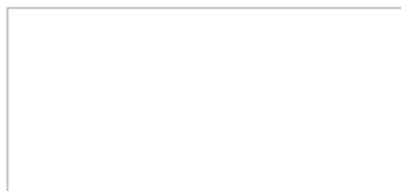
Saludos,

**Víctor Sánchez**

At Large Director

Co-Chair, Housing &amp; Homelessness Committee

Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

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March 2, 2021

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**RE: 7541 NORTH FIGUEROA / ARROYO DRIVE UNUSED SECTION (APN 5492 021 900  
ADJACENT) / TEMPORARY HOMELESS HOUSING (CF 19-0774-S1)**

On March 2, 2021, in a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held with a quorum of 13 board members present and that by a vote of 13 yes, 0 no, the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) adopted the following Community Impact Statement concerning CF 19-0774-S1.

The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council supports this [Motion](#).

Due to the urgency to provide housing due to the increase in the unhoused population throughout Los Angeles, CD 14 and in North East Los Angeles, this Motion requests that any available city-owned land be considered for homeless housing. Two locations have been identified that can provide temporary housing to the homeless of Eagle Rock and Highland Park.

This Motion requests:

- that the Bureau of Engineering, CLA and CAO, Dept of Recreation and Parks initiate the design process for temporary homeless housing on the parking lot located at 7541 N. Figueroa Street, and the unused section of Arroyo Drive located near Assessor Parcel Number 5492 021 900;
- that the CAO and Dept. of Recreation and Parks execute any agreements with SoCal Edison and the County of Los Angeles for 7541 N. Figueroa St. to begin the process of construction of temporary homeless housing;
- that the Dept of Recreation and Parks hear the matter within 30 days for consideration to approve usage of the N. Figueroa parking lot for temporary homeless housing;
- that priority for all units will be given to unhoused individuals in CD 14 starting with the neighborhoods of Eagle Rock and Highland Park, that LAHSA be instructed that unhoused

individuals in Eagle Rock and Highland Park be given right of first refusal for the new units to be constructed at both sites; and

- that the CAO identify the necessary funding to construct temporary homeless housing on the aforementioned sites.

Sincerely,

*Jesse Saucedo*

Jesse Saucedo, President  
Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC)



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## Re: Tiny houses in Eagle Rock - yes!

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: "C.T. Oyster" <

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 8:41 AM

Good Morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 8:04 PM C.T. Oyster > wrote:  
Hello Rec and Parks Commission,

I'm a resident and homeowner of Eagle Rock, having lived here for the past 8 years. I love this little part of Los Angeles and I want to help the unhoused here find their way to permanent housing.

We need many solutions to the homelessness crisis, and I think a tiny house project as proposed by Kevin de Leon (in the motion referenced below) would be an effective way to house some people in need, now, when they need it most. I completely support this happening in my neighborhood and urge you to listen to this "yimby-est" along with others.

Thank you,

Catherine Oyster

Form letter below:

*I supports this [Motion](#) proposed by Council Member Kevin de León of Council District 14 to provide temporary homeless housing for Highland Park and Eagle Rock. Due to the urgency to provide housing regarding the increase in the unhoused population throughout Los Angeles, CD 14 and in North East Los Angeles in particular, this Motion requests that any available city-owned land be considered for homeless housing. Two locations have been identified that can provide temporary housing to the homeless of Eagle Rock and Highland Park. We support the creation of the Tiny Homes bridge housing at both locations in order to help our unhoused neighbors get access to housing, needed support, and a pathway to Housing.*

[https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0774-S1\\_mot\\_02-02-2021.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0774-S1_mot_02-02-2021.pdf)

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## MOTION

The city's current homelessness crisis demands an "all hands on deck" approach. Currently, the city is spending tens of millions of dollars on emergency response and sanitation services to address the homelessness crisis. In order to solve this problem, the city must use all available land to house unhoused individuals.

Council District 14 has the largest concentration of unhoused individuals of any City Council District. In fact, Council District 14 alone is home to more unhoused individuals than in the entire City of San Jose or the City of San Diego. Due to the large number of unhoused people within the district, all available properties must be used to house our unhoused constituents. In Northeast Los Angeles, two locations have been identified that can provide temporary housing to the homeless of Eagle Rock and Highland Park.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, in coordination with the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, and Department of Recreation and Parks be instructed to initiate the design process for temporary homeless housing on the parking lot located at 7541 N. Figueroa Street as well as the unused section of Arroyo Drive located adjacent to Assessor Parcel Number 5492021900.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and the Department of Recreation and Parks be authorized to execute any agreements with SoCal Edison and the County of Los Angeles for the property located at 7541 N. Figueroa Street in order to effectuate the construction of temporary homeless housing.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to hear this matter within 30 days for consideration of approval of the usage of the parking lot at 7541 N. Figueroa Street for temporary interim housing for people experiencing homelessness.

I FURTHER MOVE that upon completion of construction, priority for all units shall be given to unhoused individuals in Council District 14, starting with the neighborhoods that each site is located within;

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and the Housing & Community Investment Department be instructed to modify any necessary contracts with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to ensure that homeless individuals in Eagle Rock and Highland Park are given right of first refusal for the new units to be constructed at both sites.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be instructed to identify the necessary funding to construct temporary homeless housing on the aforementioned sites.

PRESENTED BY



KEVIN DE LEÓN  
Councilmember, 14<sup>th</sup> District



SECONDED BY





## Re: Support for Tiny Homes Highland Park & Eagle Rock

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 8:49 AM

To: Sasha Rappaport <

Good Morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 8:24 PM Sasha Rappaport <

> wrote:

Hello Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a resident of Highland Park and I supports this Motion ( [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0774-S1\\_mot\\_02-02-2021.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0774-S1_mot_02-02-2021.pdf) ) proposed by Council Member Kevin de León of Council District 14 to provide temporary homeless housing for Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

Due to the urgency to provide housing regarding the increase in the unhoused population throughout Los Angeles, CD 14 and in North East Los Angeles in particular, this Motion requests that any available city-owned land be considered for homeless housing. Two locations have been identified that can provide temporary housing to the homeless of Eagle Rock and Highland Park. We support the creation of the Tiny Homes bridge housing at both locations in order to help our unhoused neighbors get access to housing, needed support, and a pathway to permanent housing.

Thank you.

Sasha Rappaport

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

**Re: 7560 N. Figueroa Street Parking Lot Proposal**

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 8:57 AM

To: John Goldfarb &lt;

Cc: Eva Lengyel &lt;

Good Morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 8:52 PM John Goldfarb

&gt; wrote:

To the Commissioners:

March 22, 2021

We are three Eagle Rock neighbors writing to express our opposition to the pallet structure homeless housing project for up to 134 residents proposed for the parking lot at 7560 N. Figueroa Street. We believe many other neighbors share our concerns. The item was introduced by our new councilmember, Kevin de Leon, and passed by the L.A. City Council last week. As yet, no contractor has been selected to build and supervise the development.

This parking lot has already been allowed by the city to become a tent encampment over the past year, and housed residents living less than 600 feet north of it on Figueroa beyond the 134 Freeway have noticed an increase in property crime and vandalism on their street. We have all observed and reported more frequent gang-related tagging at Eagle Rock Recreation Center directly across the street from this encampment. Our CD 14 field deputy tells us that the people currently living in tents there and other homeless people in the neighborhood will be offered "tiny houses" at the site when they are installed, but they certainly can't be compelled to accept such an offer if they prefer to live as they are, and nothing will prevent them from camping on the sidewalks near the project and elsewhere in Eagle Rock.

We are told the project is meant to be temporary, but while individual residents may come and go, the tiny houses, erected at great expense, will not be removed as long as they can be filled. Obviously, many homeless people have significant substance abuse and mental health challenges. Such a concentration of poverty and need will make Eagle Rock a more dangerous place to live and we are skeptical that whatever supervision is provided there will be enough to keep the surrounding neighborhood safe.

We are also informed that this parking lot lies within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, which we believe could become a serious liability and should be noted both by your department and by Southern California Edison, as it shares ownership of the lot.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We would appreciate any feedback you might have.

Sincerely,

John Goldfarb

Eva Lengyel

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**Re: Letter in Support of Tiny Homes for RAP Commission**

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 10:57 AM

Good Morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 10:46 AM Cyndi Otteson

&gt; wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a resident and homeowner who lives in Eagle Rock. I'm a former VP of the Eagle Rock Neighborhood council and a neighbor who lives walking distance to the Figueroa Lot in Eagle Rock that is being identified for the construction of Tiny Homes. I have two young children who attend the recreation center multiple times a week and would love to see Tiny Homes be built in the lot across the street from the park.

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With gratitude,

Cyndi

Eagle Rock Resident &amp; homeowner

**Progress in Action. Click [HERE](#) for actions you can take today.***I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land upon which I live and work, the Tongva and their elders past and present.*

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## Re: Support for Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock & Highland Park

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:11 AM

Good Morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:04 AM Sophie Steinberg

wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

**I am a resident of Highland Park and a college student at Occidental College.**

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Sophie Steinberg

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**Sophie Steinberg**  
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**Re: Subject: Support for Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock & Highland Park**

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:12 AM

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:04 AM Cason Hall <  
Parks Commission,

wrote:

**I am a resident of South Pasadena.**

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With gratitude,  
Cason

Sent from my iPhone

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Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:13 AM

To: Lindsey Ortega

Good Morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:08 AM Lindsey Ortega &lt; &gt; wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a resident of Highland Park. I am a volunteer with SELAH Eagle Rock and resident of the area who is personally familiar with our unhoused neighbors who live in and around the ER lot proposed for the tiny homes.

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**Re: Bridge housing/Tiny homes**

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:

To: Pat Spalding

Good Morning,

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:10 AM Pat Spalding

&gt; wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a resident of the Eagle Rock area, I see our unhoused neighbors everyday as I walk my dog. I know many of them by name and they know mine and my dog's too. It breaks my heart to see so many people without any shelter or access to basic amenities, like bathrooms and showers. This project could help so many get a step forward in making their life much more bearable and give them a future with possibilities.

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With gratitude,

**Patricia Spalding**

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**Re: Support for Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock & Highland Park**

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:36 PM

To: Amy Spalding &lt;

Good afternoon,

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Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:14 AM Amy Spalding

&gt; wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

**I am a resident of (enter your neighborhood). Add any personal details you feel comfortable disclosing. (e.g. I said I was a mother who has young children and lives walking distance to the ER Park and the lot identified for the tiny homes).**

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With gratitude,  
Amy Spalding

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**Re: Support for Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock & Highland Park**

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Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:37 PM

To: Amelie Cherlin &lt;

Good afternoon,

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Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:14 AM Amelie Cherlin &lt;

wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a resident of Los Feliz but in pre-pandemic times I often went to Eagle Rock on the bus with my child. As a non-driver I have a lot more contact with unhoused folks than wealthy people who stay inside their cars. I fully support [Motion](#) (CF 19-0774) proposed by Councilmember Kevin de León of Council District 14 to provide temporary housing for our unhoused neighbors in Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

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Sincerely,  
Amelie Cherlin

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**Re: Support for Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock & Highland Park**

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:38 PM

To: Julia Cole

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:16 AM Julia Cole

&gt; wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

**I am a resident of Eagle Rock and** am a mother who has two children. We live nearby the Eagle Rock Rec Center.

I fully support [Motion](#) (CF 19-0774) proposed by Council Member Kevin de León of Council District 14 to provide temporary housing for our unhoused neighbors in Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

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With gratitude,

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**Re: Support for Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock & Highland Park**

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Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:38 PM

To: Jack Bentele

Good afternoon,

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Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:34 AM Jack Bentele

wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I'm a resident of Eagle Rock, and a member of the community who personally knows many of the people who would benefit from this project in the Figueroa Parking lot.

I fully support [Motion](#) (CF 19-0774-S1) proposed by Council Member Kevin de León of Council District 14 to provide temporary housing for our unhoused neighbors in Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

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Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:39 PM

To: Kate Grodd

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:34 AM Kate Grodd &lt;

wrote:

Hello,

I am writing to let you know that I'm fully supportive of CF-19-0774, proposed by Council Member Kevin de Leon of Council 14, to provide temporary housing for our unhoused neighbors in Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

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Thank you,  
Kate Grodd  
Los Feliz

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**Re: Support for tiny homes**

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:40 PM

To: Valerie Hurt

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:52 AM Valerie Hurt

wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

**I am a resident of Los Angeles. I'm a parent of two lausd students. We are frequent park users and enrollees in recreation programs.**

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**Re: fully support tiny homes for Eagle Rock**

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:40 PM

To: Anne Shapiro

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:59 AM Anne Shapiro

wrote:

I am a homeowner in Eagle Rock.

I care about my neighborhood and my housed and UNHOUSED neighbors.

To ONLY way to mitigate the incredible risks of homelessness is with housing--NOT shelters.

I fully support Councilman De Leon and the City Council in approving TINY HOME village for Figueroa lot just north of Colorado in Eagle Rock.

We MUST have this solution.

Anne Shapiro

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**Re: Support for Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock & Highland Park**

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:41 PM

To: Allyson

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 12:07 PM Allyson &lt; &gt; wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a resident of Highland Park. I love this community very much and am thrilled to be raising my daughter here.

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Thank you for taking the time,  
Allyson Lambert

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**Re: Support for Tiny Homes**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Becky hartman edwards

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:42 PM

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 12:23 PM Becky hartman edwards

wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a resident of Los Feliz and the mother of two children who are active participants of the Silver Lake rec center programs and often play in Glassell Park in Eagle Rock.

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Rebecca Hartman Edwards

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**Re: Support for Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock & Highland Park**

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:43 PM

To: Mia Porter

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 12:58 PM Mia Porter

wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a resident of Elysian Valley. I've lived in this neighborhood for 14 years with my husband and two sons and love my community.

As a neighbor to District 14, our District 13 is in similar straits. The crisis of the unhoused in our community has only been exacerbated by COVID19. We live off of the bike path and have noticed the growing unhoused communities along the LA River. I have also noticed the expanding tent population around Echo Park Lake. We ALL need to be supporting and protecting the most vulnerable among us in our communities. We can do this by increasing bridge housing for our unhoused.

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With gratitude,

Mia Livas Porter

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Mia Livas Porter  
LACDP County Central Committee Member AD 51  
2022 Candidate for CA Assembly

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3/23/2021

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**Re: Eagle Rock/ Pasadena Residents NO HOMELESS PALLET HOUSING**

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:45 PM

To: Jessica Jimenez

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 1:04 PM Jessica Jimenez <

> wrote:

Hello All,

I am writing on behalf of a large number of residents from Eagle Rock and the Pasadena border. We are gathering in protest to the recent and sudden approval for Homeless Pallet Housing to be built across from Eagle Rock Park at 7560 N. Figueroa St. as soon as the end of April. The number of neighbors that are uniting to oppose this decision is growing greatly by the day. The issue not only affects Eagle Rock residents, but west Pasadena as well. In fact, all who live east of the Colorado / Figueroa intersection, La Loma, Arroyo Seco, and Old Town Pasadena Businesses, will be affected. We are organizing and notifying those that live in these areas.

Many of us are not opposed to the "tiny home shelters" as a temporary solution for helping the Homeless crisis. However, we are opposed to the location that has been carelessly selected. At the very least, a more thorough and respectful analysis of the area should have been made. Not only is the Figueroa location across the street from our beautiful Eagle Rock Park, it is steps away from a daycare, steps from a magnet High school, and less than a mile from seven schools. The approved location is also in direct violation of an order by Judge David O. Carter, federal case #LA CV 20-02291, that prohibits the construction so close to the freeway.

Prior to the Pandemic, the City successfully rented the parking lot to Film companies who used it regularly as a home base for production trailers and for crew parking, generating money for the city. It was also used for various community activities. Most importantly, the lot was used for overflow parking by families and their children during the little league season. With the recent implementation of the Dog Park, extra parking will be needed now more than ever. We want to keep this lot for the community, NOT for a fancy Homeless site.

As a resident of Eagle Rock since 1975, and some of us even longer, we know exactly what is considered to be usual in the neighborhood. And upon the onset of what started with a handful of homeless tents, our otherwise quiet Eagle Rock, has been plagued with countless complaints from our community members whose children walk to and from any one of the seven schools that are located along Colorado Blvd, less than a mile away from the proposed pallet homes. Their children are subject to walking over dirty needles, vomit, and human feces, that are not only on our sidewalks, but near the bus stops, places where we shop, and in the Park as well. We have seen the increase in police reports for people brandishing knives, assaults, petty car theft, mail tampering, and robberies. Residents including our children are often verbally assaulted and feel threatened when they have the misfortune of having to share the sidewalk with some of the homeless. All of this has been caused with only a handful of homeless living on 7560 North Figueroa, the precise location of your project. Just the handful of 15 tents, and their inhabitants, have been disrupting the lives of all of us that live near by. We stood by and watched as more and more tents were set up at the empty parking lot in

question. We were accepting of this because we were misled. We were told that this was only temporary during the Pandemic. And now, you want to add 150 more homeless people to that site!?

Nobody is taking into consideration those of us mostly affected by the homeless due to the close proximity of our homes. We will be the ones dealing with the influx of people walking by our doorsteps, looking into our yards to see what they can take, breaking into our cars, making unwanted eye contact with us and our children, and being woken up regularly as they rummage through our trash bins late at night. Sure it is a public street, but this is completely invasive to our privacy. It is totally disruptive to our lives, and poses a threat to our well being, our safety, sense of security, and overall quality of life.

We feel blindsided by this quick decision and feel that we have not been given adequate notice to have had the time to voice our opinions and to be heard. This has happened mysteriously right under our noses, swiftly and in an apparent rush without proper notification and or participation of a great majority of residents. Please do not just listen to the loud pro advocates, many of whom head programs for the homeless. Many of them don't even live close to where you propose this housing to be erected yet they are the loudest because they are working to make these things happen and as a result they are "in the know", while we who actually live here had no idea of what is going on. Some of the loudest live in apartments and can be advocating PRO today and then conveniently move away tomorrow. We on the other hand, pay a lot of taxes and own homes and businesses here. Some of us have recently paid a high price tag to specifically move to Eagle Rock for the many choices of schools and for a quiet and safe neighborhood to raise a family.

Then, there's the Councilman's office that stated that they will not be performing background checks or drug testing at the site. This alone is quite disturbing, and again, compromises our safety. We do not wish to be subject to a complete invasion of people that suffer from all kinds of problems. Further, the housing will only attract more of their friends to camp right outside the pallet homes, worsening the existing problem. The trash that they generate is also a concern. Most of them currently have tents that are twice the size of the proposed pallet homes, and that has not stopped them from bringing disturbing amounts of trash.

We do not want our lovely park to turn into a Skid Row park. Once the Pallet Homes go in, the drug drops will surely happen at the park or in front of our homes. The pallet homes would also be directly across from what has been for decades, the most popular area of the park for Birthday Parties with jumpers and elaborate balloon decor. Every weekend, this area of the park where the picnic tables are located, is filled with children playing. Parents do not feel safe to bring their children to the park if the Pallet homes are across the street. Eagle Rock Park has just recently become more frequented by neighbors because of the beautiful dog park that was installed. Do not take this away from our community.

We strongly request that you please find another location. There are not even jobs for these people in our area so why bring them here where they will be loitering around town causing many of us to not feel safe. We pay way too much money to live here in order to be away from all of the fore-mentioned. We demand to be heard and for our concerns to be considered before finalizing a decision that will disrupt many of our lives.

Additionally, fires caused by homeless are on the rise and this is something that our community is incredibly concerned about. We have already had numerous scares with tent fires at that very location. We are all anxiety stricken every time that the Santana winds kick up. All it takes is one act of negligence by these people who are used to not abiding by any rules, to burn Eagle Rock and Pasadena to the ground. The Lot is literally across the street from countless trees and shrubs that are in the park and in a town that is jam packed with flammable Eucalyptus trees, making the increase of homeless to this particular area a high risk fire hazard. If you look it up you will see that the lot is in the, Very high fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ).

Finally, Regarding the Drug situation, come take a look for yourself. All one has to do is to sit in the park on a Saturday afternoon and count the easily spottable drug dealers that are in and out of the Parking Lot across from where you want to put the tiny homes. There is an increase in gang activity that is easily notable with fresh tagging around town and the park. All of this is in plain sight and a result of only 15 tents, and you want to bring 150 additional people!?

NO NO NO NO!!!!!! Do not use our neighborhood. Use areas that are more industrial, or with more businesses, NOT residential family neighborhoods. We need all of your help in stopping this from happening.

Respectfully,

Jessica Jimenez



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

**Re: Motion CF 19-0774 – Tiny Homes bridge housing**

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:46 PM

To: Sarah Strunin

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 1:45 PM Sarah Strunin &lt; &gt; wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a resident of Highland Park. I volunteer with the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council and Selah Eagle Rock to do outreach to our unhoused neighbors on the East Side. Some of these folks I have come to know personally, they are good people who are really just trying to find some sense of stability and normalcy in their lives.

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With gratitude,

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 1:56 PM Jessica Craven <j wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a resident of Mt. Washington, and spend lots of time in Eagle Rock. I also do most of my shopping there.

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**Jessica Craven**

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## Re: Support for Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock & Highland Park

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:47 PM

To: Tracy Cook

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 2:15 PM Tracy Cook

&gt; wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

**I am a resident of Hancock Park and my family spends a great deal of time in our Los Angeles parks, including Griffith park and Pan Pacific I am also an active member in the East Side Dem Club in Glassell Park.**

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**Re: support for Tiny Homes**

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Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:47 PM

To: Jessica Stamen

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 2:17 PM Jessica Stamen

wrote:

Hi! I'm an LA resident and mom of three. I fully support [Motion](#) (CF 19-0774) proposed by Council Member Kevin de León of Council District 14 to provide temporary housing for our unhoused neighbors in Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

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Thank you!!!

- Jessica Stamen

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**Re: Support for Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock & Highland Park**

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

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:48 PM

To: Heather McCallum

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Thank you.

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 2:20 PM Heather McCallum < > wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a resident of Eagle Rock and fully support [Motion](#) (CF 19-0774) proposed by Council Member Kevin de León of Council District 14 to provide temporary housing for our unhoused neighbors in Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

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With gratitude,  
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Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:48 PM

To: Rachael Mason

Good afternoon,

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Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 2:54 PM Rachael Mason &lt; &gt; wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a resident of Silver Lake and have been appalled by the housing crisis facing this city. The only way to combat homelessness and unemployment is to get people into housing so they have a shot at rebuilding their lives.

I fully support [Motion](#) (CF 19-0774) proposed by Council Member Kevin de León of Council District 14 to provide temporary housing for our unhoused neighbors in Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

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**Re: We support Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock & Highland Park**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 2:02 PM

To: Josh Hoffman

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 4:51 PM Josh Hoffman

wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commissioners,

My name is Josh Hoffman, and I am a resident of Highland Park. I have lived here for 6 years, and my spouse's family has lived in North East Los Angeles for more than 40 years. We are engaged in the community, and passionate about supporting services, programs, and opportunities that make our neighborhoods stronger and safer. Part of that means caring for our neighbors who are struggling.

To that end, I am reaching out to express my full support of CD 14 Councilmember Kevin De Leon's Motion (CF 19-0774-S1) to provide temporary bridge housing for our unhoused neighbors in Highland Park and Eagle Rock. The homelessness crisis in Los Angeles is out of control, and the only solution is to get people into safe shelter; and the only way that's possible is by building more options, like these tiny homes. We have to say yes to these solutions.

Many people will say they don't want this in the area, but homelessness is already present in the neighborhood. The difference is, now we'll have one more solution for getting people sheltered and off the streets, and every single person sheltered counts. That is the only way any of this is going to get better.

Additionally, the Highland Park and Eagle Rock areas have experienced rampant gentrification, rent increases, and displacement; community residents are losing their homes and ending up on the streets. We need to provide solutions to get them housed again, and building these tiny homes is just one way to get people connected to the services they need.

People experiencing homelessness are human beings. Most of them don't even have any mental health conditions or substance addictions when they become homeless; they're simply dealt a bad hand, or can't afford a rent increase, or they lose their job and can't keep up with their bills—and then these problems develop later on. They deserve to be approached with care, dedication, and compassion. It is a human rights violation to let them suffer in the street.

We cannot simply play ignorant and pretend we don't know what the solutions are; and if we aren't going to provide rent control or increase tenant protections, and we aren't going to build more affordable housing than market-rate housing, then we at least have to build more shelters and tiny homes in the community. We can't just sit here wringing our hands, acting like this is out of our control. We have to do *something*.

The motion requests that any available city-owned land be considered for housing people experiencing homelessness, and two locations have already been identified that can provide temporary housing prioritizing our unhoused residents of Eagle Rock and Highland Park. This is the right thing to do.

I would like to formally express my strong and unwavering support for the creation of the Tiny Homes bridge housing at both locations in order to help our unhoused neighbors get access to housing, supportive services, and a chance to get off the streets. I have so much respect for the work that all of you do, and I sincerely hope you make the kind, caring, and compassionate choice here on behalf of your constituents and the communities you serve.

With gratitude,

Josh Hoffman



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**Re: Support for Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock & Highland Park**

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Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 2:02 PM

To: Jessica Elaina Eason

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 5:22 PM Jessica Elaina Eason

&gt; wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

As a neighbor of CD13 I fully support [Motion](#) (CF 19-0774) proposed by Council Member Kevin de León of Council District 14 to provide temporary housing for our unhoused neighbors in Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

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Jessica Eason  
Los Angeles Resident

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**Re: Support for Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock & Highland Park**

1 message

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Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 2:03 PM

To: Clark Reinking

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM Clark Reinking

&gt; wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

**I am a resident of Eagle Rock and frequent ER Park and the lot identified for the tiny homes.**

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With gratitude,

**Clark Reinking**

**Eagle Rock**

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**Re: Support for tiny houses**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 2:08 PM

To: Sarah Eggers

Good afternoon,

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Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 8:03 PM Sarah Eggers

&gt; wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

**I am a resident of Pasadena though I live close to Eagle Rock and frequent the businesses and parks there often with my two young children.**

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Thank you sincerely for your advocacy,  
Sarah Eggers

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Sarah Eggers, LMFT, ATR, MFA  
pronouns she/her/hers

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**Re: HHPNC in support of CF 19-0774-S1**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 2:09 PM

To: Estrella Sainburg

Cc: Sarah Flaherty &lt;sarah.flaherty@lacity.org&gt;

Good afternoon,

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On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 7:34 AM Estrella Sainburg

wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners,

Please find a letter attached from the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council. The letter was approved on March 4, 2021 by a vote of 18. 1 was not in attendance. 0 were in opposition. Please confirm that you have received this email.

Sincerely,  
Estrella Sainburg

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Estrella Sainburg  
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council President

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# Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

## COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

March 4th, 2021

Attn: Council President Nury Martinez, Councilmember Mark Ridley-thomas, Councilmember Kevin De Leon, Councilmember Monica Rodriguez

From: Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

RE: Support for 7541 North Figueroa / Arroyo Drive Unused Section (Apn 5492 021 900 Adjacent) / Temporary Homeless Housing ([CF 19-0774-S1](#))

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council supports this [Motion](#) [Exhibit 1] proposed by Council Member Kevin de León of Council District 14 to provide temporary homeless housing for Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

Due to the urgency to provide housing regarding the increase in the unhoused population throughout Los Angeles, CD 14 and in North East Los Angeles in particular, this Motion requests that any available city-owned land be considered for homeless housing. Two locations have been identified that can provide temporary housing to the homeless of Eagle Rock and Highland Park.

This Motion requests:

- that the Bureau of Engineering, CLA and CAO, Dept of Recreation and Parks initiate the design process for temporary homeless housing on the parking lot located at 7541 N. Figueroa Street, and the unused section of Arroyo Drive located near Assessor Parcel Number 5492 021 900;
- that the CAO and Dept. of Recreation and Parks executive any agreements with SoCal Edison and the County of Los Angeles for 7541 N. Figueroa St. to begin the process of construction of temporary homeless housing;
- that the Dept of Recreation and Parks hear the matter within 30 days for consideration to approve usage of the N. Figueroa parking lot for temporary homeless housing;
- that priority for all units will be given to unhoused individuals in CD 14 starting with the neighborhoods of Eagle Rock and Highland Park, that LAHSA be instructed that unhoused individuals in Eagle Rock and Highland Park be given right of first refusal for the new units to be constructed at both sites; and
- that the CAO identify the necessary funding to construct temporary homeless housing on the aforementioned sites.

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council Vote: YES 18 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Estrella Sainburg', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Estrella Sainburg

President,

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

MOTION **HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY**

The city's current homelessness crisis demands an "all hands on deck" approach. Currently, the city is spending tens of millions of dollars on emergency response and sanitation services to address the homelessness crisis. In order to solve this problem, the city must use all available land to house unhoused individuals.

Council District 14 has the largest concentration of unhoused individuals of any City Council District. In fact, Council District 14 alone is home to more unhoused individuals than in the entire City of San Jose or the City of San Diego. Due to the large number of unhoused people within the district, all available properties must be used to house our unhoused constituents. In Northeast Los Angeles, two locations have been identified that can provide temporary housing to the homeless of Eagle Rock and Highland Park.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, in coordination with the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, and Department of Recreation and Parks be instructed to initiate the design process for temporary homeless housing on the parking lot located at 7541 N. Figueroa Street as well as the unused section of Arroyo Drive located adjacent to Assessor Parcel Number 5492021900.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and the Department of Recreation and Parks be authorized to execute any agreements with SoCal Edison and the County of Los Angeles for the property located at 7541 N. Figueroa Street in order to effectuate the construction of temporary homeless housing.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to hear this matter within 30 days for consideration of approval of the usage of the parking lot at 7541 N. Figueroa Street for temporary interim housing for people experiencing homelessness.

I FURTHER MOVE that upon completion of construction, priority for all units shall be given to unhoused individuals in Council District 14, starting with the neighborhoods that each site is located within;

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and the Housing & Community Investment Department be instructed to modify any necessary contracts with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to ensure that homeless individuals in Eagle Rock and Highland Park are given right of first refusal for the new units to be constructed at both sites.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be instructed to identify the necessary funding to construct temporary homeless housing on the aforementioned sites.

PRESENTED BY



KEVIN DE LEÓN  
Councilmember, 14<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY



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

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**Re: FW: SUPPORT FOR TINY HOMES BRIDGE HOUSING IN EAGLE ROCK AND HIGHLAND PARK (CF 19-0774-S1)**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 2:13 PM

To:  
Cc: Harold Arrivillaga <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>, Sarah Flaherty <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>, Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>, Councilmember de Leon <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 8:35 AM

wrote:

Hello Recs and Parks Commissioners:

I am a native Angeleno, a resident of Eagle Rock, a homeowner and business owner. Also, I volunteer doing weekly outreach to our unhoused neighbors. **I am in support of Councilmember De Leon's Motion (CF 19-0774-S1) to utilize properties in Eagle Rock and Highland Park to construct temporary Tiny Homes bridge housing.**

The Eagle Rock Figueroa lot at 7541 N. Figueroa St. is flanked by the 134 freeway on 3 sides and Figueroa St on one side. There are no residential homes in direct proximity to this property. Eagle Rock Dog Park is across the street, and Eagle Rock Recreation Center is nearby. It is a City / County owned and So California leased parking lot. Since COVID, unhoused residents needing a place to shelter in place have taken refuge in the Figueroa lot. Those of us doing outreach have been visiting this encampment weekly, and sometimes more often than weekly, to provide materials and resources to the folks living in the Figueroa camp. We also visit the other encampments in Eagle Rock, Highland Park, and Glassell Park.

In our experience the majority of unhoused folks in this area want and need housing. They have lost their housing due to economic hardship, and for one reason or another have fallen into homelessness. Giving them an opportunity to have a roof over their heads, a place to store their belongings, privacy, access to bathrooms, shower, laundry, security, trash pick-up, sanitation and case management will change their lives for the better preparing them for relocation to permanent housing. Case managers will do an intake on each individual, place their information into the Coordinated Entry System to determine acuity level and their eligibility to be considered for bridge housing.

Our homeless count in the City of Los Angeles has been increasing steadily for several years, the homelessness situation is a **crisis** affecting everyone, and the pandemic has added even more **urgency** to the situation. This is an **emergency** and needs everyone in all areas of Los Angeles to pitch in to help provide housing to those who have been languishing, many dying, on the streets of our City.

I urge you to please vote to approve the use of the two lots in Eagle Rock and Highland Park for temporary Tiny Homes bridge housing.

Thank you.

Jane Demian

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**Re: Support for Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock & Highland Park**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 2:13 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 10:21 AM Elliot Kilham &lt; &gt; wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

**I am a resident of Highland Park.** I fully support [Motion](#) (CF 19-0774) proposed by Council Member Kevin de León of Council District 14 to provide temporary housing for our unhoused neighbors in Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

The pandemic has only further exacerbated the humanitarian crisis for our unhoused residents. We must do all we can to provide housing for the increasing unhoused population throughout Los Angeles, CD 14 and in North East Los Angeles in particular.

This Motion requests that any available city-owned land be considered for housing people experiencing homelessness. Two locations have been identified that can provide temporary housing to our unhoused residents of Eagle Rock and Highland Park.

I strongly support the creation of the Tiny Homes bridge housing at both locations in order to help our unhoused neighbors get access to housing, needed support, and a pathway to permanent housing.

With gratitude,

**Elliot Kilham**

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**Re: Support for Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock & Highland Park**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 2:14 PM

To: Giulia

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 11:07 AM Giulia &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a new mom living in Eagle Rock walking distance to Eagle Rock park and I fully support [Motion](#) (CF 19-0774) proposed by Council Member Kevin de León of Council District 14 to provide temporary housing for our unhoused neighbors in Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

The pandemic has only further exacerbated the humanitarian crisis for our unhoused residents. We must do all we can to provide housing for the increasing unhoused population throughout Los Angeles, CD 14 and in North East Los Angeles in particular.

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Thank you so much,  
Giulia Rozzi-Miles

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## Re: In Support of Tiny Homes for our Unhoused Neighbors in Fig Lot

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 8:24 AM

Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 9:05 PM Claire Savage

> wrote:

Hello,

I am a resident of Eagle Rock, volunteer with SELAH Eagle Rock, am a member of several Neighborhood Council Committees, and soon to be Director of Public Safety with the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council and I am writing in support of the planned tiny homes at the Figueroa Lot for our unhoused neighbors.

Over the past year, SELAH - Eagle Rock volunteers have been providing outreach and engagement to unhoused residents living in encampments throughout Eagle Rock and surrounding areas. Unhoused residents constantly ask volunteers about resources to obtain available housing opportunities: a place where they can sleep safely without fear of being harassed, robbed or attacked; a place where they can store their belongings without fear that their possessions will be removed and discarded by the City; a place where their pets are welcome; a place where they can take a shower and use the bathroom; a place where they can safely prevent COVID infection; a place where they can live in peace.

Non-congregant individual Tiny Home units will provide each resident access to bathrooms, shower, laundry, heating, air conditioning, storage, privacy, security, and case management.

Additionally, we are asking that this proposal:

- Utilize a "Housing First" approach;
- Give "right of first refusal" priority to unhoused residents of Eagle Rock;
- Refrain from using Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zone protocols accompanied by police presence;
- Provide regular trash pickup and sanitation services;
- Provide an access center for additional resources;
- Ensure that pets are welcome.

We need a compassionate, humanitarian approach to housing the unhoused in our communities. Tiny Homes Village bridge housing is one such approach that will provide immediate, temporary housing until more permanent housing is made available.

We urge you to approve this development in the Figueroa lot which will shape and generate more solutions to homelessness in our communities. Thank you.

Claire Savage  
Volunteer, SELAH NHC - Eagle Rock Chapter

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Claire J Savage

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**Re: Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock CF 19-0774-S1**

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 8:25 AM

To: Kuniko Vroman

Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 9:25 PM Kuniko Vroman < > wrote:

I am writing in support of Councilmember Kevin De Leon's proposal (CF 19-0774-S1) to develop a Tiny Homes Village as temporary bridge housing in the Figueroa lot, 7541 N. Figueroa St. LA 90041.

Over the past year, as a SELAH - Eagle Rock volunteer I have been going with other volunteers providing outreach and engagement to unhoused residents living in encampments throughout Eagle Rock and surrounding areas. Unhoused residents constantly ask volunteers about resources to obtain available housing opportunities: a place where they can sleep safely without fear of being harassed, robbed or attacked; a place where they can store their belongings without fear that their possessions will be removed and discarded by the City; a place where their pets are welcome; a place where they can take a shower and use the bathroom; a place where they can safely prevent COVID infection; a place where they can live in peace.

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Warmly and Sincerely,

Kuniko Vroman

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**Re: Support for Temporary Housing at 7541 North Figueroa Street**

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 3:42 PM

To: Greg Merideth &lt; &gt;

Cc: Harold Arrivillaga &lt;harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org&gt;, Sarah Flaherty &lt;sarah.flaherty@lacity.org&gt;

Good afternoon,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 2:00 PM Greg Merideth &lt;

wrote:

Hello Commissioners -

Attached is a letter from The Eagle Rock Association (TERA) that was previously sent to Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas' office offering our support for the motion introduced by Councilmember Kevin de León (CF#19-0774-S1) to construct temporary housing for unhoused people at the parking lot at 7541 North Figueroa Street in Eagle Rock. We believe that providing housing and relief to our unhoused population, especially during the COVID pandemic, is an urgent matter. We want to reiterate our support on this issue and believe that it is in the best interests of both the housed and unhoused in our community. We appreciate you attention to this matter.

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Greg Merideth

President

The Eagle Rock Association (TERA)

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February 11, 2021

Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas  
Homelessness and Poverty Committee Chair  
200 N. Spring St., Room 420  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

*via email*

**RE: SUPPORT FOR FIGUEROA HOUSING**

Honorable Councilmember Ridley-Thomas:

The Eagle Rock Association (TERA) writes to communicate our member-based organization's support for Councilmember De León's February 2nd motion (CF# 19-0774-S1) to construct temporary housing for individuals experiencing homelessness at the Recreation and Parks parking lot at 7541 North Figueroa Street (Figueroa Lot) within Eagle Rock.

With consideration that Eagle Rock has no winter shelter and with over 400 people currently living on the streets in Northeast Los Angeles, we ask that you expeditiously agendize and move this important motion forward for City Council approval.

As you know, homelessness in Los Angeles is an immediate crisis, affecting over 41,000 residents throughout the City of Los Angeles. This crisis is not something that can be swept from one location or district to another; it requires determined action to address. It is incumbent on all of us to work compassionately to create housing opportunities, connect unhoused residents to services, to protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to ensure safety and security for and around unhoused residents.

Since the Spring of 2018, TERA has collaborated with the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) to create dialogue around, and take actions to address homelessness in our neighborhood. In a series of public forums, input was solicited from more than 100 participants, who identified a desire to provide mobile shower services, safe parking, and permanent supportive housing at a number of locations within Eagle Rock, including the Figueroa Lot at 7560 N. Figueroa.

For the past nine months, TERA has collaborated with ERNC, Love N Care Foundation, the SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition, and the Eagle Rock Community Fridge

on a compassionate response to the homelessness crisis, including providing mobile showers and other essential services at the Figueroa Lot. There is great need for improved services and shelter at this location. In preparation for temporary housing facilities, we urge the City to address the following:

- Utilize a “Housing First” model to accommodate all unhoused residents in need
- Provide safe nearby space for existing unhoused residents within the Figueroa Lot to relocate to during site preparation/construction that is safe from harassment
- Recognizing that many unhoused residents in the area have deep roots within the community, ensure that all existing Figueroa Lot residents are provided with an option to utilize housing at this site and provide priority for existing unhoused neighbors within Northeast Los Angeles
- Provide a local access center in direct vicinity of the Figueroa Lot in advance for Coordinated Entry System intake
- Design the facility in a way that is oriented as a welcoming home and not as a jail-like setting
- Incorporate sanitary facilities and trash collection services
- Provide space for possessions and work with city agencies to ensure that resident possessions in and outside the housing facility will be safe from sweeps and will not be discarded. We do not support a Special Enforcement Cleaning Zone
- Ensure the housing facility allows pets, with consideration that for many unhoused residents their pets are a critical element of their well-being

Thank you in advance, and we look forward to the City Council expeditiously working to provide needed temporary housing at this City-owned property within Eagle Rock.

Sincerely,



Greg Merideth  
President

cc: Leyla Campos, Homelessness and Poverty Committee Legislative Assistant  
Sarah Flaherty, Office of Councilmember Kevin de Leon  
Alice Roth, Office of Councilmember Kevin de Leon  
Jane Demian, SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition



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

## Re: Another murder in Venice - Homeless man arrested, charged for beating death of 76-year-old photographer

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 4:09 PM

To: John Baginski

Cc: "Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org" &lt;Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org&gt;, "enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org" &lt;enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org&gt;, "pamela.perez@lacity.org" &lt;pamela.perez@lacity.org&gt;, "harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org" &lt;harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org&gt;, Sonya Young-Jimenez &lt;sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org&gt;, Brenda Aguirre &lt;brenda.aguirre@lacity.org&gt;, Jimmy Kim &lt;jimmy.kim@lacity.org&gt;

Hello,

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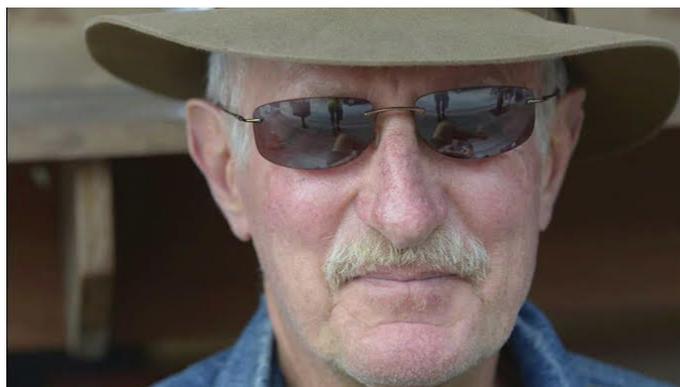
If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 5:29 PM John Baginski

wrote:

### Another murder in Venice - Homeless man arrested, charged for Venice beating death of 76-year-old photographer.

John DeCindis, a 76-year-old fashion photographer, was walking his dog in the Abbot Kinney area of Venice last month, when he was brutally attacked, his loved ones say.



<https://ktla.com/news/local-news/homeless-man-arrested-charged-for-venice-beating-death-of-76-year-old-photographer/>

We desperately need your help.

We understand that there is a mountain of reasons to continue doing the same things you have been doing. But there are some good reasons to do more to protect Venice... rising murder rates, doubling of violent crime, a sense of lawlessness, residents moving out, business moving out, quality of life plummeting, house prices dropping, residents not feeling safe enough to use the parks you are supposed to protect...

If you keep avoiding cleaning up Venice Board Walk Area because it is hard, it is only going to get worse. Venice needs your help.

It is getting awful to live here.

John Baginski

30 Year Venice Resident

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**From:** John Baginski

**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 12:41 PM

**To:** [rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)

**Subject:** Unofficial LAPD Crime Stats from 3/3/2020 Public Safety Committee Meeting VENICE CRIME IS WORST IN PACIFIC DIVISION AND GETTING WORSE

RAP Commissioners,

I am sure you are flowing the dramatic increase in crime in Venice. Venice has the highest levels of violence in the Pacific Division. See report from LAPD to Venice Neighborhood Council Safety Committee below.

Please help support cleanups of Venice. We need to change the trends and help Venice heal. What has happened here in the last few years is awful.

I hope that you look at the crime statistics below with the understanding that at least 50% of this crime involves the homeless population. This is a fact directly from LAPD.

- Please acknowledge that Venice can not be turned into a containment zone for any and all homeless. The huge numbers that we are seeing continue to damage the city and its residents.
- Please work to clean up Venice boardwalk area of all homeless and unhoused.

It is such a sad situation. You are ignoring Venice businesses, citizens and visitors. It really is getting awful to live here.

John Baginski

30 Year Venice Resident

**Below are unofficial stats from the LAPD presented during the Public Safety Committee meeting on 3/3/2021.**

3/3/2021 @5:09p LAPD crime report [[LINK TO VIDEO/AUDIO](#)]

- SLO Updates / Trends

- Acosta / stats:

- 21 divisions in lapd

1. #21 is pacific division in crime (7.7% increase in part 1 crimes -- violent and property). Venice is the worst w/ crime stats. Best is west valley (28.1% reduction)

1. Violent crime up 46% YTD, YoY
2. 3.7% property crime up YTD, YoY

2. Upcoming focus is going to be:

1. Robbery
2. Aggravated assaults

3. Oakwood car:

1. Numbers flattening out
2. Up aggressive increase in aggravated adults

- YTD last year: 1, this year 10
- Total Violent crime: last year 3, this year 16
- Leading cause of violent crimes is robberies

1. Last year: 1, this year YTD: 5

3. Property crime:

- Burglary: flat
- GTA: flat

4. Robberies:

- West of 4th, south of rose, and south of venice. Series of street robberies. Cell phones and jewelry taken
- Coincides with more people in area of AK as things open up (post-covid lockdowns). Are finding more street robbery
- Really no info as to whether it is just 1 ring or many (different suspect descriptions)
- No alerts sent to AK merchants assoc because criminals are targeting AK itself.

5. With changes in DA and sentencing recommendations, how has it changed officers' job in LAPD and pacific division?

- AA: hasnt changed their job. Going to still make arrests

6. Violent crime arrests: up 41%. Overall arrests up 20%

- Contreras:

- GTA: 7 this year 2020, 19 YTD 2021
- Robbery: 3 YTD 2020, 2020 this year: 11
- Aggravated assaults: 18 last year, 36 this year
- In past 4w: 72 ADWs, 17 in past 4w in contreras car.
- Pacific aware many crimes occurring in venice
- 76 yo elder male who died:

1. Undetermined death
2. No crime reported when incident took place
3. Public number to call for incident: (213) 382-9470

3/24/2021

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- w/r/t robberies: be vigilant. Dont walk alone, dont keep things out/visible, dont keep earphones on, increase awareness, limit jewelry
- w//rt incident w/ german shepherd dog taken and reward:

1. A lot of things getting reported on social media (SM). This incident not reported to LAPD
2. Detectives reached out and no one responded to detectives about filing a report

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**Re: Travel Town**

1 message

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

Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 2:22 PM

To: Just Me &gt;

Cc: Mayor Helpdesk &lt;mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org&gt;, Rose Watson &lt;rose.watson@lacity.org&gt;

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office. We are currently reviewing the County orders. You may check our website at <https://www.laparks.org/covid-19> for updates as well as contact Rose Watson, Public Information Officer, at [rose.watson@lacity.org](mailto:rose.watson@lacity.org) with inquiries.

On Sat, Mar 13, 2021 at 5:14 PM Just Me &lt;d

wrote:

Mr Mayor and Parks and Rec board,

I and many parents are wanting to know why Travel Town has not re-opened? It has been closed for a year and under the purple tier, museums can open outdoors, yet Travel Town has remained closed. We are entering the red tier and the park should be open.

When I was riding my bike past the entrance, I spoke with an employee and I asked why the park hasn't opened and if there was a time frame to open. She told me that the employees of the park want to get the park open but it is their boss who is the manager of the park that doesn't want the park to open.

My question is why? Why would you not want the park to open? After all, the trains were donated to the children of Los Angeles, so why, if protocols are followed, can they not be allowed to visit in the park?

Our kids have suffered enough over the last year, lets give them something to be happy about.

Thank you

Jack Foxx

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: ATTN: Harold-FOX Soul Partnership

1 message

Rose Watson <rose.watson@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at 2:32 PM

To: Justin Hart

@lacity.org>

Great! You can reach me at 323-816-6712.

Best,

Rose

On Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at 2:04 PM Justin Hart <j wrote:

Hi Rose! Thanks for the response. Tomorrow at 4pm PST works for me. What's the best contact number to reach you?

Justin Hart



On Mar 16, 2021, at 2:00 PM, Rose Watson <rose.watson@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Justin,

Can we connect around 4pm tomorrow? I am in training from 8am-3:30pm today and tomorrow.

Rose

On Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at 12:51 PM Justin Hart wrote:

Hi Rose! Hope your day is going well. Just wanted to follow up. Hope to hear from you soon.

Justin Hart  
FOX Soul | Supervising Producer

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On Mar 15, 2021, at 2:12 PM, Justin Hart > wrote:

Thank you so much. Looking forward to hearing from you, Rose.

Justin Hart  
FOX Soul | Supervising Producer

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On Mar 15, 2021, at 1:57 PM, Rap Commissioners  
<[rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Justin,

I'm including Rose Watson, our Public Information Director, who may best be able to respond to your request.

On Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 1:43 PM Justin Hart >  
wrote:

Hello Harold! I'm a Supervising Producer on FOX Soul, which a streaming network that's devoted to the urban community, and we are interested in partnering with Leimert Park to celebrate Juneteenth this year. I wanted to reach out to see if the park would be interested in partnering with our network to throw on this historic event. I'd love to discuss more in detail over the phone. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Justin Hart  
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## MOTION

Decades of unabated pollution from the Exide Technologies battery recycling plant in Vernon has resulted in excessive heavy metal contamination levels in what many are calling a toxic catastrophe in Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles and Southeast Los Angeles where residents have long complained about unexplained health issues consistent with toxic exposure, including cancer and other illnesses. Exide's own Health Risk Assessment of lead, arsenic and other carcinogens indicated that residents of the City of Los Angeles living in Boyle Heights faced the highest risks among the more than 100,000 affected residents. Operations at the Exide facility have ceased, but there remains significant and dangerous levels of residual contamination, especially lead contamination.

In 2015 Exide entered a "non-prosecution settlement agreement," which was overseen by the DTSC to avoid criminal prosecution from the US Attorney's Office and in this agreement the funds provided by Exide for testing of soil and remediation cleanups was minimized leaving millions of dollars of unfunded cleanup work.

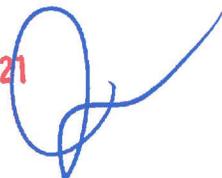
As part of the remediation plan, a select set of properties of the approximately 10,000 residential units in Boyle Heights and elsewhere has been identified for testing and remediation of contaminated soil. This program has been widely criticized as unclear, slow, underfunded, and too narrow in its scope. In stark contrast to similar public health emergencies, such as the gas leak in Porter Ranch, there is a lack of urgency in dealing with the Exide-related contamination and its ongoing ill effect on Boyle Heights and the surrounding East and Southeast L.A. communities.

In 2021 DTSC is currently undergoing a public review of its Exide remedial investigation, human health risk assessment and remediation plan of the public parkways. Boyle Heights and the surrounding communities deserve to know when a full remediation plan will be implemented and the completion dates for cleanup for their homes and public spaces, including full cost estimates so that Governor Newsom and state officials can do the work necessary to expedite a fully funded cleanup plan.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to engage in legal remedies available to the City to obtain accountability and adequate clean-up funding from Exide and the State, and to ensure that remediation plans protect the City's interests through inclusion of all affected areas of the City, including schools, parks, public right-of-ways, and private properties; a timely and transparent process with set dates, full-cost estimates and funding, and best practices to safeguard public health during clean-up activities; as well as legal options the City could pursue should the DTSC not act in a timely manner.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation be directed to prepare and submit, with support from the City Attorney and other departments as needed, comments on the DTSCs and US Environmental Protection Agency work plans to address Exide Pollution cleanup to include: proper closure activities and deconstruction of the Exide facility and remediation of onsite RCRA contaminated soil, groundwater and ancillary buildings; completion of the residential clean-up, and seek new strategies to expedite securing

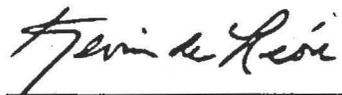
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property owner consent and participation; advance options to implement sampling and testing beyond the Project Impact Area to ensure that all potential affected properties are properly addressed.

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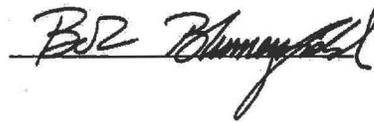
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KEVIN DE LEÓN

Councilmember, 14<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:





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

## Re: Today's public comment

1 message

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Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 9:42 AM

To: Darryl Ford &lt;darryl.ford@lacity.org&gt;

Cc: Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;, Stefanie Smith &lt;stefanie.smith@lacity.org&gt;

Darryl, first thank you for getting back to me. I finally feel like maybe I am being heard on some of this, or maybe you are tired of hearing from me! Please see my responses in your text below.

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 19, 2021, at 6:51 AM, Darryl Ford <darryl.ford@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Christine,

Regarding the points you raised in your comment letter

(1) I am not clear where these plantings would be located. Are the areas you are proposing to plant trees on park/public property? Or are they located on private property? If located on park property, if you could provide a map of those proposed planting locations that would be a good starting point.

Hollywoodland tract 6450 was subdivided in 1923. It was broken into a residential area as we know it now and the openspace surrounding it (was left unencumbered with primary use of bridle trails, dwp water storage/ delivery, etc.) In 1944 that openspace was deeded to the city for park purposes. In the area there are two private parcels and ingress, egress easements, a private road, private commercial horse stable, the former Hollywoodland sign. I have gathered native acorns from the Hollywoodland residential area of tract and began growing them for distribution and celebration of our 100th birthday. My intent is to share them among private residences as well as get RAP's permission to plant some in the tract's openspace. I will follow up with a map showing areas I feel are appropriate inside the openspace.

(2) As noted below, if there are documents you have regarding the Hollywood Chamber and the Hollywood sign, please do let us know how we can be of assistance with scanning that information. And regarding a concessions agreement, can you advise who at Recreation and Parks you have been in dialogue with on this request. I see that you noted that this is your 9th request.

I will share these with Tracy and Stefanie and they can determine if they are important to you and then we can make arrangements. The ones I currently found speak to challenging the chamber's use of the word. Our HOA and Hollywood Heritage challenged the Federal trademark department on this issue. I have other documents relating to challenging the chamber. I continue to feel the agreement between the AG and the sign trust are completely different than your department executing a concessionaires agreement. That agreement would involve the use of the terms, imagery. I am thinking outside of the box.

I may have misspoken on the number of times. It is more like 8 and that combined, correspondence with your GM, D4, etc. the last time I mentioned it at a commission meeting was 2/6/2020. I will retract the misinformation on the number of requests if you want me to.

(3) The Department does not have jurisdiction over the naming or renaming of mountains such as Mount Lee. Our understanding is that the [U.S. Board on Geographic Names](https://www.usgs.gov/core-science-systems/ngp/board-on-geographic-names/how-do-i) is the entity that has jurisdiction over such namings. For reference, here is the link to the entry in the Federal Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) regarding Mount Lee: [https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/f?p=138:3::NO:3:P3\\_FID,P3\\_TITLE:1660901,Mount%20Lee](https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/f?p=138:3::NO:3:P3_FID,P3_TITLE:1660901,Mount%20Lee). On the Board of Geographic Names website, they have a information on how to propose to change the name of a natural feature: <https://www.usgs.gov/core-science-systems/ngp/board-on-geographic-names/how-do-i>

Thank you for that. The reason why I asked was at a RAP commission meeting I recall the department was being sued because they did not properly identify street names. I assumed that was RAP's responsibility. I will pursue with the groups you suggested.

(4) I am not familiar with Planning's wildlife planting guide. Can you please share or provide some additional information? Additionally, you noted that you have a request to have all of Tract 6450 in a SEA and that you would like RAP to support that request. Who is that request to/with? The County? Another City Department? I know that a large portion of Griffith Park is located in an SEA, but again, any additional context or information you can provide about your request to have "all of Tract 6450 in an SEA" would be helpful.

Planning has a wildlife pilot program. They are developing guidelines for areas such as ours for the purpose of preservation. They are also investigating the SEA since the city to date is not on board with the county. I am asking your department to work with them for preservation purposes. Because Hollywoodland is unique in its physical configuration, immersed inside park land we and the park need protection.

The woman heading this is Conni Pallini: [conni.pallini-tipton@lacity.org](mailto:conni.pallini-tipton@lacity.org)

Thank you again for your response. I will follow up with the map soon.

Thank you

FYI: I've included [+Stefanie Smith](#), the Acting Superintendent of Griffith Region, on this email just for her awareness.

Darryl Ford  
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Thank you  
Christine

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 18, 2021, at 12:59 PM, Rap Commissioners <[rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)> wrote:

Good Afternoon and thank you for these follow-up comments. Darryl Ford, cc'd on this email, is the best point of contact regarding the points outlined in your email, and also please send us the documents regarding the Chamber and Hollywood sign you mentioned during today's Board Meeting.

On Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 9:48 AM

wrote:

**Please include these points in the public record. Please retain them for future reference and documentation to verify these issues have been submitted for consideration.**

I would like the following considered for action and department implementation:

1. The Hollywoodland tract 6450 ( 640 acres ) of both residential and open space will be celebrating 100 years in 2023. In preparation we are planning a series of factual lectures and writings about our important history. We would like to engage RAP in this process and delivery. We have 100 native oak seedlings that we are beginning to plant throughout our residential community. We would like permission to include our open-space particularly in areas that are problem , man-made, unauthorized areas ( the switchback at the end of Beachwood, the view site at Mulholland Hwy and Canyon Lake). This will serve as a visual for celebration and redemption. former Councilman LaBonge could also receive recognition for these plantings.
2. I have spoken and corresponded about the need for a concessionaires agreement between the city and the chamber's trademark/marketing. This will be my 9 th request. In my historical search I found more documents that may assist your attorney to secure an agreement.
3. Mt. Lee was originally called Mt. Hollywoodland. I am requesting a name change to commemorate our 100th.
4. RAP should adopt and implement Planning's wildlife planting guide and SEA recognition /protection ( fences, etc.) in tract 6450. RAP should support our request to have all of tract 6450 in a SEA.

Thank you  
Christine OBrien  
Hollywoodland residential and Hollywoodland Gifted Park

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**Re: Today's public comment**

1 message

**Darryl Ford** <darryl.ford@lacity.org>

Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 6:51 AM

To: Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;, Stefanie Smith &lt;Stefanie.Smith@lacity.org&gt;

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: LA Recs and Park field issue

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 5:02 PM

To: Mick Muhlfriedel

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and appropriate staff. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Wed, Mar 17, 2021 at 10:23 PM Mick Muhlfriedel

> wrote:

I sent the following e-mail to Mr. Anthony - Paul Diaz at LA Recreation and Parks concerning the permitting policies of Muni Sports but I believe it is an issue that the commissioners of LA-RAP should also be aware of .

Greetings Mr Diaz,

I am writing to you on behalf of the 700+ Latina and Latino athletes, who currently play for the Downtown LA Soccer Club, and who have, for the past 6 months, been training at the Ferraro and Griffith Park fields which, I believe, are under the jurisdiction of the LA Dept of Recreation and Parks .

The Downtown LA Soccer Club, of which I am the president of, is a community based youth soccer club serving mostly the South LA and East LA communities. Almost all our players attend LAUSD schools and most of them are on the National School Lunch Program and because of corporate sponsorships that our club has managed to attain, most of them are scholarshiped into our program . Our club motto is "If You Can Play, You Can Play."

My question to you is this, could you please explain the LA RAP policy of not allowing us access to the field we have been training on for the last six months because groups that had permits for the fields "pre Covid" are now allowed to simply regain them ?

The LA RAP fields have been open for over 6 months and any "pre Covid" sports group that chose to could have reapplied for permits to use these fields at any point in time during that 6 months period.

Why now are these groups being given priority access to these fields while groups like ours, which have worked extremely hard to maintain our programs throughout the height of the pandemic, are now being forced to relinquish these fields ?

The application process for the LA RAP contains the following question . "Please specify what reasonable efforts have been made by your organization to comply with the City of Los Angeles , Department of Recreation and Parks , Gender Equity " Policy and the "Raise the Bar " Program." Our organization currently has over 300 young Latina athletes enrolled on teams ranging in age from 8-18 . We have 13 FIFA trained and certified women coaches working with them .

The Downtown LA Soccer Club has partnership agreements with Nike, the Angel City FC NWSL team , "Football For Her", a non-profit started by ex-NWSL players to promote playing opportunities for young women athletes from L.A's underserved communities. All with one objective, to make soccer training and competitive opportunities available to all young women who have a passion for the game and the commitment to improve their skill set, no matter what their or their families economic condition is .

In spite of all this, we have been told by the Muni Sport representative who has been issuing our permits that, we can no longer be issued permits because LA Surf, a club that serves the mostly affluent white communities of South Pasadena and La Cresenta will now be allowed to use the fields we have been training on for the past half year.

I will now have to tell our players that, because at the present time the only fields that are available in LA County are LARAP fields, they will no longer be able to train because LA Surf, a club they know as the "rich whites kids" club ,has been given back the fields they've been training on since last Fall .

Maybe you have some idea how I can explain the inequity and unfair nature of this decision by LA RAP to our players ?

I truly appreciate you taking the time to consider this and look forward to hearing back from you

Sincerely

Mick Muhlfriedel  
President Downtown LA Soccer Club

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## Re: FW: Dangerously low protective fence at Rancho Park Golf Course

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 5:01 PM

To: Marcy Valley

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and appropriate staff. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Wed, Mar 17, 2021 at 6:28 PM Marcy Valley

&gt; wrote:

Please forward to the lawyer for the RAP.

**From:** Marcy Valley <

**Date:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 6:12 PM

**To:** <Brian.Bojorquez@lacity.org>, <rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org>

**Cc:** <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>, <RAP.ComMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG>, <Stephen.Hong@lacity.org>, <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, <angel.izard@lacity.org>

**Subject:** FW: Dangerously low protective fence at Rancho Park Golf Course

On 2/27 my husband and I were nearly hit by a golf ball on a direct shot from a drive off of the 14th tee box of Rancho Park Golf Course while walking on the sidewalk on the south side of Lorenzo Drive (i.e., across the street from the Rancho Park GC perimeter fence). The ball hit the sidewalk between us at high speed, sounding like a firecracker, indicating that it had not hit any trees or other obstruction. We also did not hear the sound of anything being hit before the ball hit the sidewalk, and of course, we did not hear "fore".

The "protective" fences along Lorenzo are not high enough to prevent people walking along Lorenzo from being hit by an errant tee shot from the 14<sup>th</sup> tee. Some of them are only 6 feet high! The protective fence along the first fairway to protect the Rancho parking lot is much higher. The existing fences along Lorenzo are in bad repair, with many panels of netting missing, allowing balls from the 14<sup>th</sup> tee to easily land on Lorenzo without hitting anything in-between. Worse yet, because of the large hazard area along the right side of the 14<sup>th</sup> fairway, which might just as well be OB, most golfers aim their tee shots left of center (toward Lorenzo) and assume a favorable bounce off the trees or fence is a better option than the miserable rough on the right of the fairway.

LA City is liable for any physical harm to pedestrians on Lorenzo Drive, possibly including death, and damage to property (broken car windows, broken house windows, dents in cars). LA City Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Rancho Park Golf Course must repair existing fences and increase the height of other fences so that less than one golf ball per year crosses Lorenzo Drive and intersects with possible pedestrians on the sidewalk or the automobiles and houses of residents of Lorenzo Drive.

Attached is a PDF file with photos showing the locations of the fences along Lorenzo and the missing panels of netting. The spot where the ball almost hit us is also shown. The distance from the black tees to the ball impact site is less than 220 yds. The protective fence between the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway and the parking lot is shown for comparison.

### Protective Fence along Lorenzo

- Panels are approximately 6 ft high by 10 ft long. All fence dimensions are estimated from photographs and Google Maps.
- From Glenbarr westward, there are
  - 8 horizontal panels x 4 high or 80 ft long x 24 ft high
  - 6 horizontal panels x 3 high or 60 ft long x 18 ft high
  - 4 horizontal panels x 4 high or 40 ft long x 24 ft high
  - 4 horizontal panels x 3 high or 40 ft long x 18 ft high

- Total length 220 ft (agrees with length measured on Google Maps)
- Fence posts are approximately 36 ft high
- On 3 panels of the 24 ft high fence there appear to be sections of netting that have fallen down, suggesting that the fence was once at least 30 ft high for part of its length.
- East and west of protective fence, boundary fence is approximately 6 ft high.

**Protective Fence between 1<sup>st</sup> Fairway and Parking Lot**

- Appears to be approximately 46 ft high (estimated from photographs)
- Fence poles appear to be approximately 14 ft apart, total length of approximately 250 ft as estimated from Google maps (16 horizontal panels x 14 ft = 224 ft)

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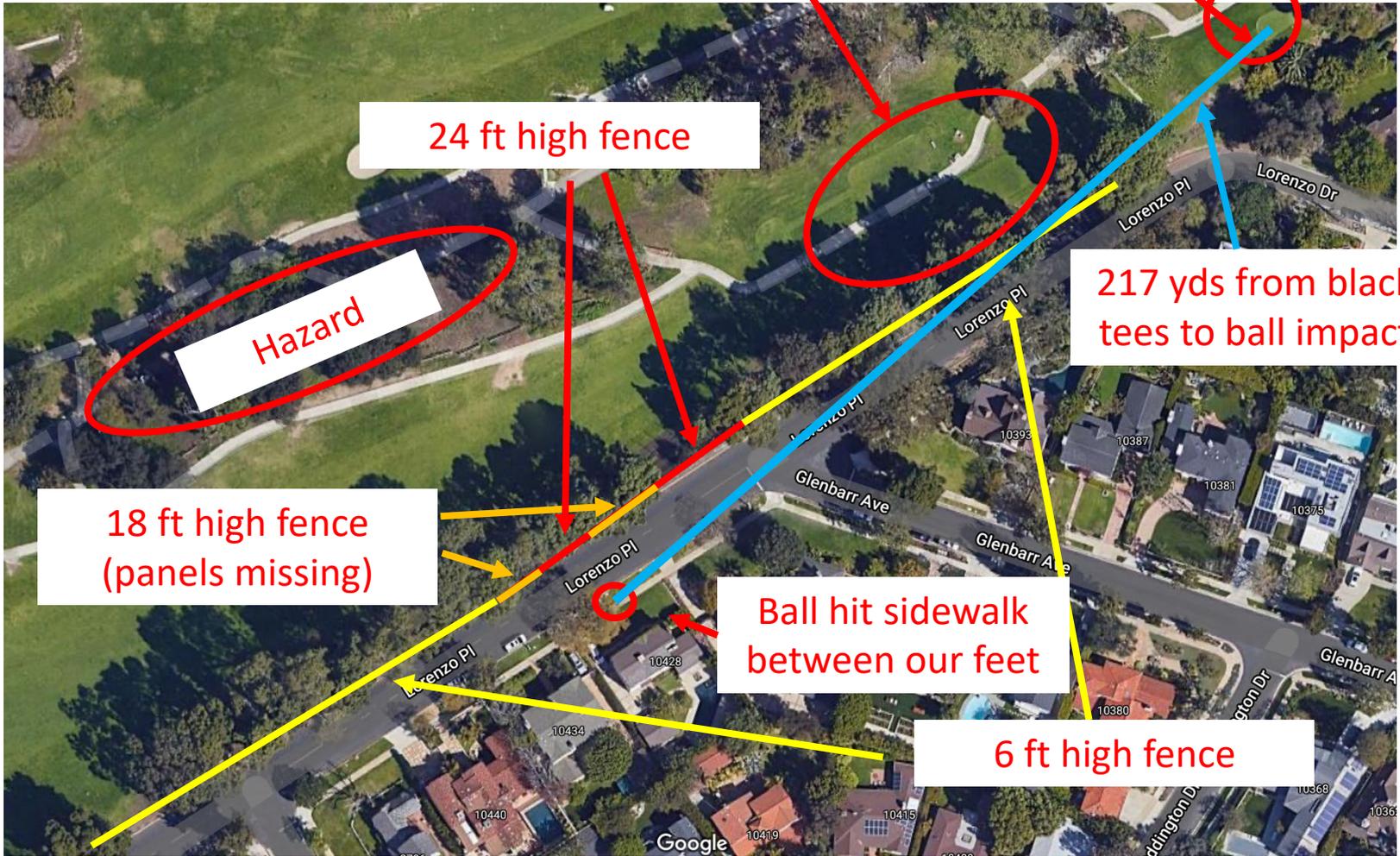
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# 14<sup>th</sup> Fairway at Rancho Park Golf Course

Blue, white and yellow tees

Black tees



Start of 24 ft high fence

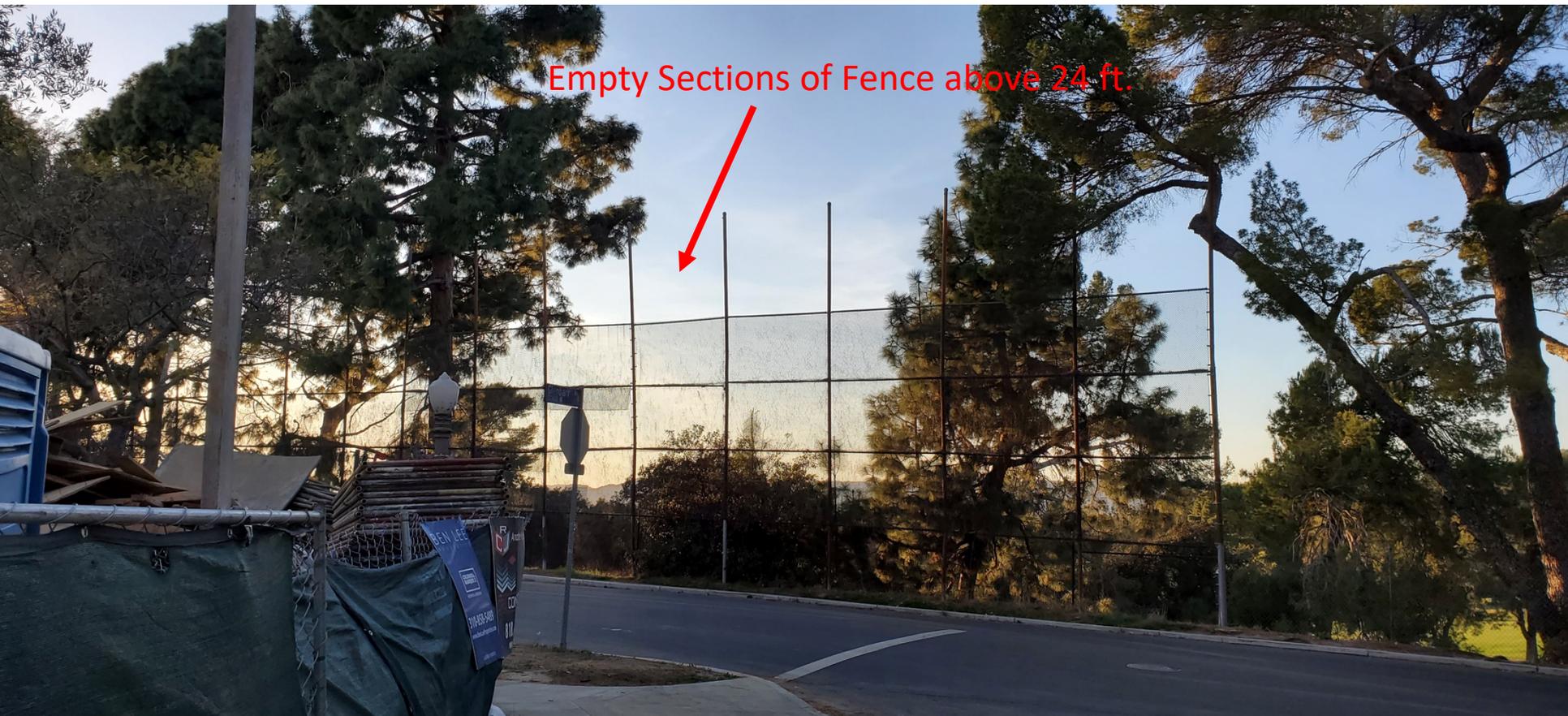
6 ft high fence



Corner of Lorenzo and Glenbarr

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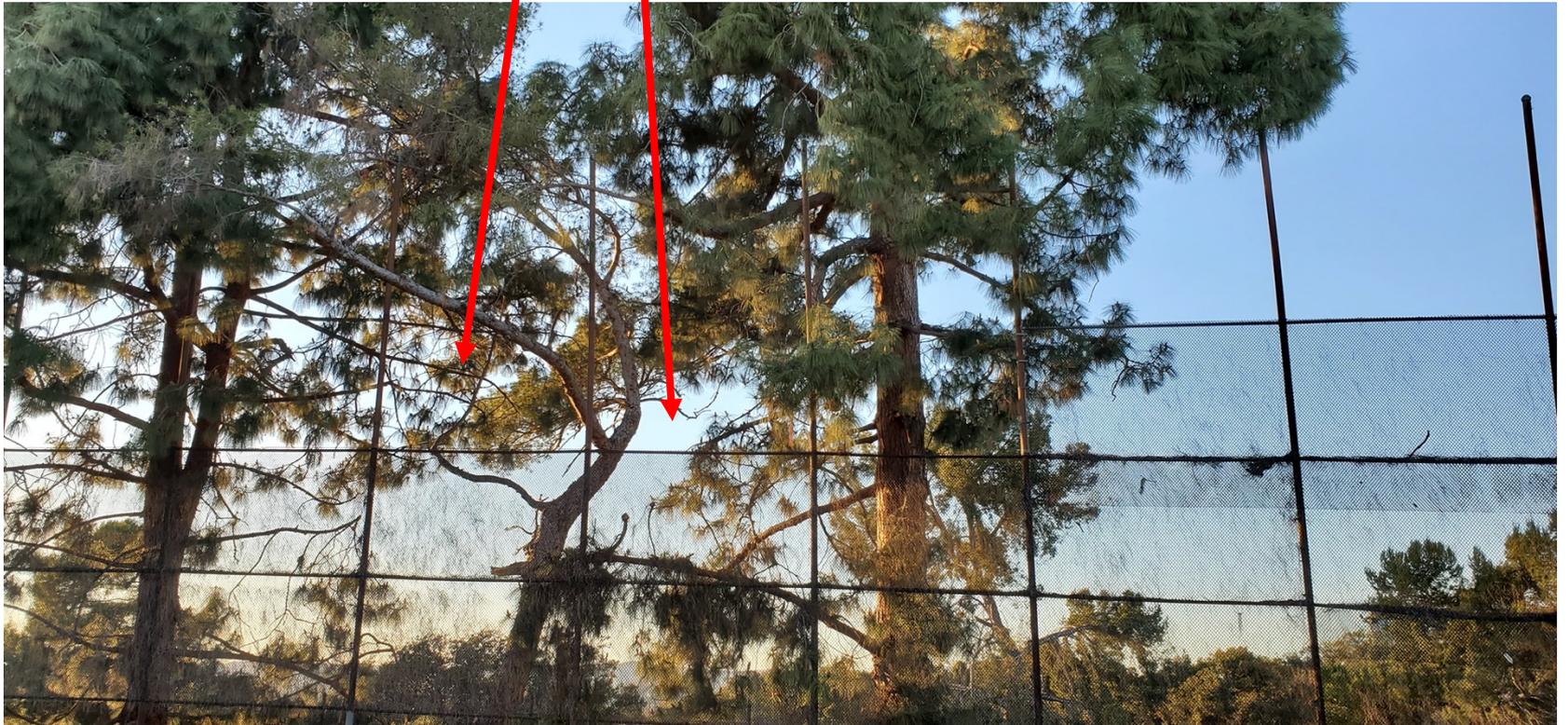
## 24 ft High Section of Fence along Lorenzo was Intended to be Higher



## Sections of Fence Netting That Have Fallen Down



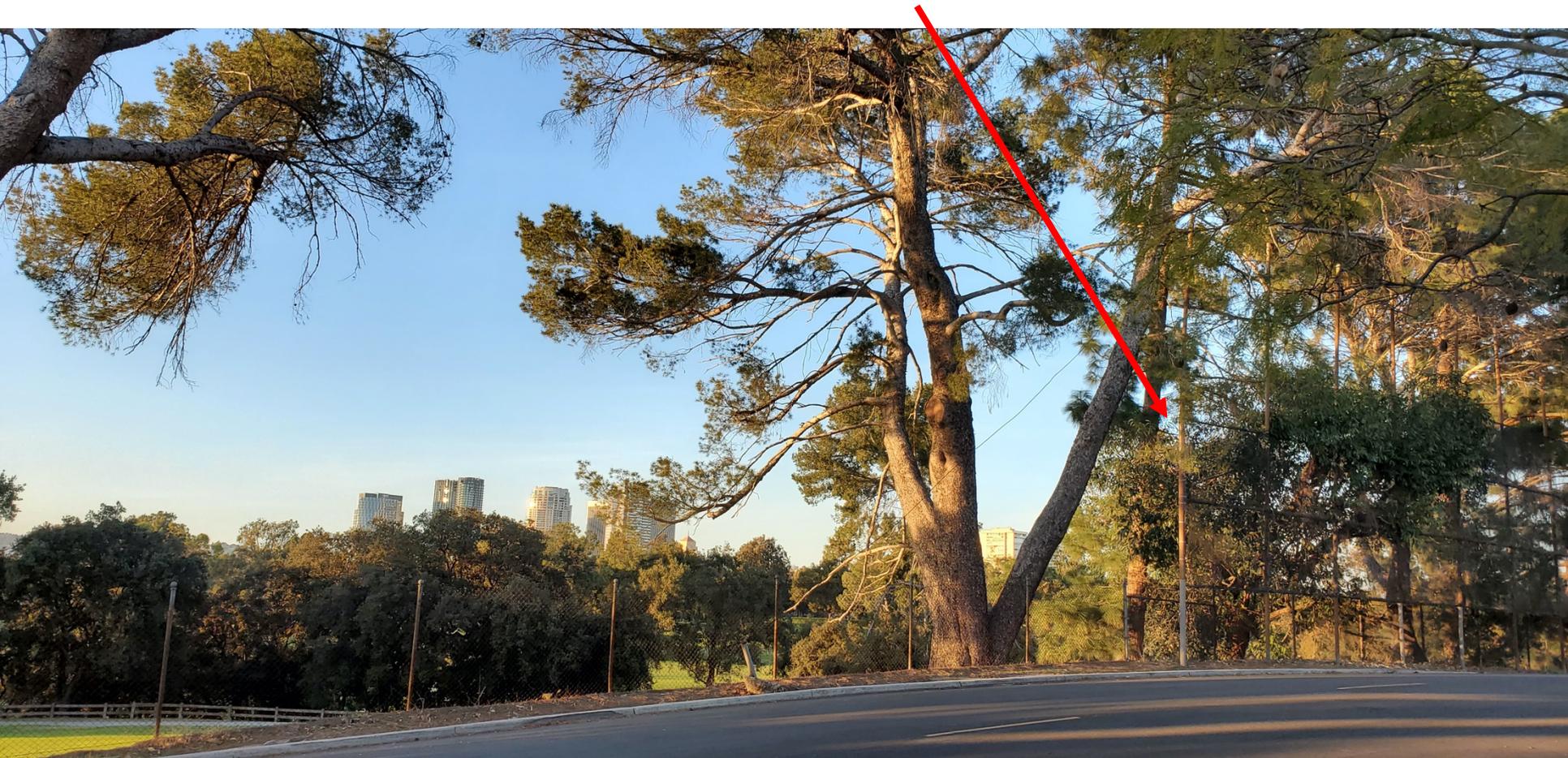
Panels with no netting leave fence at 18 ft,  
allowing balls to pass undeflected onto Lorenzo



Another view of missing fence panels



Last 4 horizontal sections of fence also only 18 ft high. Fence transitions from 18ft to 6 ft at west end of protective fence, across from 10434 Lorenzo



Protective fence between 1<sup>st</sup> fairway and parking lot is approximately 46 ft high (estimated from photograph)







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

**Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARKCD1 LA 90065**

1 message

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

Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 11:46 AM

To: Bill Cody &lt;bill.cody@lacity.org&gt;

Cc: Garcia Incareal

ertha Calderon <bertha.calderon@lacity.org>, Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org>, Art Gomez <art.gomez@lacity.org>, Iris Davis <iris.davis@lacity.org>, Valentine Brown <valentine.brown@lacity.org>, Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Good Morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 11:13 AM Bill Cody &lt;bill.cody@lacity.org&gt; wrote:

Hi Mauro,

There is no specific time table yet for the finishing if the playground. They are about halfway finished.

As for your other questions, they should be directed at RAP and I believe you have their contact information.

Thanks,

Bill

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021, 10:45 AM Garcia Incareal wrote:

MARCH 22

Council member Gill Cedillo

The Sycamore Grove Park behind the stage has the following repair needs:

The stucco on the wall is crumbling, the rear door has been broken and all trash is on the walking area.

Attach is picture.

3/22/2021

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARKCD1 LA 90065

Also when is the work at the children's play are going to be finished?

Mauro Garcia

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**Re: Lynn Brown Memorial -- GPAB Support Letter**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 3:11 PM

To: Jason Greenwald &lt;

Cc: Michael Shull &lt;michael.a.shull@lacity.org&gt;, AP Diaz &lt;ap.diaz@lacity.org&gt;, "darryl.ford@lacity.org" &lt;darryl.ford@lacity.org&gt;, Stefanie Smith &lt;stefanie.smith@lacity.org&gt;

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 11:52 AM Jason Greenwald &lt;

wrote:

Hello Commissioners,

The Griffith Park Advisory Board is writing in support of a memorial for longtime equestrian & Griffith Park advocate Lynn Brown.

Please see attached, and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason Greenwald

Chair, GPAB

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Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles

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March 23, 2021

LA Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

The Griffith Park Advisory Board enthusiastically supports the proposal brought forward by our colleague Karen Thornton to commemorate the many achievements of longtime Griffith Park advocate Lynn Brown.

Lynn was active in Griffith Park for decades, founding the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee at the behest of Councilmembers Tom LaBonge and Wendy Greuel, as well as Mayor Villaraigosa. She was a tireless advocate for the interests of the park's thriving equestrian community, and loved spending time in the park, riding her many horses there for decades. Not least for this board, she was one of the initial members of GPAB.

The proposed memorial is a fitting tribute, as it places "mounting blocks" at park trailheads used by many equestrians. For those who are unfamiliar, mounting blocks are large concrete steps that help people get on and off their horses before and after riding. Our board supports placing as many as three blocks in the park, one each at Martinez Arena, Pollywog Park and Easter Field, thus serving the most riders since there are already two blocks on the east bank at the North Atwater Crossing.

Significantly, this memorial will be undertaken using strictly private funds. Already, more than half of the cost has been raised in a short amount of time. The blocks will be made by an approved vendor that supplies concrete picnic tables and benches used throughout the park. At each mounting block location, a small 8x10" plaque would commemorate Lynn Brown and her love of the park – a fitting way for equestrians to remember one of their greatest champions each time they mount a horse.

Again, we enthusiastically support this proposal, and refer specific questions to Karen Thornton, GPAB's ad hoc equestrian chair, who has graciously brought it forward.

Sincerely,

Jason Greenwald

Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

cc: Mike Shull, AP Diaz, Darryl Ford, Stefanie Smith, Sarah Tanberg

*BOARD MEMBERS: Chair – Jason Greenwald; Vice Chair – Michelle Crames; Secretary – Bryan Mercke;  
Past Chair – Ron Deutsch; Gene Gilbert; Mike Hain; Chris Laib; Alex Phillips; Karen Thornton*



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

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**Re: Immediate Action Needed - Leave Echo Park Lake Residents Alone**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 3:23 PM

To: Jewell Karinen

Cc: Michael Shull &lt;Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org&gt;

Good afternoon,

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

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 12:07 PM Jewell Karinen < > wrote:

To Michael A. Shull and the representatives of the Recreation and Parks Board of Commissione,

As overseers of LA Parks, I write to you with deep concern as a resident of Los Angeles.

Multiple sources have confirmed that Council Member Mitch O'Farrell plans to have police forcibly evict the entire unhoused community at Echo Park Lake this Wednesday and put up a fence to keep everyone out by Thursday.

Please support the Echo Park Lake community and resist this forced displacement. COVID-19 is still a risk for many, including people experiencing homelessness, who are 50% more likely to die from the disease. Health experts including the CDC say displacing people causes the spread of COVID-19.

Please Leave Echo Park Lake residents alone. Will you help us stand up against this violence and stop the sweep displacement? This demands your immediate attention because the councilmember is planning to evict everyone TOMORROW.

Thank you.

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**Re: Immediate attention: Stop the displacement of the residents living at Echo Park Lake**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 3:38 PM

To: Malloy Moseley

Cc: Michael Shull &lt;Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org&gt;

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 2:24 PM Malloy Moseley wrote:

To Michael Shull and the representatives of the Recreation and Parks Board of Commissione,

As overseers of LA Parks, I write to you asking you to take immediate action.

Council Member Mitch O'Farrell is planning to forcibly evict the entire unhoused community at Echo Park Lake this Wednesday. He plans to put up a fence to keep everyone out by Thursday.

Please support the Echo Park Lake community. COVID-19 is still a risk for many, including people experiencing homelessness, who are 50% more likely to die from the disease. Health experts including the CDC say displacing people causes the spread of COVID-19.

You must stop this sweep displacement. Please save lives and leave Echo Park Lake residents alone.

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Malloy Moseley

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**Re: Immediate attention: Stop the displacement of the residents living at Echo Park Lake**

1 message

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

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To: Ruthie Holmes

Cc: Michael Shull &lt;Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org&gt;

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 2:39 PM Ruthie Holmes &gt; wrote:

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Ruthie Holmes

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**Re: Don't remove folks from Echo Park Lake**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 3:46 PM

To: Jamin Warren &gt;

Cc: Enrique.Zaldivar@lacity.org, greg.good@lacity.org, Michael Shull &lt;Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org&gt;, mike.davis@lacity.org, jessica.caloz@lacity.org, teresa.villegas@lacity.org, kevin.james@lacity.org

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 2:51 PM Jamin Warren <

&gt; wrote:

Hi there --

I'm a constituent in LA at 1620 Carmona Ave 90019. If the city can't provide safe, supportive, non-congregate housing for the folks living in Echo Park, they need to build on the existing community that's there.

I am demanding that the City of Los Angeles immediately stop its planned actions to displace the unsheltered community at Echo Park Lake.

Best,  
Jamin Warren

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**Re: stop the sweep of Echo Park Lake**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 3:48 PM

To: Kaycee Cheyenne &lt;&gt;

Cc: "mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org" &lt;mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org&gt;, "Enrique.Zaldivar@lacity.org" &lt;Enrique.Zaldivar@lacity.org&gt;, "firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov" &lt;firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov&gt;, "greg.good@lacity.org" &lt;greg.good@lacity.org&gt;, "kevin.james@lacity.org" &lt;kevin.james@lacity.org&gt;, "michael.a.shull@lacity.org" &lt;michael.a.shull@lacity.org&gt;

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 3:30 PM Kaycee Cheyenne

&gt; wrote:

Mitch O'Farrell,

I'm writing to demand that your office and the City of Los Angeles immediately stop planned actions to displace the unsheltered community at Echo Park Lake.

The unhoused Echo Park community has built a community for its residents in spite of the City's continued harassment and failure to provide them with a safe permanent housing solution.

I continue to stand in solidarity with my neighbors in this community and their demands that Mitch O'Farrell provide services for basic human needs including access to lights, water, and basic sanitation, instead of destroying the makeshift encampment these displace residents have created in light of city officials failure to to commandeer housing for these people.

In light of the City's continued failures, this community has taken it upon themselves to provide for the safety and security of its residents. If the City cannot provide safe, supportive, non-congregate housing for every one of the residents of Echo Park Lake, it is the City's moral imperative to do its best to support the existing grassroots community framework.

Echo Park Lake must remain open. It must not be cleared out and fenced, and its unhoused residents must not be further criminalized.

We demand house keys, not handcuffs. We demand services, not sweeps.

Sincerely,

3/24/2021

| Kaycee

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**Re: Do NOT allow Echo Park Lake residents to be displaced**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 3:51 PM

To: Erin Hauer

Good afternoon,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 5:21 PM Erin Hauer

&gt; wrote:

Dear Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners,

I'm a resident of Los Angeles, and writing to you with great concern over Mitch O'Farrell's plans to displace the unsheltered population of Echo Park beginning tomorrow and Thursday, and request as the Board of Commissioners of LA City Recreation and Parks, you put a halt to these violent plans.

I do homeless outreach in my free time in my neighborhood, which I shouldn't have to do in my free time, but I do because our city servants have failed them so miserably. I have also volunteered on successful city council campaigns. I'm incredibly disturbed by the councilmember's and Park and Rec's plans to displace all these neighbors in Echo Park, which violates basic human rights, not to mention pandemic safety recommendations.

The unsheltered people in Echo Park have continued to persevere and create a united and cooperative community despite the city allowing water and electricity to be shut down at various points on them during the pandemic. Rather than forcing evictions of these neighbors, I urge you to take the advice of every single homeless advocacy group in the city, and provide SERVICES and refuse to permit criminalization and sweeps.

The excuse that LAHSA was ordered to enlist Echo Park Lake residents into Project Room Key does not enable the city to commit this act of violence. Many residents, as you can imagine, do not WANT to go to Project Room Key. The hours are strict/feel like imprisonment, the timeframe is extremely temporary, and people are getting regularly turned OUT of Project Room Key and heading back to Echo Park and other neighborhoods. We need permanent supportive housing, anything else is displacement.

The city services have failed our unhoused residents time and time again. It is your basic moral obligation then to support the existing grassroots community supportive framework. Echo Park Lake must NOT be cleared out, fenced, with its residents criminalized.

A concerned resident,

Erin Hauer

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**Re: Immediate attention: Please stop the displacement of the residents living at Echo Park Lake**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 3:53 PM

To: Birtu B

Cc: Michael Shull &lt;Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org&gt;

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 6:28 PM Birtu B

&gt; wrote:

*Hello,**As overseers of LA Parks, I write to you asking you to take immediate action.**Council Member Mitch O'Farrell is planning to forcibly evict the entire unhoused community at Echo Park Lake this Wednesday. He plans to put up a fence to keep everyone out by Thursday.**Please support the Echo Park Lake community. COVID-19 is still a risk for many, including people experiencing homelessness, who are 50% more likely to die from the disease. Health experts including the CDC say displacing people causes the spread of COVID-19.**You must stop this sweep displacement. Please save lives and leave Echo Park Lake residents alone.**Sincerely,*

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**Re: Echo Park Lake**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 3:57 PM

To: Jennifer Holmes

Good afternoon,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 9:59 AM Jennifer Holmes

wrote:

Dear Board of Recreation &amp; Parks Commissioners,

I've been living in Echo Park (district 2) for nearly a decade. I realize it is a complex and changing neighborhood, and we have lots to solve. I also love it here and wish to see all our neighbors thrive.

I am writing to voice support of of two things:

- 1. Finding real solutions to the spike in homelessness, and making sure people have access to services.** Universal healthcare. Universal basic income. Ensuring all people have safe, affordable places to live. Ensuring that all jobs offer a living wage or better, for those who are able to work. Public services that help people get back on (and/or stay on) their feet. I happily voted for the tax increase that was supposed to help solve the homelessness crisis, and have been underwhelmed and dismayed at how little the city has accomplished since.
- 2. Clearing the tent encampments out of Echo Park Lake.** The tents have effectively privatized a beloved and important community/neighborhood resource. I live a couple blocks away, and many neighbors I've spoken with no longer feel comfortable going to the park. The surrounding area has also had spikes in crime over the past year. People living in the park are unsafe, there are regular reports of violent fights, and some residents have even died. Finding people safer and more permanent housing is a better and more sustainable solution - one which I hear Council Member O'Farrell has finally begun to achieve.

**I do not believe we have to choose between these two realities. Solving the housing crisis in LA should not involve losing our parks.**

Thank you,

Jen

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## Re: Housing "Solutions" at Echo Park Lake

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 3:59 PM

To: Zoë Nissen

Cc: Mitch O'Farrell <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, Mitch O'Farrell <mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org>, Enrique.Zaldivar@lacity.org, greg.good@lacity.org, aura.garcia@lacity.org, mike.davis@lacity.org, jessica.caloz@lacity.org, teresa.villegas@lacity.org, Michael Shull <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>, kevin.james@lacity.org, firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov, jeanne.min@lacity.org, Christine Peters <christine.peters@lacity.org>, Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>, David Cano <david.cano@lacity.org>, gigi.galias@lacity.org, Marisol Rodriguez <marisol.rodriguez@lacity.org>, sylvan.delacruz@lacity.org, david.giron@lacity.org, william.ayala@lacity.org

Good afternoon,

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On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 10:01 AM Zoë Nissen

> wrote:

Good morning Councilmember O'Farrell and other interested parties,

Yesterday evening those of us that contacted you to voice our concerns over a proposed sweep of the encampment at Echo Park Lake received a vague email that was clearly a copy-and-paste job of the thread you posted to Twitter. In neither forum did you actually address our concerns - is the sweep going to happen or not? Will the park be closed or not? Will our unhoused neighbors be in danger of harassment and violence or not?

Homelessness in our city is not a problem, it is a symptom of the larger problem of wealth inequality. Our neighborhood is being taken over by wealthy developers who put up luxury buildings that no one can afford. Once the COVID-19 pandemic passes and the eviction moratorium expires, thousands of renters with debts will be forced out onto the streets as well. Renovating Echo Park Lake is not a smart or feasible priority at this time - protecting our neighbors is. Address the public directly, cancel the sweep (cancel ALL sweeps), and work to represent the actual interests of the COMMUNITY, not those of gentrifiers.

Sincerely,

Zoë Nissen

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**Re: Unjust and cruel displacement**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 4:11 PM

To: Berenice Badillo

Cc: Mitch O'Farrell &lt;mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org&gt;, Enrique.Zaldivar@lacity.org, greg.good@lacity.org, aura.garcia@lacity.org, mike.davis@lacity.org, jessica.caloz@lacity.org, teresa.villegas@lacity.org, Michael Shull &lt;Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org&gt;, kevin.james@lacity.org, firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov

Good afternoon,

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

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On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 10:46 AM Berenice Badillo

wrote:

Having police forcibly remove and displace unhoused residents of Echo Park Lake (and anywhere really) without providing adequate shelter for all of them to relocate to is a cruel misuse of power. Providing basic resources to our unhoused neighbors and having honest conversations with them with an approach of mutual respect is the most humane and just way to address this issue. Cutting services and criminalization is not ok and it is not what your constituents want. As public servants your job is to serve the public, listen to the public, and address the needs and wants of everyone you serve and represent including unhoused residents of your districts.

This is disgusting and we will not stand for it.

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**Re: the abhorrent police raid at Echo Park Lake**

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 8:27 AM

To: Jay Thomas &lt;

Cc: Michael Shull &lt;Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org&gt;

Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 10:53 PM Jay Thomas

&gt; wrote:

Dear Parks and Recreation Department,

I am writing to you after bearing witness to the horrendous police raid on the encampment of unhoused people in Echo Park Lake. It is unconscionable that Councilmember Mitch would dispatch the LAPD in the middle of the night to forcibly remove people from a community they have built and sustained alongside their neighbors. As a clinical psychologist, I can tell you that these acts terrorize people and can literally cause them to develop PTSD & anxiety disorders. This kind of state violence is abhorrent and must not be allowed to continue.

Wednesday's solidarity event demonstrated the widespread community support for the Echo Park tent dweller community. We will not allow for your displacement of our neighbors! We will continue this fight every single day until your office commits to cancelling any planned evictions, sweeping or fencing of Echo Park Lake.

I continue to stand in solidarity with my neighbors in this community and their demands that Mitch O'Farrell provide services for basic human needs including access to lights, water, and basic sanitation, rather than destroy the community and displace its residents.

We continue to demand Housekeys Not Handcuffs! Services Not Sweeps.

In solidarity with my unhoused neighbors,

Dr. Jay Thomas

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**Re: No Displacement**

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 8:28 AM

Good morning,

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

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On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 11:25 PM Lindsay McCormick

wrote:

I am emailing to demand that the City of Los Angeles and the Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell not displace the unsheltered community at Echo Park Lake.

Wednesday's solidarity event demonstrated the widespread community support for the Echo Park tent dweller community. We will not allow for your displacement of our neighbors! We will continue this fight every single day until your office commits to cancelling any planned evictions, sweeping or fencing of Echo Park Lake.

I continue to stand in solidarity with my neighbors in this community and their demands that Mitch O'Farrell provide services for basic human needs including access to lights, water, and basic sanitation, rather than destroy the community and displace its residents.

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Lindsay McCormick

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**Re: Echo Park Lake Atrocities**

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 1:16 PM

To: Jen Martinez

Good morning,

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

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On Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 11:28 AM Jen Martinez

&gt; wrote:

Hello,

I'm a concerned constituent and want to express my deep dissatisfaction with this city's mishandling of the homelessness issue. We've passed legislation to provide housing and resources - where is this budget going to? It certainly should not be used toward the LAPD's continued harassment of Los Angeles citizens. I'm disgusted to hear that a fence was erected around Echo Park Lake and that the community there was displaced, forced out, and treated so inhumanely during a pandemic! Everyone involved should be ashamed and should resign. Mitch O'Farrell should never be allowed to make decisions for our city again. What a disgrace! Why are we not treating our houseless neighbors like humans? The lack of compassion, of forethought or planning into long-term solutions, of basic human decency, is frankly appalling. Where are these displaced citizens supposed to go? What is the plan here? Why was Mitch allowed to terrorize these people under cover of night like a sneaky villain instead of acting like a professional elected official?

What is going on and what are you, my representation, going to do about it?

**JENNIFER MARTINEZ**

Resident of Encino, CA

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**Re: Do Better. Everyone starts somewhere.**

1 message

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Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 1:26 PM

To: Bianca de la Vega

Cc: Mitch O'Farrell &lt;mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org&gt;

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On Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 12:11 PM Bianca de la Vega <d

wrote:

Councilmember and Team,

I am a 30 year resident of LA and I am reaching out over the inhumane activity ordered last night. As a public servant, your job is to act in the interest of the residents of your district, whether they are temporary, permanent, or in crisis as a result of the crimes committed against communities in the pandemic. Displacing residents of Echo Park without sufficient notice, without genuine and dedicated outreach to properly and safely house these people, without following CDC guidelines, is a disgrace to the residents, this city, this state, and this nation. Everyone is watching, yet your answer is police presence, a fence built in the middle of the night, and complete restriction of access to the park today. Do you have any compassion? Many residents fled in FEAR last night because police showed up with batons, guns, and riot gear in the hundreds. How will they go back to retrieve their belongings when the LAPD tells them they can't enter their own place of residence? It was mentioned this was supposed to be a safe transition. What is safe about stripping someone of their only belongings with no outreach in sight. Cops are not outreach. Cops are not safe. Cops are maskless. We are in a pandemic, the CDC specifically recommends that encampments remain in the same place versus displacement, yet you raid them with maskless cops and do the opposite of what the CDC recommends. You do not care about your constituency, you only care for the wealthy.

Bianca de la Vega  
LA native for 30 years

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**Re: Stop the forced displacement @ Echo Park Lake**

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 4:20 PM

To: Jesse Orrall

Cc: george.hakopiants@lacity.org, hector.vega@lacity.org, juan.fregoso@lacity.org, Mary Rodriguez &lt;mary.d.rodriguez@lacity.org&gt;, sean.starkey@lacity.org, firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov, Greg Good &lt;greg.good@lacity.org&gt;, Aura Garcia &lt;aura.garcia@lacity.org&gt;, Mike Davis &lt;mike.davis@lacity.org&gt;, Jessica Caloza &lt;jessica.caloza@lacity.org&gt;, Teresa Villegas &lt;teresa.villegas@lacity.org&gt;, Michael Shull &lt;Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org&gt;, Enrique Zaldivar &lt;Enrique.Zaldivar@lacity.org&gt;, Mitch O'Farrell &lt;mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org&gt;

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On Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 4:00 PM Jesse Orrall

wrote:

To the powerful few who make decisions for the many,

You do not need a militarized police presence to "clean up" a public park. You could hire the unhoused residents of Echo Park Lake to clean up and restore the area for far less money than it costs to have the LAPD bring its war machine into the community, and no one would have to be displaced.

Wednesday's solidarity event demonstrated the widespread community support for the Echo Park tent dweller community. We will not allow for your displacement of our neighbors! We will continue this fight every single day until your office commits to cancelling any planned evictions, sweeping or fencing of Echo Park Lake.

I continue to stand in solidarity with my neighbors in this community and their demands that Mitch O'Farrell provide services for basic human needs including access to lights, water, and basic sanitation, rather than destroy the community and displace its residents.

We demand Housekeys Not Handcuffs! Services Not Sweeps. And if you're wondering where to find the money for such services, try defunding the police.

Sincerely,  
Jesse Orrall

Thank

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**Re: Housing failures: Echo Park Lake**

1 message

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

Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 9:27 AM

To: Maddie

Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 4:56 PM Maddie < > wrote:

In the face of Mitch O'Farrell's failure to provide services and housing to his constituents, unhoused Echo Park Lake residents took it upon themselves to create a thriving community.

Rushing through a slapdash sweep of the lake is not providing people with housing. Forcing people into shelters only for them to move from program to program is not a solution. Putting people in hotel rooms only until the hotels want to make money off post-COVID travel is not a solution. The rug is being swept out from under their feet, in a place that is the most stable option they have. They were the ones who allocated resources to provide showers, charging stations, a communal kitchen and community garden, not the city. Encampments in parks is a shameful product of the city's failings to utilize effective measures and resources to meet the needs of our community.

Last night, the full force of the LAPD was used to turn a park into an open-air prison. In the process, they brutalized concerned community members. Bones were broken to instill fear in the people of Los Angeles, so they would be dissuaded from extending help to our less fortunate neighbors. This is inexcusable, and exemplifies the need for thorough overhaul of our current systems that continue to punish people trying to survive and to reward the groups responsible for violence. Maybe you think they should be excused for saying we should have been spanked more as children, or we deserve to have fuel dumped on us and lit on fire. If you sympathize more with feeling anxiety around unhoused folks than you do around police officers, you are thoroughly disconnected from the spirit of Los Angeles.

What we need from you is transparent, specific communication and action regarding this issue. Use limited housing resources where they are most needed, not in places where you want enforcement. There are thousands of people who want and are eligible for housing or shelter. Prioritize those with the most need, not those the councilmember would like to remove.

I continue to stand in solidarity with my neighbors in this community and their demands that Mitch O'Farrell, and all city councilmembers, provide services for basic human needs including access to lights, water, and basic sanitation, rather than destroy the community and displace its residents.

House keys, not Handcuffs. Services, not Sweeps.

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**Re: Stop Terrorizing Homeless People**

1 message

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

Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 9:28 AM

To: Grayson Morris

Cc: Enrique Zaldivar &lt;Enrique.Zaldivar@lacity.org&gt;, Michael Shull &lt;Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org&gt;, Mitch O'Farrell &lt;mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org&gt;, davis@lacity.org, Greg Good &lt;greg.good@lacity.org&gt;, Aura Garcia &lt;aura.garcia@lacity.org&gt;, Mike Davis &lt;mike.davis@lacity.org&gt;, Jessica Caloza &lt;jessica.caloza@lacity.org&gt;, Teresa Villegas &lt;teresa.villegas@lacity.org&gt;, kevin.james@lacity.org, firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov

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On Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 5:34 PM Grayson Morris &lt;

wrote:

Our community is outraged at the sweeping of the encampments of unhoused people. Last night, the city spent a tremendous amount of money to force a small number of people from their homes at Echo Park Lake. They came in riot gear with weapons and helicopters, they surrounded a group of protesters and detained them. They came at night to try and reduce the number of supporters and witnesses because they knew the community would be upset by this. It felt like a police state.

We demand housing justice. We want our tax dollars spent on the good of the people, not state repression. We demand a livable city for our citizenry, which includes places to live. Stop kowtowing to the gentry and support the most vulnerable among us, now. Everyone deserves to be safe.

Now there is a fence around the lake so that no one can enjoy it. What a waste of money. What a sick sad city.

Grayson Morris  
Silver Lake Resident

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## Re: Eviction of the Echo Park Lake Community

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 9:29 AM

To: Nancy Popp

Cc: "mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org" <mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org>, "firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov" <firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov>, "Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org" <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>, "Enrique.Zaldivar@lacity.org" <Enrique.Zaldivar@lacity.org>, "kevin.james@lacity.org" <kevin.james@lacity.org>

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On Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 5:35 PM Nancy Popp

wrote:

Councilmember O'Farrell, Director Zaldivar, President Good, Manager Shull, Supervisor Solis and Mr. James,

I demand that the City of Los Angeles and the Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell cease any effort to displace the unsheltered community at Echo Park Lake. The outright violence being enacted by the LAPD and the Councilmember's Office on the most vulnerable members of our community in this continuing pandemic is horrific and unjustifiable. It flies in the face of the oaths each of you took to work on behalf of the public good.

The hundreds of neighbors who joined the residents of Echo Park Lake at Wednesday's solidarity action are sending a clear message that the residents of Los Angeles do not support secret sweeps and fencing plans. This is an affront to human rights and dignity. In the face of the LA City Council's failure to provide services and housing to constituents, unhoused Echo Park Lake residents took it upon themselves to create a thriving community.

Where is the city in providing support for these unhoused neighbors? The LAPD and City Council's actions violate the guidance from the CDC in keeping residents safe, both those who are housed and those who are unhoused.

### Considerations for encampments

- If individual housing options are not available, allow people who are living unsheltered or in encampments to remain where they are.
  - Clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread.
- Encourage those staying in encampments to set up their tents/sleeping quarters with at least 12 feet x 12 feet of space per individual.
  - If an encampment is not able to provide sufficient space for each person, allow people to remain where they are but help decompress the encampment by linking those at [increased risk for severe illness](#) to individual rooms or safe shelter.
- Work together with community coalition members to improve sanitation in encampments.
- Ensure nearby restroom facilities have functional water taps, are stocked with hand hygiene materials (soap, drying materials) and bath tissue, and remain open to people experiencing homelessness 24 hours per day.
- If toilets or handwashing facilities are not available nearby, assist with providing access to portable latrines with handwashing facilities for encampments of more than 10 people. These facilities should be equipped with hand sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol).

I continue to stand in solidarity with my neighbors in this community and their demands that the City provide services for basic human needs including access to lights, water, and basic sanitation, rather than destroy the community and displace its residents.

These actions illustrate why the LAPD must be defunded and reformed and show clearly what the priorities are of the City Council and City Staff. These are people who are struggling, who you swore to serve, not displace and target with violence.

Where are your ethics? Where is your humanity?

Change your positions immediately. Call off the assault on the Echo Park Community and work with them on solutions to meet their basic human needs.

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Nancy Popp

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**Re: Stop AAPI Hate**

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 4:22 PM

To: Pilar Diaz &lt;

Cc: Michael Shull &lt;michael.a.shull@lacity.org&gt;

Good afternoon,

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On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 11:02 AM Pilar Diaz &lt;

wrote:

Dear Mike,

I am writing to express my disappointment that L.A. City Department of Recreation and Parks has not released a statement that RAP stands in solidarity with the Asian community and will not condone violence against Asians, especially in L.A. City Parks. It has been a week since the murder of eight people in Atlanta, six of whom were Asian women. I have scanned RAP social media and have not seen any posting, as other parks departments in L.A. County and the country have done. In general, I also do not see a lot of Asian faces on RAP's social media platforms.

Given the number of Asians who play golf at City courses as well as Asian hiker groups that frequent the north side of Griffith Park on Saturday mornings, a statement would have meant a lot. Sadly, I also have experienced a "You Brought Covid" statement while hiking near Amir's Garden. I let it go because I was not physically harmed. At the urging of friends, I finally reported it. But I wonder how many other Asians have had a similar experience. I wonder how many more hate incidents there have been that were not reported, because of fear or shame. I can tell you that I have not returned anywhere near Amir's Garden.

A reminder that L.A. City parks are safe places for everyone was so needed last week, especially since the parks have served as a place of respite for many of us during the pandemic. A statement from RAP stating you had our backs would have meant a lot to the Asian community. I don't know what a statement would do at this point, as it has been a week. But I hope to see more Asian faces on RAP's communication in the future. There are Asians in L.A. We are also L.A. City park users.

Sincerely,

Pilar

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## Re: Soccer in Westwood Park

1 message

Eric Mellem &lt;eric.mellem@lacity.org&gt;

Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 3:07 PM

To: Jen Ritchkoff

Cc: Jasmine Shamolian Deputy &lt;Jasmine.Shamolian@lacity.org&gt;, Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;, Shull &lt;Michael.a.shull@lacity.org&gt;

Hi Jen,

The lights on that field are on an automatic timer and were scheduled to turn off at 8:15pm last night. I'm looking into why they didn't turn off and will get this corrected. The group last night wasn't on permit, but please note that we do have permit groups scheduled to use the field until 10pm in the coming weeks with the lights scheduled to go off at 10:15pm. We'll have contact information as well as signed use agreements for our permit groups so we'll be better able to address issues of noise or other disturbances in the future.

I've passed this information on to our head Park Ranger so they can help monitor the situation as needed.

-Eric

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 10:19 PM Jen Ritchkoff wrote:

It's after 10:00 p.m. on a Tuesday night, and we hear shouting coming from the soccer field in Westwood Park. See attached, that's from our front door. And you all thought it would be a good idea to add a second one that's even larger?

The first one was put in without any community input or from any of the residents living around this park, as was the dog park, and now you have disregarded all of the neighbors concerns and are moving forward with putting the 2nd one into our small neighborhood park. This is just the beginning of the problems.

And they are adults, I thought this field was too small for adults and that's why you needed a bigger one? We know who it's for, the elite soccer players, and you all allowed them to take over our park. Shame on everybody who supported selling off public land to the soccer industry. And spending 2 million dollars that could be better served in the community. On the homeless living in the park would be a good place to start.

Jen

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## Re: Soccer in Westwood Park

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