

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

April 15, 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) Matt Wait comments regarding Eagle Rock and Highland Park Temporary Housing	#8882ar	Note and File
2) Jack Bentele & Jane Demian co-chairs of SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition Eagle Chapter commenting on Eagle Rock Temporary Housing	#8882as	Note and File
3) Jessie Gaskell and Aaron Ganser comments regarding Eagle Rock and Highland Park Temporary Housing	#8882at	Note and File
4) Bill Persaud comments regarding Eagle Rock and Highland Park Temporary Housing	#8882au	Note and File
5) Jenn Van Persaud comments regarding Eagle Rock and Highland Park Temporary Housing	#8882av	Note and File
6) Natalie Warner comments regarding Eagle Rock and Highland Park Temporary Housing	#8882aw	Note and File
7) Cooper Kenward comments regarding Eagle Rock and Highland Park Temporary Housing	#8882ax	Note and File

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<u>From</u>		<u>Action Taken</u>
8) Hannah Gibson comments regarding Eagle Rock and Highland Park Temporary Housing	#8882ay	Note and File
9) Flor Fausto regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Housing	#8882az	Note and File
10) Flor Fausto regarding Eagle Rock Temporary Housing	#8882ba	Note and File
11) Yolanda Nogueira commenting as President of Highland Park Chamber of Commerce regarding Highland Park Temporary Housing	#8882bb	Note and File
12) John Baginski comment regarding Venice Beach	#8887b	Note and File
13) Priyanka Ram comments regarding Echo Park	#8896r	Note and File
14) Mckenzie Scott comments regarding Echo Park	#8896s	Note and File
15) John Baginski comments regarding Echo Park	#8896t	Note and File
16) Shawn Stern comments regarding Echo Park	#8896u	Note and File
17) Cari Bjelajac comments regarding Echo Park	#8896v	Note and File
18) Brennan Lindner of Friends of Venice Boardwalk comments regarding Echo Park	#8896w	Note and File

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<u>From</u>		<u>Action Taken</u>
19) Gerry Hans commenting as President of Friends of Griffith Park regarding Captain Albert Torres Memorial	#8899	Note and File
20) Caroline Goston comments regarding Holmby Hills Park	#8900	Referred to General Manager
21) City Council motion regarding Permanent Supportive Housing	#8901	Note and File
22) Laddie Williams comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902	Note and File
23) Brian Averill of the Venice Neighborhood Council comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902a	Note and File
24) Brian Morrison comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902b	Note and File
25) Beth Greenwald comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902c	Note and File
26) Judy Scheer comments regarding Queen Anne Courts	#8903	Note and File
27) Gina Carillo Kanfer comments regarding Westchester Park	#8904	Note and File
28) City Council motion regarding public safety at Echo Park Lake	#8905	Note and File
29) City Council motion regarding rehabilitation efforts Echo Park Lake	#8906	Note and File
30) John Baginski on behalf of the Venice Neighborhood Council regarding Fire Safety Buffer	#8907	Note and File

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<u>From</u>	#8908	<u>Action Taken</u>
31) Linda Parocua comment regarding Housing Homeless at the Beach		Note and File



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 4:59 PM

To: Matt Wait <

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Cc: harold.arrivillega@lacity.org

Thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners.

On Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 12:56 PM Matt Wait

> wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a resident of Glassell Park and I regularly volunteer with SELAH Eagle Rock to help meet the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors in the area.

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.

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With gratitude,
Matt Wait

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: LETTER IN SUPPORT OF TINY HOMES - FIG LOT from SELAH EAGLE ROCK CHAPTER

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 4:57 PM

To: Jack Bentele <

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Cc: harold.arrivillega@lacity.org, Jane Demian <

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Thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners.

On Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 2:28 PM Jack Bentele <

> wrote:

Hi,

Jack Bentele & Jane Demian, co-chairs of SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition Eagle Rock Chapter, are attaching the following letter from our Chapter 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.

Please see attached —

- SELAH Eagle Rock

Jack Bentele

Sent via [Superhuman](#)

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SUPPORT FOR TINY HOMES BRIDGE HOUSING IN THE FIGUEROA LOT

TO RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSIONERS

(rap.commissioners@lacity.org)

(harold.arrivillega@lacity.org)

Volunteer members of SELAH NHC - Eagle Rock Chapter support 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, 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.

SELAH NHC - Eagle Rock Chapter



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Re: Please support the Tiny Homes Project

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 9:09 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 Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 4:50 PM Jessie Gaskell <

Dear RAP Commission,

We are residents and homeowners in Highland Park, and we support the motion proposed by Council Member Kevin de Leon to provide temporary homeless housing in Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

Our unhoused population has reached crisis levels, throughout CD-14 in particular, and 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. We must help our unhoused neighbors gain a pathway to permanent housing.

Thank you,

Jessie Gaskell and Aaron Ganser

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, 14th District



SECONDED BY





Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 10:23 AM

To: Bill Persaud <

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Good morning,

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

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

On Mon, Mar 29, 2021 at 5:28 PM Bill Persaud <

> wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a resident of Highland Park. I have been a homeowner here for 7 years.

I fully support Motion (CF 19-0774) proposed by Council Member Kevin de Leon 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.

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With gratitude,

Bill Persaud
Resident and Homeowner in Highland Park

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Re: Support for Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock and Highland Park

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 10:25 AM

Good morning,

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On Mon, Mar 29, 2021 at 5:48 PM Jenn Van Persaud > wrote:
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With gratitude,

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Best,
Jenn Van Persaud
Resident and Homeowner in Highland Park

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

1 message

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Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 10:24 AM

To: Natalie Warner <>

Cc: Harold Arrivillaga <Harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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On Mon, Mar 29, 2021 at 5:45 PM Natalie Warner <>

> wrote:

Hello,

I am a resident of Highland Park, and a constituent of CD 14. I take my dog to the Eagle Rock doc park at least once a week, and I often picnic/hike in Hermon park and Debs Park, along the Arroyo. I also do weekly outreach to our unhoused neighbors in the lot and Arroyo designated in Council Member Kevin de León's motion, CF 19-0774-S1.

I fully support this motion to provide temporary housing for our unhoused neighbors in Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

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.

This is a critical time for so many of our unhoused neighbors. The pandemic has exacerbated so many issues, and has left a wide services gap for those who are most at risk in our community. Please do everything in your power to support this initiative and make it a reality, for the collective betterment of our community.

Thank you for your time,

Natalie

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 10:39 AM

To: Cooper Kenward <>

Cc: Harold Arrivillaga <Harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>

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On Mon, Mar 29, 2021 at 8:54 PM Cooper Kenward <>

> wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

I am a resident of Highland Park and frequently walk my dog in the areas near Kevin DeLeon's proposed tiny homes. I am also a volunteer who helps the unhoused in our community. I have seen first hand the fear and hatred for the unhoused in our community. And that fear comes from assumptions based on lies about these folks. These people have been left behind by a system that prides it's self on vanity and profit, not care and support. So it's time for a change!

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

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Cooper Kenward

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Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 10:32 AM

To: Hannah Gibson <

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On Mon, Mar 29, 2021 at 9:15 PM Hannah Gibson <

> wrote:

Dear Rec and Parks Commission,

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

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: 7560 N. Figueroa Street Parking Lot Proposal

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 7, 2021 at 2:57 PM

To: Flor < >

Cc: Carolyn Shannon <carolyn.shannon@lacity.org>, John Goldfarb

>, Eva Lengyel

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, all of your emails are forwarded to the Commissioners. The Commissioners have not taken a position on this matter.

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

On Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 1:34 PM Flor < >

> wrote:

Good afternoon Carolyn,

Due to the recent events at Echo Park, there is a growing concern for the safety of our neighbors and families. We would appreciate getting an update from the Commissioners.

Thank you for your time,
Residents of Eagle Rock

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 8:58 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Morning,

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Thank you.

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

> 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.

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Sincerely,

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> wrote:

Hi,

We attended the ERNC meeting today and were told by Sarah Flaherty that the city council is meeting with Rap Commissioners in the next week or two. Have any of the Commissioners seen our emails? Can you kindly ask someone to please reply to us with an update and or their feedback?

There is an ever growing number of opposition to this motion.

Here is a recent petition and we hope the RAP Commissioners will be able to consider the voices of ER residents.

<http://Change.org/solutionsnotsheds>

Kind regards,
Residents of Eagle Rock

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Re: Letter of support -Tiny House Project

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Apr 8, 2021 at 8:48 AM

To: Yolanda Nogueira < >

Cc: Harold Arrivillaga <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>

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On Wed, Apr 7, 2021 at 11:41 PM Yolanda Nogueira <

> wrote:

To: Harold Arrivillaga and RAP Commissioners,

The Highland Park Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that we wholeheartedly support the Tiny House Project.

This is an emergency situation that needs immediate attention in our neighborhood. We cannot allow this to continue- people are suffering, feeling abandoned by our society and government.

The Tiny House project will save lives, give people shelter and a chance to have a better life. It's time to move forward, together.

In Solidarity,

Yolanda Nogueira
President- Highland Park
Chamber of Commerce

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Re: FW: Venice Beach Child Molestation, March 28, 2021

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 10:04 AM

To: John Baginski >

Cc: "Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org" <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>, "enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org" <enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org>, "pamela.perez@lacity.org" <pamela.perez@lacity.org>, "harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org" <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Councilmember Mike Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, "Steve Embrich (30993@lapd.online)" <30993@lapd.online>, "claudia.martin@lacity.org" <claudia.martin@lacity.org>, Nisa Kove <nisa.kove@lacity.org>

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 Mon, Mar 29, 2021 at 2:14 PM John Baginski <

> wrote:

RAP Commissioners,

Yesterday a 3-year-old was molested ON THE BIKE PATH IN BROAD DAYLIGHT. Please carefully read the email below and decide if you are partially to blame by your failure to clean up Venice Boardwalk.

Please do not hide behind that fact that Mike Bonin is not going to help. You need to do the right thing and cleanup Venice without his support. We desperately need your help to immediately clean up Venice.

John Baginski

Disgusted 30 Year Venice Resident

Begin forwarded message:

From: Russ <>**Subject:** Venice Beach Child Molestation, March 28, 2021**Date:** March 29, 2021 at 1:09:23 PM PDT**To:** councilmember.bonin@lacity.org

Yesterday at 6:10pm I was riding my bike south on the bike path through Venice. I haven't been to the stretch of OFW for months because it's disgusting. We leave Venice to go to the beach in Santa Monica if we want to go near the water. I stopped on the path just south of Brooks because I saw something particularly disturbing, even

for Venice. A grown man was actively molesting a girl who assume to be about 3 years old.

ON THE BIKE PATH IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

I called 911 immediately and told them what was going on and that the man appeared inebriated. They asked if he was in need of an ambulance because of his state. I repeated that he was molesting a child, they asked again if he was OK and wanted to know if he needed an ambulance. I asked that they send the police.

He had stopped fondling the girl when he saw me, others had stopped on the bike path as well because of what they witnessed. He got up and staggered away taking the girl with him, still no police. I followed him up Brooks and stopped him from leaving with her.

I called the police 3 times before they showed up, it took 15 minutes. He looked me in the eyes and said "please don't" as he realized I was on the phone with the cops.

15 MINUTES TO RESPOND TO THE ACTIVE MOLESTATION OF A CHILD.

The beach was packed yesterday, there wasn't an officer in sight. The responding officers took my statement along with another witness, they took the little girl into protective services and arrested the sobbing molester.

The complete disregard for any type of enforcement in our neighborhood has lead to these deplorable and unacceptable conditions. Criminals know they can come to Venice and do ANYTHING they want. The Police and sanitation workers have their hands tied because of your and your advocates deranged policies. You are directly responsible for turning Venice into a filthy and dangerous cesspool and need to be held accountable.

We need more police on the streets and we need a councilman that actually cares about our community. **THE WILLFUL DESTRUCTION OF VENICE MUST STOP NOW!!!**

Shame on you and on your accomplices.

Russ Cletta

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Community care in Echo Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 8:55 AM

To: Priyanka Ram <>

Cc: rob.fisher@lacity.org, Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org, paul.krekorian@lacity.org, Councilmember Blumenfield <Councilmember.Blumenfield@lacity.org>, councilmember.raman@lacity.org, Council Member Koretz <Paul.Koretz@lacity.org>, Councilmember Martinez <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, Councilmember Harris-Dawson <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, Curren Price <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org, Councilmember Ridley-Thomas <councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org>, Councilmember Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, councilmember.lee@lacity.org, councilmember.deleon@lacity.org, Councilmember Buscaino <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, Enrique Zaldivar <Enrique.Zaldivar@lacity.org>, Greg Good <greg.good@lacity.org>, Aura Garcia <aura.garcia@lacity.org>, Mike Davis <mike.davis@lacity.org>, Jessica Caloza <jessica.caloza@lacity.org>, Teresa Villegas <teresa.villegas@lacity.org>, Michael Shull <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>, firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov

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On Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 11:48 AM Priyanka Ram <>

> wrote:

Mitch o'Farrell And To Everyone Else That Represent LA's Larger Interests,

I am sure you are getting your inbox flooded in regards to the outright inhumane behavior of the last few days at Echo Park Lake. I am sure you are getting lots of emails asking for your resignation and questioning the funds used for LAPD defensive and offensive actions. I echo all those points and I would just like to add one more as well as an empathy video for your viewing.

This is a Youtube video about animal species taking care of each other and adopting each other. It is a video about care that extends beyond the logical. I am in no way comparing the folk at Echo Park (either the unhoused or the LAPD) as animals, but rather wanting to show examples of how species without language are able to communicate with such empathy. How a FEELING of care can extend beyond bottom lines of instincts (as well as bottom lines of economics, development, etc.)

\$120K to spend in one night in a large sum of money that I can assure you any well-led nonprofit would be able to successfully use it to care for folks in much more meaningful ways. I would recommend using your resources to find these non-profits and social services and put the \$120K + to good use.

I am not going to say much more, I think my point is pretty clear. Please watch this video and more so, I hope this video relaxes your fraught nerves. Y'all are gonna need it for the weeks and months of questions you're going to have to answer.

Best regards,

Priyanka Ram

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoDPE398-S0>

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Housekeys not Handcuffs!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 9:01 AM

To: McKenzie Scott <>

Cc: Mitch O'Farrell <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org, paul.krekorian@lacity.org, Councilmember Blumenfield <Councilmember.Blumenfield@lacity.org>, councilmember.raman@lacity.org, Council Member Koretz <Paul.Koretz@lacity.org>, Councilmember Martinez <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, Councilmember Harris-Dawson <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, Curren Price <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org, Councilmember Ridley-Thomas <councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org>, Councilmember Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, councilmember.lee@lacity.org, councilmember.deleon@lacity.org, Councilmember Buscaino <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, kevin.james@lacity.org, Greg Good <greg.good@lacity.org>, Aura Garcia <aura.garcia@lacity.org>, Mike Davis <mike.davis@lacity.org>, Teresa Villegas <teresa.villegas@lacity.org>, enrique.zalvidar@lacity.org, Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov

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On Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 1:41 PM McKenzie Scott <>

> wrote:

Hello, my name is McKenzie Scott, and I'm reaching out 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.

We demand Housekeys Not Handcuffs, and Services Not Sweeps!

Thank you for your time!

McKenzie Scott

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Thank you Thank you Thank you for Cleaning Up Echo Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 9:17 AM

To: John Baginski >

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

Good morning,

Thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners.

On Sat, Mar 27, 2021 at 11:39 AM John Baginski <

> wrote:

RAP Commissioners,

Thank you so very much for cleaning up Echo Park. This was long overdue.

My deep and sincere thanks. It is a great step forward and we appreciate what you are doing.

Take care and we appreciate what you are doing.

John Baginski

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Thank you!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 31, 2021 at 3:48 PM

To:

Cc: Enrique Zaldivar <enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org>, Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Pamela Hirneisen Perez <pamela.perez@lacity.org>, Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, Harold Arrivillaga <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Good afternoon,

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From: **Shawn Stern** <shawn.stern@lacity.org>
Date: Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 6:40 PM
Subject: Thank you!
To: <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>
Cc: <enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org>, <pamela.perez@lacity.org>, <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>, <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, <carolyn.shannon@lacity.org>, <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>

Mr. Shull,

I wanted to write and say thank you and your staff for enforcing the rules at Echo Park. I understand it's a difficult and complex problem and there are a lot of people complaining but I believe the health and safety of all residents is at stake and tough decisions have to be made. As a 33 year resident of Venice, I've watched the beach and boardwalk encampments grow out of control the past few years to the detriment of the unhoused and housed. I hope you and your staff in coordination with the rest of those city and county agencies will be allowed to enforce the rules to stop people from living in encampments in the park that are unsafe for the unhoused and housed. Please know that your work is very much supported and appreciated.

Shawn Stern

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Re: Deepest Gratitude

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 31, 2021 at 12:02 PM

To: Cari Bjelajac < >

Cc: Enrique Zaldivar <enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org>, Michael Shull <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>, Pamela Hirneisen Perez <pamela.perez@lacity.org>, Harold Arrivillaga <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>

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From: **Cari Bjelajac** < >

Date: Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 2:35 PM

Subject: Deepest Gratitude

To: <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>

Cc: <enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org>, <pamela.perez@lacity.org>, <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>, <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, <carolyn.shannon@lacity.org>, <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>

RAP Commissioners and Officials:

As resident homeowners in Venice, we feel compelled to thank you for taking the difficult first step toward ending the suffering of the unhoused and returning the Echo Park Lake Park to its intended use - a safe, beautiful park for all Angelenos.

Covid has exposed all weaknesses in our societal system. The conditions at Echo Park Lake, and all over this city, could have been prevented. We feel there are many parallels between conditions in Venice and Echo Park.

As taxpayers, we gladly voted for Project HHH so that housing and compassionate outreach services could be extended to our neighbors in greatest need.

Citizens, whether living indoors or outdoors, feel abandoned and have lost trust in our city, county and state elected officials. It will take trust and cooperation to get back on track.

Thank you for your courage to act and be part of the solution.

Sincerely,

Jim and Cari Bjelajac

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Thank you for taking steps to make Echo Park safe and clean again

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 10:21 AM

To: Brennan Lindner < >

Cc: Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Enrique Zaldivar <enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org>, Pamela Hirneisen Perez <pamela.perez@lacity.org>, Harold Arrivillaga <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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From: **Brennan Lindner** < >

Date: Sat, Apr 3, 2021 at 12:29 PM

Subject: Thank you for taking steps to make Echo Park safe and clean again

To: <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>

Cc: <enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org>, <pamela.perez@lacity.org>, <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>, <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, <carolyn.shannon@lacity.org>, Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>

Michael (and all),

Thank you for taking the political risk and taking concrete steps to make Echo Park safe and clean again for residents and visitors, and the individuals who were illegally camping there.

As a longtime resident of Venice (involved with The Midnight Mission and very familiar with the complexity of the challenges), I know it wasn't (and still isn't) easy to balance the concerns of the unhoused and mentally ill (and their vocal supporters) and the surrounding residents and stakeholders. But we, and I say this collectively as a we, cannot sit idly by and allow people to slowly die, destroy property and the quality of life for everyone.

I do hope that the City and County can start to partner and generate ongoing results in all the City parks and surrounding neighborhoods and streets (but let's focus on parks for the immediate focus). It's a momentous task and I want everyone to know that there are many, many residents who while quiet, support any effort to make our communities safe and clean again, and assist the individuals who need it.

Do not hesitate to contact me if and when there can be action and progress made in Venice, I would be happy to be contribute in a positive and productive manner.

Brennan Lindner
Friends of Venice Boardwalk

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Task Force item 2-C, Albert Torres memorial - Support

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 1:56 PM

To: Gerry Hans <

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Cc: Michael Shull <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>, Matthew Rudnick <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>, Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, Nithya Raman <nithya.raman@lacity.org>, Sarah Tanberg <sarah.tanberg@lacity.org>, GPAB Jason Greenwald <

>, Tracy James <tracy.james@lacity.org>

Thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners.

On Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 1:53 PM Gerry Hans <

> wrote:

Please accept our support letter in reference to April 1st Task Force meeting, Captain Albert Torres Memorial.

Thank you,



Gerry Hans
President

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March 26, 2021

Board of Recreation and Park Commission
Facility Repair and Maintenance Task Force
Attn: Chair Lynn Alvarez
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Support for Captain Albert Torres Memorial, Item 2-C

Dear Chair Alvarez,

Friends of Griffith Park strongly supports the proposed Albert Torres Memorial near the Griffith Park Visitor Center.

Albert was an exemplary park ranger and took on roles far beyond those expected of him. His encyclopedic knowledge of Griffith Park combined with his gift for engaging park visitors inspired many to become advocates and volunteers, which was especially helpful to our Friends of Griffith Park organization. Albert cared deeply about the park's wildlife and wilderness areas. His respect for nature continues to thrive through others.

For decades, Ranger Albert was able to leverage the reality of being a Latino to amplify his gift as a public servant. He was an educator and had a tremendous influence on people of all backgrounds in the park, especially children coming to the park for the first time. Decades before the City instituted the approach it now takes with those experiencing homelessness, Albert was empathetic to their plight, working to change lives. In his various roles, he was wise, respectful, kind and immensely impactful.

We missed him greatly in Griffith Park when his work was needed at Hansen Dam, but he stayed in touch. Now we truly want to preserve the fond memories of his good work as a ranger and friend to all who came to our parks.

Sincerely,

Gerry Hans
President

About Friends of Griffith Park:

Friends of Griffith Park (FoGP) is a California non-profit 501(c) (3) dedicated to preserving and protecting Griffith Park's natural habitat, biodiversity, and historic features, for current and future generations. FoGP is committed to ensuring that Griffith Park, a public park and Los Angeles' largest Historic-Cultural Monument, remain open, natural, and free to all citizens of Los Angeles.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Holmby Hills Park playground

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 31, 2021 at 8:43 AM

My apologies, please see the clarification below:

On December 17, 2020, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved the allocation and commitment of a total of \$1.3M in Quimby/Park Fees for the replacement of the Play Area at Holmby Park. That report can be found at the following link: <https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/pdf/commissioner/2020/dec17/20-240.pdf>. RAP staff is currently working to finalize the design of the new playground. On March 11, 2021 a proposed playground design was presented to the Holmby Park Park Advisory Board for their input and comments. Based on the input received at that meeting, RAP staff is preparing revisions to the playground design. At this time it is anticipated that those revised plans will be presented at the next Holmby Park Park Advisory Board meeting (which is scheduled for May 13, 2021) for additional input and feedback. The Holmby Park Park Advisory Board meeting is a public meeting, so we invite you and/or any other members in the community to attend that meeting to provide input on the proposed playground design. We are looking forward to finalizing the design of this playground so we can bring this much needed project to the community.

On Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 6:11 PM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Please also note that:

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On Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 11:27 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will shared with our Maintenance Staff. Also, ae you familiar with the Holmby Park Advisory Board (HPAB)? They may be a great resource in advocating for improvements at your park. Please see the link below on contact information for HPAB.

https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/pdf/PAB_agendas/2020/Sep/HPAB%20MEETING%20AGENDA%20%209-17-20%20T%20Final%20%232.pdf

On Sun, Mar 28, 2021 at 7:57 PM Caroline Goston <

> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of the Homlby Hills community. I have a young toddler, and have taken her to play at the Holmby Hills park playground. I was unpleasantly confronted by, the sight of the old and dirty parks playground equipment there. It was really not nice to see such old and unclean equipment. This is the reason why I'm contacting you concerned. I'd like for this issue to addressed, with the possibility of the Holmby park playground, being fitted and updated with new clean play equipment. It is very sad for such a beautiful area of Holmby Hills, filled with lots of young children that they're left to play on old decrepit dirty play equipment. As a long time resident and home owner of the area paying very high property taxes to live in such an area, I think it's only right that the families of the area get to use a dignified clean new playground. Please if you can entertain this idea of installing a beautiful new playground set for our youth to enjoy, that would be very much appreciated.

I'd also like to bring to your attention that my sentiment on this isn't only me who would like this initiative to happen, but other fellow mothers and families in the community who have made it known, that they feel the same way I do about the playground at Holmby Park. In addition is there someone that comes to clean and maintain the playground periodically? Especially due to covid I think it's even more so important to have a clean playground.

Do you know if there is any plans in the works to put a new playground at the Holmby Hills park? What do you propose should be done about this issue I bring before you? Please let me know any solutions, thoughts and information you have on this proposition I put forward. I'd really appreciate it. You can contact me via email and by cellphone, which is . I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Caroline S

Sent from my iPhone

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HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

MOTION

Addressing our homelessness crisis requires a wide range of solutions, applied urgently and simultaneously, targeting different populations and focusing a variety of resources, across the City of Los Angeles.

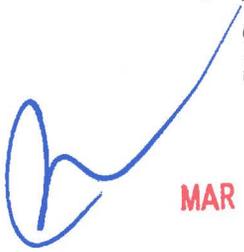
In Council District 11, **Permanent Supportive Housing** funded through HHH has been approved or is in the pipeline at 11950 W. Missouri in West LA, 2454 S Barry Ave in West LA, 3233 S. Thatcher Avenue in Venice, 8333 Airport Blvd in Westchester, 720 Rose Avenue in Venice, 2469 Lincoln Boulevard in Venice, and the Veterans Administration Campus at 11301 Wilshire Blvd in Brentwood. More supportive housing is proposed at the Veterans Administration campus in Brentwood, as well as at Venice Boulevard and Pacific Avenue in Venice, and at 12901 Venice Blvd in Mar Vista. Additional supportive housing has opened in recent years at 11976 Culver Boulevard in Del Rey, 11368 Beach Avenue in Del Rey, 11738 Courtleigh Drive in Del Rey, and 700 Main Street in Venice.

Additional unhoused services have been implemented in the District as a means to provide safe spaces for individuals experiencing homelessness as we build out our Citywide housing capacity. **Bridge housing** has been opened at 200 Sunset Avenue in Venice, at the VA campus in Brentwood, and on Mitchell Avenue in Mar Vista. A **Project Roomkey** Hotel is operational at the Cadillac Hotel on Venice Beach. **Project Homekey** properties have been purchased at 9250 Airport Boulevard in Westchester and 3130 Washington Boulevard in Venice/Marina del Rey. **Safe Parking** has opened in Westchester at the Recreation and Parks parking lot at 9045 Lincoln Boulevard, at the CD11 field office at 1645 Corinth Avenue in West LA and on the Veterans Administration campus in Brentwood. Federally-funded **safe camping** for veterans is available at the VA campus in Brentwood. **Emergency shelters** have also periodically operated in West LA, Westchester and Venice.

Despite those projects, homelessness across Southern California, Los Angeles, and the 11th District continues to increase, and much more must be done. Different interventions must be tried, and more locations must be identified.

I **THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council INSTRUCT the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to evaluate and identify funding for the following potential projects at the following proposed locations:

- A temporary site for single-occupancy tiny homes or safe camping at the county-owned parking lot at Will Rogers State Beach, 17000 CA-1 in Pacific Palisades



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- A temporary site for single-occupancy tiny homes, safe camping or safe parking site at the county-owned Parking Lot #3 at Dockweiler Beach, 11999 Vista Del Mar in Playa del Rey.
- A temporary site specifically for RV safe parking located at the county-owned RV park at Dockweiler Beach, 12001 Vista Del Mar, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293.
- A temporary site for single-occupancy tiny homes or safe camping site at the county-owned parking lot at Fisherman's Village in Marina del Rey, 13755 Fiji Way

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Presented by:



MIKE BONIN

Councilmember, 11th District

Seconded by:



MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

Councilmember, 10th District









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August 25, 2020

By Email

Honorable Mike Bonin councilmember.Bonin@lacity.org

Senior Lead Officer Monique Contreras 38228@lapd.online
Los Angeles Police Department

Re: Enforcement of the off-leash dog ordinance in Oakwood Park

Dear Council Member Bonin and Senior Lead Officer Contreras:

Please be advised that at a regular public meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Board of Officers held on June 16, 2020 the following Motion was approved.

MOTION:

Whereas Oakwood Park continues to be illegally used as an off-leash dog park and Whereas many residents, most importantly seniors and children, feel extremely threatened by these dogs, many of them large-breed and

Whereas there have been multiple incidents of fighting (between both dogs and their owners) and Whereas there is an actual off-leash dog park just a few blocks away

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that LAPD actively enforce this ordinance, with letters sent to SLO Monique Contreras (38228@lapd.online) Steven Embrich (30993@lapd.online) and Councilman Bonin's office (Nisa.Kove@lacity.org & councilmember.bonin@lacity.org)

ACTION:

The motion was approved 16-0-1.



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Yours truly, _

Ira Koslow
President
Venice Neighborhood Council

Cc:

Los Angeles Police Department:

Captain Morrison, Pacific Division: 30789@lapd.online
Deputy Chief Justin Eisenberg, West Bureau Operations,

Justin.eisenberg@lapd.lacity.org

Cory Palka, Commander Operations, West Bureau, cory.palka@lapd.online

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Council District 11:

Nisa Kove -- nisa.kove@lacity.org,

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Venice Neighborhood Council, board@venicenc.org

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Respectively
 Laddie Williams



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

RE: Dog Mauling at Oakwood Park

1 message

Brian Morrison <30789@lapd.online> Thu, Apr 1, 2021 at 8:39 PM

To: Brian Averill <...>, " < >
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B < > Fri, Apr 2, 2021 at 9:48 AM
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Captain Morrison -

As discussed ad nauseam there is one animal control officer available for all of Beverly Hills, W. Los Angeles, Venice, etc and the hours of operation of Animal Control don't coincide with the greatest off-leash dog traffic at Oakwood. Please note these are the same times we have alerted all to for the last 2 years (and is well documented in over 200 emails since September of 2019). Unfortunately due to the lack of enforcement, add an hour to those windows in both the AM and PM because dog owners feel embolden by the lack of enforcement and it certainly doesn't help when LAPD drives by the park and says nothing when they see off-leash dogs - nevermind write tickets. I am not sure of the exact numbers but I believe the LAPD's budget is roughly \$2 billion dollars (roughly 40% of the entire budget for LA County) while Animal Control received only \$40 million. Can you guys spare \$100,000 so Animal Control can bring on a couple people to help us? If not, could your officers write tickets? We all know the city could greatly use the money - especially other departments like Animal Control and Recs and Parks that didn't receive the majority of the fiscal budget.

With all due respect, I would love clarification re the below that you will continue to "educate, warn, and cite when appropriate". There are over 16 signs in the park and at **every** entrance to the park saying that dogs must be on leash. So what are you educating people about? In regards to "warn" Keith Rice the director of the park, as well as Lt Wall (who was previously in charge of the WLA Animal Control) both stated warnings were not working as the same people come back over and over. So can we agree the infrequent warnings (see above with police driving by and saying nothing) has done nothing to deter these owners. So that leaves citing. We have asked for over 2 years to have officers come by 2x's a week - random days - random high traffic AM time and random high traffic PM time and write tickets (not warnings). Why don't we try this for one month - 8 hours of time over the course of 30 days? If you committed to that in partnership with Recs and Parks who is actively working to make some of the fencing retractable which will take away the security dog owners feel because Oakwood is fenced in - I guarantee we would see a HUGE difference and perhaps we could stop having the same conversation. There has been no real change in enforcement at Oakwood so how could anyone expect to see a change in the problem?

Instead of deferring to "your partners" we respectfully request you work *with your partners*. None of us are paid to fight for our community and the safety of children and elders. We do it because we live here and we care. You all are paid by the city to ensure the safety of your respective departments but do any of you live here? If you had kids and they were attacked by a dog in the park or ask a dog owner to leash their dog so your kids can play soccer and the threaten your kids coach and tell them to "shut the f*ck up" and threaten you - I think you'd agree this is as much an LAPD problem as Recs and Parks. It doesn't seem to be a Recs and Parks issue when LAPD cites people for open containers in the same park - is it?

I think we are all concerned for the community's overall safety when LAPD is incapable or unwilling to figuring out how to actively participate in seeking a resolution as well as support their partners by doing their job and corral a bunch of entitled dog owners who have threatened Recs and Parks staff, athletic coaches, kids, and community members because "Clearly dog owners want to let their dogs off-leash". These emails are going to come into play either with this kid, the next one who's attacked, or a class action involving many families and community members who have been begging for help for the last two years. I think we should all remember this (as well as the countless photos and videos that we've sent) when more people get hurt and the city is found liable for millions of dollars vs actually enforcing the law by allocating 8 hours a month to write tickets which would generate revenue for the city as opposed to the inevitable financial liability LA county is going to be hit with if this matter isn't handled.

Can we figure out a way to try 8 hours of citations over 30 days and see what happens?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Beth Greenwald

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Fwd: Queen Anne Courts Usage - TIME SENSITIVE

1 message

Judy Scheer < > Thu, Apr 1, 2021 at 5:14 PM
To: nithya.raman@lacity.org, contactCD4@lacity.org, michael.shull@laparks.org, tennis.munisports@lacity.org, RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org
Cc: mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, Morris Gardner < >, Mala Lee < >, Cinderella Gatcheco-Iriarte
< >, ronny.reynoso@lacity.org, nicole.white@lacity.org, sandra.pineda@lacity.org

Dear All,

In support of my previous email, please see our initial chain of communication regarding Queen Anne Tennis Program and the Queen Anne Recreation Center Courts.

Thank you.

Judy Scheer and Mala Lee
Queen Anne USTA Women's 4.0 Team
mala Lee -



S Judy Scheer

Group

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mala Lee < >
Subject: Fw: Queen Anne Courts Usage - USTA LA Flex League
Date: April 1, 2021 at 11:56:45 AM PDT
To: Judy Scheer < >
Reply-To: Mala Lee < >

Judy,

This is my initial communication with Sharon Nishihara (Recreation/Parks Supervisor). I went into detail about the Queen Anne Tennis Program (Adult/Junior).

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

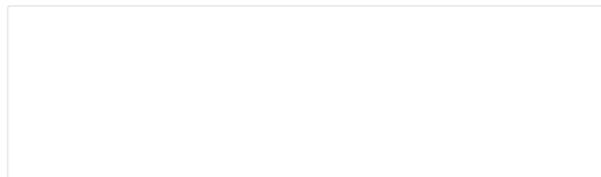
From: Mala Lee < >
To: Sharon Nishihara <sharon.nishihara@lacity.org>
Cc: Ronny Reynoso <ronny.reynoso@lacity.org>; LaRonica Southerland <laronica.southerland@lacity.org>; Sandra Pineda <sandra.pineda@lacity.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020, 02:09:01 PM PDT
Subject: Re: Queen Anne Courts Usage - USTA LA Flex League

Hi Sharon,

I believe these courts aren't reserved via traditional permits. Coach Morris Gardner runs the Queen Anne Recreation Center's tennis program (15+ years). It encompasses a children's tennis program with Saturday clinics during the school year and a tennis camp for the local community during the summer. Additionally, he manages the local league program for the men's, women's and mixed USTA league which encompasses USTA levels 3.0 to 4.0. There are also a junior tennis league program and tennis lessons provided by Coach Michael Miller. I myself have been part of the league program since 2014 and began captaining 4.0 women's in 2019.

It's a very robust program with men's and women's clinics in the evenings and USTA league play on the weekends. There has been a hiatus this year due to the Covid-19. Normally we would have had Spring League (6 teams), Summer Combo League (6 teams), and now would be playing Fall Doubles League (6 teams). In addition to the children's tennis program on Saturday mornings. Oh, and there is also an annual Queen Anne Family Day:

[Queen Anne Family Day 2017](#)



**Queen Anne Family Day 2017**

I have attached some photos of the the junior's program, league play and Family Day...

My initial email was about being approved to continue league play with the lifting of restrictions (DOH-LA) on tennis court play from a concerned league captain...

Thank you for your assistance.

Mala Lee

On Thursday, October 29, 2020, 02:30:24 PM PDT, Sharon Nishihara <sharon.nishihara@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Mala,
Thank you for your interest in the Tennis Courts at Queen Anne Recreation Center.
Please contact the Municipal Office regarding permitting of the Courts for classes and matches. There number is (818) 765-0284

I will try to contact you again, as Queen Anne RC is also looking for an instructor for kids classes.
Thanks

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

From: **Mala Lee** < >
Date: Wed, Oct 28, 2020 at 10:24 AM
Subject: Re: Queen Anne Courts Usage - USTA LA Flex League
To: sharon.nishihara@lacity.org <sharon.nishihara@lacity.org>

Good afternoon Sharon,

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USTA Flex League - Los Angeles (These are the LA teams participating in the Flex League)

<https://tennislink.usta.com/Leagues/Main/StatsAndStandings.aspx?t=R-3&par1=6517576001&par2=2020&OrgURL=https://tennislink.usta.com/Dashboard/Main/Home.aspx>

Flex League Info:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/f474815a701/babaaa90-a1cc-4404-9494-6b6c353d150e.pdf>

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Follow-up....

On Sunday, October 25, 2020, 04:10:28 PM PDT, Mala Lee <

> wrote:

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Department of Recreation and Parks
Metro Region - Central District
Phone: (213) 485-5027

















Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Homeless in Westchester Park and Wetlands

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 3:54 PM

To:

Thank you for your comments, Ms. Carrillo. This will be shared with the Commissioners as well as with appropriate staff.

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

From: **Gina Carillo** < >
Date: Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 3:21 PM
Subject: Homeless in Westchester Park and Wetlands
To: <Harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>

Dear Mr. Arrivillaga,

I am a resident of Playa Del Rey. I recently watched a man taking a dump on the corner of Lincoln and Manchester. The park has become a disaster and is getting worse by the day. The situation has only escalated and the recent fire in the wetlands was a stark reminder that this is truly a disaster waiting to happen. These people parked in their RV's and school buses on Jefferson and calling Westchester Park home are not my neighbors. They do not act in a neighborly fashion. We are all afraid of them. Many are on drugs or mentally ill and they are a danger to themselves and to me. They do not care about me. Their trash is all over and the rodents and diseases they carry are here too. A public park is not a campground. They need to be escorted out. Close the park and have them moved - make it impossible to park along Jefferson as the fire hazard has now been well proven.

Please help make it possible to return to what was once a beautiful park and protect the wetlands from these clear and present dangers.

Please try to appreciate that we are all filled with worry for our town.

Best,
Gina Carillo Kanfer

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PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION

Council District 13 has coordinated the delivery of over \$2.8 million in additional services for the unsheltered individuals at Echo Park Lake; this figure does not include any costs incurred by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) or by any of its contracted service providers. While the unsheltered population at Echo Park Lake received constant service and housing options and significant outreach, local residents and park patrons reported harassment, drug use, and repeated violence towards women.

On December 1, 2020 an unsheltered person was shot (Case# 2012-010000-1679) at the lake, further escalating an already tense and dangerous site for workers to provide the delivery of services. However, in spite of the danger within the lake, all service coordination and delivery was led by CD 13 in partnership with nonprofit partners, city departments, county agencies, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) - not by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). The park closure itself was led by the Department of Recreation and Parks, while housing placements were done by LAHSA, Urban Alchemy and other service providers.

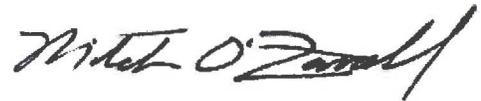
The police response on March 24th through March 26th resulted in the arrests of 182 protestors and the unfortunate detention of two journalists after multiple orders to disperse were given. Additionally, the last two people experiencing homelessness at Echo Park Lake waited until arrest and citation on Thursday morning, March 25th. While the City received credible threats of violence, many of the people present were peaceful and complied with officer instructions. The LAPD should provide a summary report on the efforts leading up to the closure of the park, focusing primarily on the police deployment to ensure the public's safety at the Echo Park Lake First Amendment protests. Additionally, the Information and Technology Agency should identify all communications to City Departments, Agencies or Offices about Echo Park Lake, planned first amendment protests, and or the housing event planned for March 25th 2021, focusing on credible threats of violence to any city employee or to city property.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department, with the assistance of the Department of Recreation and Parks, to report on the public safety issues at Echo Park Lake, from January 2020 until the present, including any incident involving persons experiencing homelessness, park patrons, street vendors, concessionaires, non-profit or local faith based organizations, including vandalism of city resources or threats to city staff or personnel.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Information Technology Agency (ITA), with the Assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and the Office of the City Attorney, to identify, organize and present on communications reported to City Agencies, Departments, or Offices about Echo Park Lake and the planned housing event and park closure beginning March 24th, 2021 focusing on and isolating credible threats of violence to city personnel or property.

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I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department to report on the community safety activities of March 24 through March 26, 2021, and outline the decision-making process for the required public safety response; this report should include a description of what training programs directly prepared officers for this and other first amendment deployments.



Presented By: _____

Mitch O'Farrell
Councilmember, 13th District



Seconded By: _____

MOTION

The initiative to house 209 unsheltered individuals at Echo Park Lake was the single largest housing event in the history of the City. Starting in early 2021, until the recent park closure, there has been a consistent provision of resources offered to people experiencing homelessness. Unfortunately, the City must assess and take the burden of costs associated with impacts to the park itself, and damage to city property: the removal of over 85,000 lbs of solid waste, the repair of many broken light fixtures and electrical components, water fountains and piping, restroom facilities, landscaping and other park amenities.

Echo Park Lake is one of the iconic crown jewels of our City's park system. On March 1, 2006 the park was formally named as a City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument; the designation covers the entire park grounds north of the 101 freeway, including the recreation center, lotus bed, boat house, "Lady of the Lake" statue and landscape features. Echo Park Lake has recently undergone a major renovation and modernization with funds from the 2004 \$500 million ballot initiative, Proposition O. A refurbished Echo Park was reopened to the public in 2013 after a \$45 million water quality improvement investment.

The Department of Recreation and Parks maintains and operates the recreation center, and parkland surrounding the lake. The Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) maintains the natural habitat within the lake's shoreline. It is important to have a full accounting of the joint efforts between the Department of Recreation and Parks, and LASAN for the upcoming park reopening. This report must include information and data starting January 2020 until the present time, from both agencies. LASAN worked with unsheltered individuals to safely store personal property: 236 storage boxes and 94 storage bags and the city obtained direct attestations when an individual chose to discard property. LASAN should describe the process of collaborating with individuals at the lake to safely store and retrieve belongings. Additionally, the report should describe discarded and or confiscated items that could have posed a threat to public safety.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) to report on damages and estimated costs to make repairs to Echo Park Lake, including rehabilitation efforts of natural habitat within the shoreline, and a full accounting of all personal property stored or confiscated as delineated in the body of this motion.



Presented By: _____

MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District



Seconded By: _____

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Venice Neighborhood Council - Resolution to Require Fire Safety Buffer between Encampments and Structures - Venice Boardwalk and City Parks

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Apr 6, 2021 at 3:28 PM

To: John Baginski <

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Cc: Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim

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>, "Armando.hogan@lacity.org" <Armando.hogan@lacity.org>, Nisa Kove <nisa.kove@lacity.org>

Good afternoon,

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

On Tue, Apr 6, 2021 at 10:13 AM John Baginski <

> wrote:

RAP Team,

The Venice Neighborhood Council and Venice Neighborhood Council Safety Committee are extremely concerned about the imminent danger to people and property posed by the numerous fires at encampments and RVs throughout Venice Beach. On March 26, 2021 the VNC Board approved a Resolution to Require a Fire Safety Buffer between Encampments and Structures by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0) See attached.

The Venice Neighborhood Council Safety Committee requests your immediate support of this resolution by calling upon and working with the Los Angeles Fire Department to conduct a study of the fire hazard posed to structures in Venice by encampments and to issue orders for those encampments that pose a fire threat to be removed from close proximity to those structures and fire access lanes on the Venice Boardwalk area and within Venice City Parks.

Please let the VNC know of any action you take on this issue so we can support you accordingly.

Your actions will protect lives and property. We are sure you will give this resolution the attention and immediate support it deserves.

Thank you for making Venice safer.

Best regards,

John Baginski

On Behalf of the VNC Public Health and Safety Committee

From: John Baginski
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 9:55 AM
To: mike.bonin@lacity.org; armando.hogan@lacity.org; councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org; Nisa.Kove@lacity.org; mayor.garretti@lacity.org; brad.fingard@lacity.org; claudia.martin@lacity.org; holly.wolcott@lacity.org; alek.bartosouf@lacity.org; Keyonna.Kidd@lacity.org; Rita.Moreno@lacity.org; Dennis.Gleason@lacity.org; chad.richardson@lacity.org; michael.webb@lacity.org;
Subject: Venice Neighborhood Council - Resolution to Require Fire Safety Buffer between Encampments and Structures

Mr. Bonin and Mr. Hogan,

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The Venice Neighborhood Council Safety Committee would be glad to join the fire department staff as they conduct their study. Please let the VNC know of any action you take on this issue so we can support you accordingly.

Your actions will protect lives and property. We are sure you will give this resolution the attention and immediate support it deserves.

Thank you for making Venice safer.

Best regards,

John Baginski

On Behalf of the VNC Public Health and Safety Committee

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

From: <Clerk.CIS@lacity.org>
Date: Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 1:31 PM
Subject: Community Impact Statement - City Council and Committees
To: <clerk.CIS@lacity.org>
Cc: < >

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at NCsupport@lacity.org.

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

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Venice Neighborhood Council

Name: Ira Koslow

Phone Number:

Email: president@venicenc.org

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/16/2021

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 04/05/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-0010-S16

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to immediately pass an ordinance to reinforce and enhance the current LA City Fire Code by; prohibiting tents and/or temporary flammable structures to be located within 20 feet of lot lines, buildings, other tent or membrane structures, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines; banning any fires for any purpose on public property within 50 feet of any structure; banning flammable-liquid-fueled equipment use in tents or membrane structures; requiring flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored per LA Fire Code not less than 50 feet away from lot lines, buildings, other tent or membrane structures, and parked vehicles; and ensure all fire access lanes are clear for emergency use. The Venice Neighborhood Council further calls upon the Los Angeles Fire Department to conduct an immediate study of the fire hazard posed to structures in Venice by encampments and to issue orders for those encampments that pose a fire threat to be removed from proximity to those structures and fire access lanes.

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March 26, 2021

By email

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Deputy Fire Chief Hogan Armando.hogan@lacity.org

Re: Resolution to Require Fire Safety Buffer between Encampments and Structures

Dear all:

Please be advised that at a regular public meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Board of Officers held on February 16, 2021 the following Motion was approved.

MOTION:

Whereas Venice has witnessed numerous fires over recent years in homeless encampments, in recreational vehicles, and free-standing fires in public; and

Whereas these random and ongoing fires pose a tremendous threat of serious lifelong injuries or potential death to our Unsheltered population; and

Whereas the recent fire at 723 Ocean Front Walk (OFW) destroyed the office building at that location and threatened nearby apartment buildings and single-family residences; and

Whereas, the Los Angeles Fire Department has announced that the fire at 723 OFW spread from the large homeless encampment on Park Avenue adjacent to the building; and

Whereas fires on Rose Avenue next to Penmar Golf Course have threatened the golf course's expansive tree canopy and resulted in the city removing all encampments on Rose Avenue east of Lincoln Boulevard, setting a positive precedence for addressing fire danger in Venice; and



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Whereas Venice has an unusually high percentage of wooden and historic structures that are especially vulnerable to fire; and

Whereas such a buffer zone would significantly advance the objective of protecting residences and other structures from fire; and

Whereas there is precedence in the City of Los Angeles banning camping in other fire-vulnerable areas, such as the bluffs along Pacific Coast Highway in the Pacific Palisades; now

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to immediately pass an ordinance to reinforce and enhance current LA City Fire Code by; prohibiting tents and/or temporary flammable structures to be located within 20 feet of lot lines, buildings, other tent or membrane structures, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines; banning any fires for any purpose on public property within 50 feet of any structure; banning flammable-liquid-fueled equipment use in tents or membrane structures; requiring flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored per LA Fire Code not less than 50 feet away from lot lines, buildings, other tent or membrane structures, and parked vehicles; and ensure all fire access lanes are clear for emergency use.

The Venice Neighborhood Council further calls upon the Los Angeles Fire Department to conduct an immediate study of the fire hazard posed to structures in Venice by encampments and to issue orders for those encampments that pose a fire threat to be removed from proximity to those structures and fire access lanes.

Upon passage this Resolution shall be sent as a Community Impact Statement to Councilman Mike Bonin, Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Los Angeles City Council's Public Safety Committee Legislative Assistants: Keyonna.Kidd@lacity.org, Rita.Moreno@lacity.org and Dennis.Gleason@lacity.org, and Deputy Fire Chief Armando Hogan (armando.hogan@lacity.org) and to the Los Angeles City Clerk to be attached to Council File: 20-0010-S16.

ACTION:

It was approved by a vote of 17-0-2.



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Respectfully submitted,

Ira Koslow
President
Venice Neighborhood Council

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: DO NOT house homeless at the beach

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Apr 8, 2021 at 8:46 AM

To: Linda Parocua <

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, Apr 7, 2021 at 10:26 PM Linda Parocua <

> wrote:

It's unacceptable for the homeless to be housed at the beach.

The coast line is the most expensive real estate in CA and people work very hard to be able to afford living near the beach. It's completely unfair to place homeless there... it's a slap in the face to those who sacrificed to live near the coastline.

Also, the homeless will bring drug needles and human waste to our beautiful beaches .

Furthermore, CA beaches are a popular tourist attraction and having homeless there will not look good.

The city of LA owns parking lots and other areas of land where the homeless should be placed.

DO NOT ALLOW HOMELESS TO BE HOUSED AT THE BEACH

Sent from my iPhone

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