

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

August 5, 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) John Baginski comments regarding Venice Beach	#8874t	Referred to General Manager
2) John Baginski comments regarding Venice Beach	#8874u	Referred to General Manager
3) Cyndi Hench comments regarding Westchester Park	#8904b	Referred to General Manager
4) Stephen Resnick on behalf of Westwood Homeowners Assoc comments regarding Aidan's Place at Westwood Park	#8931c	Referred to General Manager
5) Jason Grant comments regarding Silver lake Quimby fees	#8964	Referred to General Manager
6) Andrew Marton comments regarding Mar Vista Park	#8965	Referred to General Manager
7) Issen Alibris comments regarding Stoner Park	#8966	Referred to General Manager
8) Sarajane Schwartz comments as Safety Chair on behalf of Hollywoodland Homeowners Assoc regarding 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	#8967	Referred to General Manager
9) Jennifer Massey comments regarding noise levels at Veterans Gardens	#8968	Referred to General Manager

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10) Emily Schmidt comments regarding off leash dogs at Cheviot Hills Park	#8969	Referred to General Manager
11) John Castillo comments regarding Westwood Recreation Center	#8970	Referred to General Manager
12) Mauro Garcia comments regarding a pile of mulch at Sycamore Park	#8971	Referred to General Manager
13) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Graffiti at Sycamore Park	#8972	Referred to General Manager
14) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Graffiti at Sycamore Park	#8972a	Referred to General Manager
15) City Council motion regarding LAHSA Venice Encampment to Home Program	#8973	Note and File

Prepared by Jessica Martinez, RAP Commission Office



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## Re: Clean Up Venice Beach Immediately - Crime is Out of Control

1 message

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Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 10:04 AM

To: John Baginski

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**Subject:** Please Recognize the Disaster that Current City Policies Have Created - Clean Up Venice Beach Immediately

Please clean up our parks and beaches. The press of the world has recognized your failure to clean up Venice Beach and the resulting crime, violence, fires, drugs, and despair that has followed. Bonin's failed policies have destroyed Venice Beach and he is not stopping. Please step in and help Venice Beach.

New York

<https://nypost.com/2021/05/10/californias-venice-boardwalk-is-now-dangerous-homeless-encampment/>

London

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9557069/Residents-Los-Angeles-Venice-say-world-famous-beach-boardwalk-crippled-crime.html>

LA Times

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-13/venice-beachfront-property-destroyed-in-early-morning-fire>

Ireland

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/us/la-divided-on-how-to-deal-with-homeless-encampments-on-venice-beach-1.4544729> Fox News

The Atlantic

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/07/unbundling-police-venice/613822/>

Fox News

<https://www.foxla.com/news/business-owner-on-venice-boardwalk-shutting-down-shop-after-rise-in-crime-and-drugs-in-area>

NBC

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/venice-beach-homeless-crime-fires-tents-homelessness/2569359/#:~:text=Now%2C%20Venice's%20housed%20residents%20are,for%20the%20homeless%20in%20Venice.&text=LAPD%20crime%20stats%20from%202020,suspect%20was%20described%20as%20homeless.>

Trip Advisor even is offering tours for the Venice Beach homeless encampments. Reviews are not that great...



462lorraines  
Los Angeles,  
California  
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## Tour of LA homeless encampments

Review of Venice Beach

●○○○○ Reviewed June 19, 2020 via mobile

Filthy!! People, garbage and disease line the entire boardwalk. The tide line at the beach was piles of plastic, broken sunglasses, food wrappers, needles and used condoms. We could not get in a hot shower fast enough and left our shoes outside our house for two weeks. The desire to burn the clothing we were wearing was overwhelming. Gross

Date of experience: May 2020



[Ask 462lorraines about Venice Beach](#)

8 Thank 462lorraines

Please clean up Venice Beach immediately. We need your help.

John Baginski

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**From:** On Behalf Of John Baginski  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 06, 2021 10:14 AM  
**To:** 'rap.commissioners@lacity.org' <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>; Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>; Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>; Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>; 'Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org' <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>; Harold.Arrivillaga@lacity.org  
**Cc:** Councilmember Mike Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>; publicsafety@venicenc.org; Armando.hogan@lacity.org;

Nisa Kove <nisa.kove@lacity.org>

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

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

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**From:** John Baginski

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 06, 2021 9:55 AM

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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.

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

From: <[Clerk.CIS@lacity.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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: (310) 392-0868

Email:

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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## Re: During the Venice Beach cleanup, a Woman was being held against her will in a tunnel on the beach

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wrote:

Skeletal remains found in search for missing woman during homeless camp cleanup on LA's Venice Beach. During the cleanup, police responded to a report that a woman was being held against her will in a tunnel near the beach

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/skeletal-remains-woman-venice-beach-la-b1886258.html>

City policies created the environment for this horrible situation to happen. Allowing hundreds of people with mental health, drug, and alcohol issues to live virtually unsupervised on Venice Beach has created the environment that situations like this can and do happen.

It is time that you accept some responsibility for what you have created.

Venice Beach is still a disaster area. The community has been damaged. The reputation of Venice is damaged. People have moved. Businesses have fled. Venice's citizens and visitors have lost their lives, property, access to the beach and security.

When are you going to recognize the damage, you and Mike Bonin's policies have done to this community?

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London

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9557069/Residents-Los-Angeles-Venice-say-world-famous-beach-boardwalk-crippled-crime.html>

LA Times

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-13/venice-beachfront-property-destroyed-in-early-morning-fire>

Ireland

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<https://www.foxla.com/news/business-owner-on-venice-boardwalk-shutting-down-shop-after-rise-in-crime-and-drugs-in-area>

NBC

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/venice-beach-homeless-crime-fires-tents-homelessness/2569359/#:~:text=Now%2C%20Venice's%20housed%20residents%20are,for%20the%20homeless%20in%20Venice.&text=LAPD%20crime%20stats%20from%202020,suspect%20was%20described%20as%20homeless.>

Trip Advisor even is offering tours for the Venice Beach homeless encampments. Reviews are not that great...



462lorraines  
Los Angeles,  
California  
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## Tour of LA homeless encampments

Review of Venice Beach

●○○○○○ Reviewed June 19, 2020 via mobile

Filthy!! People, garbage and disease line the entire boardwalk. The tide line at the beach was piles of plastic, broken sunglasses, food wrappers, needles and used condoms. We could not get in a hot shower fast enough and left our shoes outside our house for two weeks. The desire to burn the clothing we were wearing was overwhelming. Gross

Date of experience: May 2020



[Ask 462lorraines about Venice Beach](#)

8 Thank 462lorraines

Please clean up Venice Beach immediately. We need your help.

John Baginski

**From:** On Behalf Of John Baginski  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 06, 2021 10:14 AM  
**To:** 'rap.commissioners@lacity.org' <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>; Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>; Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>; Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>; 'Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org' <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>; Harold.Arrivillaga@lacity.org  
**Cc:** Councilmember Mike Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>; publicsafety@venicenc.org; Armando.hogan@lacity.org; Nisa Kove <nisa.kove@lacity.org>  
**Subject:** Venice Neighborhood Council - Resolution to Require Fire Safety Buffer between Encampments and Structures - Venice Boardwalk and City Parks

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

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**From:** John Baginski

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 06, 2021 9:55 AM

**To:** [mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org); [armando.hogan@lacity.org](mailto:armando.hogan@lacity.org); [councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org); [Nisa.Kove@lacity.org](mailto:Nisa.Kove@lacity.org); [mayor.garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.garcetti@lacity.org); [brad.fingard@lacity.org](mailto:brad.fingard@lacity.org); [claudia.martin@lacity.org](mailto:claudia.martin@lacity.org); [holly.wolcott@lacity.org](mailto:holly.wolcott@lacity.org); [alek.bartosouf@lacity.org](mailto:alek.bartosouf@lacity.org); [Keyonna.Kidd@lacity.org](mailto:Keyonna.Kidd@lacity.org); [Rita.Moreno@lacity.org](mailto:Rita.Moreno@lacity.org); [Dennis.Gleason@lacity.org](mailto:Dennis.Gleason@lacity.org); [chad.richardson@lacity.org](mailto:chad.richardson@lacity.org); [michael.webb@lacity.org](mailto:michael.webb@lacity.org); [publicsafety@venicenc.org](mailto:publicsafety@venicenc.org)

**Subject:** Venice Neighborhood Council - Resolution to Require Fire Safety Buffer between Encampments and Structures

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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: (310) 392-0868

Email:

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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7/20/2021

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: During the Venice Beach cleanup, a Woman was being held against her will in a tunnel on the beach

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## Re: Westchester park

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 15, 2021 at 1:50 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.

On Thu, Jul 15, 2021 at 10:26 AM Cyndi Hench < > wrote:

Please help to return our park to its purpose - recreational use. What has happened to Westchester park is incredibly irresponsible and a slap in the face to the surrounding community. It's unsafe for everyone. Here is a short video of what our park has become. <https://youtu.be/thpmGH7BBek>

Please do not allow for the continued camping that is illegally taking place here. We have laws on the books that need to be enforced. Hiding behind covid is a farce. I have never heard that there is a big outbreak of covid among LA's homeless. However, typhus and drug overdoses, we have heard about. This is unsanitary and dangerous.

Please do not support the so called "safe camping" experiment to go forward. There will be nothing "safe" about this. It is not feasible to do this in a community that is crying out NO!

Secondly, I ask that the CAMERA SYSTEM be upgraded and monitored by LAPD. There are too many blind spots in the coverage. We need to improve the safety of the park and proper surveillance with proper signage will help in this regard.

Thank you, Cyndi Hench

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## Re: Westwood Park

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 15, 2021 at 2:08 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.

On Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 12:11 PM Stephen Resnick < > wrote:  
President Patsaouras and Commissioners,

Please see the attached letter from the Westwood Homeowners Association in regard to Aidan's Place at Westwood Park. Thank you.

Stephen Resnick, President  
Westwood Homeowners Association

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July 14, 2021

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Commissioner Joseph Halper

Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department  
Office of Board of Commissioners  
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Via email ([RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG](mailto:RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG))

Dear Commissioners,

As expressed previously, the Westwood Homeowners Association (WHA) has many concerns about Westwood Park. Those living near the park, community members, families with young children refuse to visit as they consider it dangerous. Maintenance issues abound.

As we study the proposal for Aidan's Place, we have these concerns.

- There is not an immediate need to replace the equipment as it is not in a state of disrepair
- Contrary to the latest proposal, all of Aidan's Place will not be remodeled.  
Reason: lack of funding
- Some new and interesting pieces of equipment that have been designed may have to be redesigned. Reason: lack of funding
- The new design provides less climbing equipment than currently exists
- RAP is considering eliminating the sand area.
- The new design was developed before the new soccer field. It needs to be determined if there will be a safety issue due to the close proximity of these areas

We also have an issue with the lack of community outreach in regard to Aidan's Place. We are informed by Councilmember Paul Koretz that RAP does outreach *only* after a project is determined, a report written, and a funding request to your commission has been approved. Based upon this procedure, outreach should have been done in regard to the funding that was approved for Aidan's Place in March of 2020. This was not the case, however. WHA has been here since 1961 and could (and should) have been contacted. Instead, a year passed before we learned of the proposal for a partial remodel of Aidan's Place along with a new proposal for additional funds for a complete remodel. We are very appreciative that the Commissioners listened to the public comments and did not approve the requested funds.

Aidan's Place cannot come before the homeless. Maintenance comes next. Early this year, working with Councilmember Koretz' office, I formed a small group of concerned neighbors that use the park. The group produced a list of park issues and then the group, along with Community Leaders, met with the Council Office to discuss these issues. This should be the basis for a master plan for the park.

As I have indicated, the park has homeless issues, maintenance issues, and safety issues. There needs to be a Master Plan. We are concerned about spending over a million dollars on an unneeded project while the homeless are not taken care of. Based upon the entirety of park issues, regardless of where the funds come from, the Board of the Westwood Homeowners Association cannot support a remodel of Aidan's Place at this time.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Resnick".

Stephen Resnick, President  
Westwood Homeowners Association



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

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## Silver Lake QIMBY Fees Allocation Request

1 message

jason@localdevinc.com

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Mon, Jul 12, 2021 at 2:23 PM

To: laura.island@lacity.org, rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Hi Laura, Commissioners,

I hope this message finds you well as I am not entirely certain who I should be connecting with on this matter; I hope you can assist.

I work with a development company and we are proposing roughly 336 non-exempt apartment units for development within a 5 block radius in the Silver Lake Community. As a result, we will be required to pay approximately \$2.44M in Parks and Recreation Fees making us, I presume, your best customer in Silver Lake 😊

As having such a critical stake in the Silver Lake Community, we are hoping we could speak with those in charge that direct where the use of this fees gets spent and how it gets spent. Having to cut such a large check from one company for one little area, we would like to request to have a "say" in the direction it goes, as well as to know where it goes. I understand that your department has rules regarding radius expenditures, but if we can do so, we would like for all (or most) of the money to be spent on a particular project that could serve the immediate area, perhaps, as an example, improving the local park behind some of the projects that is in need of an update.

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We would just like to help our community if we can and we can get creative.

Thank you and looking forward to your response.

Best,

Jason Grant

Local Development

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**Re: Silver Lake QIMBY Fees Allocation Request**

1 message

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**Darryl Ford** <darryl.ford@lacity.org>  
To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
Cc: jason@localdevinc.com, Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org>

Mon, Jul 12, 2021 at 6:26 PM

Hi Jason,

I am happy to speak with you about how Quimby/Park Fees are used. I just called you at the number below and left a message. Let me know what would be a good time to reach you

**Regarding the use of any Quimby/Park Fees paid to the Department of Recreation and Parks.** All Quimby/Park fees are used in conformance with the requirements and provisions of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33. Department staff identifies and recommends proposed projects for the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners' consideration and approval. The Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners is the body that ultimately determines the park acquisition or park capital improvement projects that collected Quimby/Parks fees are committed or allocated to.

If you have a particular suggestion for a project improvement or needed park, please do let us know. We are happy to take your input as we do the input of all stakeholders.

Also do note that in lieu of paying the park fee, you can also dedicate land to the City for public park and recreational purposes. If that is an option you would like to consider, we are happy to talk to you about that process and how the Department reviews land dedication proposals to see if the proposed property complies with the Department's standards and requirements.

**And regarding your question about where Quimby/Park Fees are used.** Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 I.2, the Department of Recreation and Parks prepares an annual report to the Board on the amount of fee income and expenditures, status of the trust fund account, and each of the park and recreational facilities on which fees were committed in the last fiscal year and the appropriate date by which construction of the park and recreational facilities will commence. You can find those annual reports on our website: <https://www.laparks.org/planning/park-fees>

Darryl Ford  
Superintendent of Planning  
City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks  
Office: 213.202.2607 /// Mobile: 213.476.4764

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On Mon, Jul 12, 2021 at 3:48 PM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

You may contact [+Darryl Ford](#) as he may best be able to advise on the Park Fees process.

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## Re: Mar Vista Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jul 13, 2021 at 2:53 PM

To: Andrew Marton

Cc: "HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov" <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov>, Mary&Paul Garnnet <mary.paul.run@verizon.net>, "vishesh.anand@lacity.org" <vishesh.anand@lacity.org>, "ap.diaz@lacity.org" <ap.diaz@lacity.org>, Claudia Martin <claudia.martin@lacity.org>, Councilmember Mike Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, "ackley.padilla@lacity.org" <ackley.padilla@lacity.org>, "alexis.wesson@lacity.org" <alexis.wesson@lacity.org>, "councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org" <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, "jenny.chavez@lacity.org" <jenny.chavez@lacity.org>, "councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org" <councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org" <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, "councilmember.price@lacity.org" <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, "councilmember.Lee@lacity.org" <councilmember.Lee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, "mayor.garcetti@lacity.org" <mayor.garcetti@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.

On Tue, Jul 13, 2021 at 10:05 AM Andrew Marton

> wrote:

To all,

I am a resident of Mar Vista and live at 3330 Purdue Avenue - a block or so from the Mar Vista park. We have a homeless encampment at Mar Vista park that continues to grow and more recently may be related to gang activity (graffiti) at the park as well. Also, two weekends ago I was verbally attacked by one of the homeless people at the park. I had to call 911 at the time to get this mentally unstable homeless person to settle down. Consequently, I no longer feel safe going to the park. I am not alone in this regard. Lots of people in the neighborhood have a concern about their safety including parents who question whether their children are safe while attending park sponsored activities.

I have attached several screenshots from NextDoor that contain comments relating to people's experiences at the park these days. I also attached a video depicting the current state of the encampment for your reference. I have also cc'd Mary & Paul Garnnet on this email as they live at 3418 Corinth Avenue, LA, CA, 90066. Their house abuts against a fence that separates their backyard from this ever growing encampment in the park. They are worried about the safety of their daughter and also have to deal with the noise, rodents, fire hazard and safety concerns relating to the encampment, among other things. In addition to safety and health issues (discarded needles in and around the encampment and softball stands), the encampment is also a serious fire hazard as the occupants openly cook under and around trees in the area. And the general area is very, very dry. LAFD has been called out to the park on several occasions but the fires continue. So I want to put the Department of Recreation and Parks and the city on notice of these public safety and health issues that threatened those of us who visit the park or live near the park.

I believe there are several LA Municipal Codes that would require the park and city to do something about this encampment. I also believe the encampment is a Public Nuisance pursuant to *California Civil Code Sections 3479 and 3480* and *California Penal Code Section 370*. Can you please advise us as to what RAP and the city intends to do

about this problem. At a minimum, I believe RAP and the City Council should ask the City Attorney's office to provide an advisory opinion as to the legality of this encampment and the city's liability in that regard.

Thank you for your immediate attention in this regard.

Andrew

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**B****Brooke Houston** · Mar Vista ...

I've seen St. Joseph's, the police and park rangers in the encampment over the past month.

Strangely, none were talking to the homeless (but maybe I got just a snapshot.) I walk thru the park each day. Today a man pulled out his penis and urinated just eight yards from the porta potty and hand washing station there and four yards from me. Not a place for children.



**Rupert Hitzig** · Mar Vista



Disgusting. I used to run there with my son. Those days are over. But I still live here and still pay taxes. I'm pissed. Aren't you? (edited)

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**Leon Black** · Sawtelle



We found 4 used needles  near the dugout earlier this month. My 8-year old daughter was playing with her friends less than 50 feet away. This ends now.

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**Re: Mar Vista Park**

1 message

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

Tue, Jul 13, 2021 at 4:52 PM

To: Andrew Marton

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On Tue, Jul 13, 2021 at 3:31 PM Andrew Marton <

wrote:

Thank you for the quick reply. Attached are pictures of Mar Vista park that I took this afternoon while walking my dog. As you can see the encampment has now migrated around one of the softball fields. This softball field is no longer useable due to the encampment by the stands and on the field.

Thank you for your attention in this regard. Andrew Marton



Andrew J. Marton

**CHILD & MARTON LLP**

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**From:** <carolyn.shannon@lacity.org> on behalf of Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 2:53 PM  
**To:** ANDREW MARTON  
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**Subject:** Re: Mar Vista Park

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, Jul 13, 2021 at 10:05 AM Andrew Marton

wrote:

To all,

I am a resident of Mar Vista and live at 3330 Purdue Avenue - a block or so from the Mar Vista park. We have a homeless encampment at Mar Vista park that continues to grow and more recently may be related to gang activity (graffiti) at the park as well. Also, two weekends ago I was verbally attacked by one of the homeless people at the park. I had to call 911 at the time to get this mentally unstable homeless person to settle down. Consequently, I no longer feel safe going to the park. I am not alone in this regard. Lots of people in the neighborhood have a concern about their safety including parents who question whether their children are safe while attending park sponsored activities.

I have attached several screenshots from NextDoor that contain comments relating to people's experiences at the park these days. I also attached a video depicting the current state of the encampment for your reference. I have also cc'd Mary & Paul Garnnet on this email as they live at 3418 Corinth Avenue, LA, CA, 90066. Their house abuts against a fence that separates their backyard from this ever growing encampment in the park. They are worried about the safety of their daughter and also have to deal with the noise, rodents, fire hazard and safety concerns

relating to the encampment, among other things. In addition to safety and health issues (discarded needles in and around the encampment and softball stands), the encampment is also a serious fire hazard as the occupants openly cook under and around trees in the area. And the general area is very, very dry. LAFD has been called out to the park on several occasions but the fires continue. So I want to put the Department of Recreation and Parks and the city on notice of these public safety and health issues that threatened those of us who visit the park or live near the park.

I believe there are several LA Municipal Codes that would require the park and city to do something about this encampment. I also believe the encampment is a Public Nuisance pursuant to *California Civil Code Sections 3479 and 3480* and *California Penal Code Section 370*. Can you please advise us as to what RAP and the city intends to do about this problem. At a minimum, I believe RAP and the City Council should ask the City Attorney's office to provide an advisory opinion as to the legality of this encampment and the city's liability in that regard.

Thank you for your immediate attention in this regard.

Andrew

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**Re: Stoner Park - Reopening Date**

1 message

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

Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 4:48 PM

To: Issen Alibris

Cc: RAP PublicInfo &lt;Rap.publicinfo@lacity.org&gt;, Mike Bonin &lt;mike.bonin@lacity.org&gt;

Good afternoon,

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On Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 1:51 PM Issen Alibris

wrote:

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Do have a great day.

Best,

Mr. Issen Alibris  
cell



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## Re: Stoner Park - Reopening Date

1 message

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**Issen Alibris** <issena@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 5:14 PM

To: RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org

Cc: mike.bonin@lacity.org, RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org

Ashley,

Who are you? Are you the Parks and Recreation PIO? You didn't leave your title in this email. It's hilarious that you acknowledge that **communication is a problem** BUT have an email tagline that says "**Follow us on social media for everything Recreation and Parks related**". Is that tagline just for fun? Because you don't have a goddamn thing about park closures on Facebook or Twitter that anyone would find helpful.

If the Public Information Office can't offer good-faith answers **WHO is the person** who knows the **EXACT information** that I should be in contact with? Public Relations officers communicate information from the departments they represent. Your department needs to give you more accurate information to communicate with the public. I don't want an answer from someone who works with the city and has access to ALL of the departments to tell me I don't have all the answers. Find them out!

"**Expected to be open soon**" is not an acceptable response when I stated that the original sign from the City of Los Angeles in **October of 2020** said at the **beginning of the year** and a **Parks & Rec employee last month gave a timeline of 2 weeks**, 8 weeks ago. This means I have been given all kinds of timelines and there's been NO progress.

No one likes to be fed bullshit, least of all me after I have been patient with terrible communication between Mike Bonin's office directing me to the right department AND the Department of Parks and Rec playing kick the can.

**9 months** is entirely too long for this park to have been closed. No one should have to form a neighborhood group with lawyers and SUE the city or write the California Attorney General or their Senator to get an answer about a park reopening.

There should be no COVID19 restrictions from the city on the park. The Governor lifted all restrictions on **June 15th** and the **Mayor's Order on June 15th** including Parks and Recreation has no restrictions. <https://www.lamayor.org/COVID19Orders> <<< **if you can find an order that isn't publicly posted DO share it with me.**

I walked by Stoner Park recently. The gate was up and Department of Parks and Recreation tents were up with kids on the field behind the gates playing softball. That means there's not a problem with the field if there was a group of children out there already.

The REPAIRS to the parking lot were completed MONTHS ago when they tore it up and people are already parking out there. There is NO legitimate reason that this park should not be open TODAY. The grass was set in June and the parking lot is fine enough for cars to park in during the day and at night based on the photos.

I have snapped SEVERAL times when I walk by. BRAVO on trying to build a playground that NO ONE surveyed anyone in the neighborhood about or asking anyone about. The colors for the fitness equipment that you all painted BRIGHT ORANGE and BLUE that kids and parents mistake for playground equipment currently was a fail

Here's what I want-- I want an ABSOLUTE date that the park is opening. I have been asking about this a year and I am sick of a different answer with every communication with the city.

I am officially committed to being a pain in the ass about this since I live here and want it open AND no one respects me enough as a resident to respond timely or give me straightforward answers that don't conflict with what I can see.

I am going to write to my state senators, my Congressmen, my US Senators, the Governor's office, the Attorney General's office and post flyers in my neighborhood inviting folks to call you and ask.

I may run Facebook ads to make my neighbors aware, I will then pitch my local news stations about depression, COVID19, a lack of outdoor spaces, I'll pitch local LA influencers and popular Instagram and TikTok accounts. I'll choose

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the ones that attack Democrats FIRST. Then I'll pitch national media with a Democrats are taking our public spaces pitch. "In LA where one can barely escape tents from our homeless crisis, we can't even access our local parks " These are great stories to accompany our recall coverage.

Thanks so much though and I can't WAIT to hear back from you.

The photos are yours to keep :P

Best,

Mr. Issen Alibris















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On Thu, Jul 15, 2021 at 3:03 PM RAP PublicInfo <[RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org](mailto:RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org)> wrote:  
Hi Mr. Alibris,

I understand your frustration and appreciate you reaching out with your concerns. While I don't have answers to many of your questions, I do want to let you know that we are working on reopening Stoner Park safely.

As you mentioned, Stoner Park is undergoing renovations as well as hosting summer camp, extended care, and youth basketball, volleyball, tennis, and flag football. As of right now, the park is open but the outdoor sports field area and parking lot are closed due to repairs and are expected to open soon. All LA City recreation centers and senior centers remain closed due to COVID-19.

As soon as the field is ready to reopen, our staff will gladly let visitors use that space. The parking lot needs to be repainted but street parking is available around the park. We also have plans to install a new playground in the Fall.

I understand communication is one of your biggest concerns, and I also know you are not the only person who feels that way, but I would appreciate patience as timelines and plans change. I hope you can understand that we all want to have our parks look the best and we want to be able to share them with our communities once they are safe and ready.

Thank you,

Ashley

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**Re: Alert: Hollywoodland and the 4th of July**

1 message

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

Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 4:51 PM

To: sarah jane

Cc: "rachel.fox@lacity.org" <rachel.fox@lacity.org>, "sarah.tanberg@lacity.org" <sarah.tanberg@lacity.org>, "helene.rotolo@lacity.org" <helene.rotolo@lacity.org>, "michael.a.shull@lacity.org" <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, "stefanie.smith@lacity.org" <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, "tracy.james@lacity.org" <tracy.james@lacity.org>, "john.white@lacity.org" <john.white@lacity.org>, "38074@lapd.online" <38074@lapd.online>, "jasmin.sanluis@lacity.org" <jasmin.sanluis@lacity.org>, "aram.sahakian@lacity.org" <aram.sahakian@lacity.org>, "nithya.raman@lacity.org" <nithya.raman@lacity.org>, "ap.diaz@lacity.org" <ap.diaz@lacity.org>

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On Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 3:22 PM

> wrote:

Dear Rachel,

The Hollywoodland Homeowners Association would like to thank you, Nithya, and CD4 for your efforts in protecting Hollywoodland over the extended 4th of July holiday.

After several letters and contacts by other City reps, you were made aware of the irresponsible LA Times post recommending our neighborhood for fireworks viewing.

This was in addition to the already dangerous conditions mentioned in our previous emails. You then quickly acted to have the LA Times remove the online post and promise

not to publish it. You then stationed enforcement, a mixture of mainly DOT and some LAPD, over the long holiday. I believe I counted 8 people during one of my drive-arounds and spoke with Officer White the night of the 4th of July at the view site. We realize how stretched and in demand these City resources are, and we appreciate their being deployed in Hollywoodland. We know they greatly contributed to the public safety in our neighborhood.

In the near future I would like to suggest again the shutting down of all of Hollywoodland at busy times as was done through City Council passed motions when Tom Labonge was our Councilman. These are legal measures, require less manpower, and are more effective in covering what has now become an almost 200 acre tourist attraction with no infrastructure located in a very high fire hazard zone, in a bottleneck, 80% surrounded by open space and dry brush. Again this vulnerability is unique and is much greater than any of the other neighborhoods bordering Griffith Park.

We are also anxious to work with you in finding permanent solutions to the very dangerous conditions that exist here through the unfortunate actions of previous City representatives and visitors who have bootlegged in magnets and access points that have had no public review, process or vetting--and of course that is why they are so dangerous and inappropriate.

The magnets and the streets leading to them, have no capacity to handle any of this. Hollywoodland was built almost a hundred years ago when laws were very different, and the aging and extremely limited infrastructure just barely manages to serve the needs of today's residents. Any expansion, correction or even continuation of visitor access and accommodations need expensive and full EIRs which in the end would never pass because of the many existential facts already mentioned in numerous communications. All future actions related to these matters by any party should only involve mitigating, lessening, removing, and preventing tourist and visitor impacts in Hollywoodland. One could not pick a worse place for visitors and tourists. The City responsibility for public safety must always come first.

As always, I would like this letter to be part of the public record.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Sarajane Schwartz  
Safety Chair  
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

-----Original Message-----

From:

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Sent: Fri, Jul 2, 2021 2:40 pm

Subject: Re: Alert: Hollywoodland and the 4th of July

Dear City Official,

**The HHA is now DEMANDING that you shut down access to Hollywoodland over the 4th of July. Conditions have deteriorated in a significant way since we wrote the letter below.**

**Today the LA Times published a list of 12 places to see fireworks in all of the greater Los Angeles area, and we are on the list!!!** Almost all of the suggestions are in commercial locations or areas that have standard infrastructure. We are hanging by a thread and in no way can handle the additional thousands of visitors that will be coming--not to mention the long term impacts beyond the 4th of July if our homes are still standing. The descriptions of conditions in our neighborhood are in my original letter below.

The actions of the LA Times in recommending our fragile and endangered neighborhood on the most dangerous night and weekend of the year are incredibly reckless and irresponsible.

So far NONE of you have responded to the letter below. Will you act now? Your most important responsibility is to public safety, and "luck" is in no way an acceptable strategy by which to run a city. If you do not act, your negligence is even greater than the the LA Times.

Here is the link to the article. Please read it!

<https://www.latimes.com/lifestyle/story/2021-07-02/where-to-watch-la-fireworks-july-fourth-low-key-lookouts>

I am still waiting for a response from you. At the very, very least can you write back to the me as Safety Chair representing the Hollywoodland Homeowners Association and share your plans for this weekend? If it sounds like I'm begging, I am. So far the silence and unresponsiveness on every level of the City and in every way, has been deafening.

Again I want this letter to be placed in the public record.

Sarajane Schwartz  
Safety Chair  
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

-----Original Message-----

From: s

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Sent: Tue, Jun 29, 2021 4:57 pm

Subject: Alert: Hollywoodland and the 4th of July

Dear City Official,

I am writing to you as the Safety Chair of the Hollywoodland Homeowners Association.

We are requesting that you shut off public access to all of the illegal magnets in Hollywoodland over the 4th of July holiday weekend because of fire risk. This is an extremely modest request considering everything else that is going on, and leaving this location open with supervision by several officers covering an area of several hundred acres is not nearly enough and is totally inadequate.

All of the magnets within Hollywoodland have been bootlegged in without any proper public and legal process even though they are irresponsibly and dangerously promoted by the City. Not only do the magnets themselves not have the capacity to handle the crowds---one has as many as 90 cars parked there at a time---can you imagine another major attraction like this put into the park without any proper review--the areas and streets surrounding these magnets are also dangerously beyond capacity. I am talking about substandard winding streets with blind curves, dead ends with no turnarounds, no sidewalks and parked cars in streets, that are mostly barely 19 feet wide. And if this weren't bad enough Hollywoodland itself, unlike any of the other park-bordering neighborhoods, is a bottleneck that juts into Griffith Park, and is 80% surrounded by dry brush with extremely limited egress and ingress, and whose main artery dead ends at both ends. To evacuate just residents in the midst of an emergency would be extremely challenging bordering on impossible. There is also the element of emergency vehicles trying to get into these congested areas at the same time. Adding hundreds of visitor cars to this is down right negligent. The triple threat of public safety shortcomings at the magnets, the surroundings streets and the surrounding neighborhood is unimaginable--at least in the case of a public attraction. None of this should be happening any day of the week, but knowingly allowing this activity--with increased crowds along with increased threats-- during a particularly dangerous fire season over the 4th of July of all times is possibly criminal.

There is precedent for these shutdowns within Hollywoodland and beyond.

Councilman Tom Labonge put in most of the tourists magnets without any review. Because he knew how dangerous they really were, he made attempts to protect public safety by passing motions in LA City Council that shut down all of Hollywoodland to the public during high volume times, holidays, and vacations. This was frequently done for a number of years. Councilman Ryu irresponsibly stopped this practice. He questioned its legality. But in addition to Hollywoodland, many areas in other parts of the City are shut down. For example, for years many streets surrounding the Hollywood Bowl are shut off to the public during the long Hollywood Bowl season when there are performances. Many parks have closure if they reach capacity, and in conjunction with 4th of July holiday there are plans to have early closure of parks for each of the three days over the entire 4th of July weekend. Only Hollywoodland which is the most threatened, dangerous, substandard, inappropriate, fragile, and illegal location appears to have no limits to its capacities. It is always open to everything 24 hours a day, 365 days a year---a result of there never having been a legal, public process in creating these magnets--and the numbers of visitors continue to grow and are much greater than in the days of Tom Labonge. A disaster here is not a question of "if", but "when".

For this closure you will need the cooperation of CD4, RAP, LADOT, and LAPD. Catastrophes do happen, as we are now witnessing the horrible events in Surfside, Florida, and what is most disturbing is that it appears it involves issues that were foreseen in reports. Hollywoodland and its public safety threats have also been recognized. We need you to act now, and we are waiting for your quick response as the 4th of July is almost here.

We want this letter to be put in the public record along with all of our other warnings and pleas for help. You, the representatives of the City, will not be able to plead ignorance.

Sincerely,  
Sarajane Schwartz  
Safety Chair  
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

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**Re: Alert: Hollywoodland and the 4th of July**

1 message

**Rachel Fox** <rachel.fox@lacity.org>

Thu, Jul 15, 2021 at 1:57 PM

To: Sarajane Schwartz

Cc: "sarah.tanberg@lacity.org" <sarah.tanberg@lacity.org>, "helene.rotolo@lacity.org" <helene.rotolo@lacity.org>, "michael.a.shull@lacity.org" <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, "stefanie.smith@lacity.org" <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, "tracy.james@lacity.org" <tracy.james@lacity.org>, "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, "john.white@lacity.org" <john.white@lacity.org>, "38074@lapd.online" <38074@lapd.online>, "jasmin.sanluis@lacity.org" <jasmin.sanluis@lacity.org>, "aram.sahakian@lacity.org" <aram.sahakian@lacity.org>, "nithya.raman@lacity.org" <nithya.raman@lacity.org>, "ap.diaz@lacity.org" <ap.diaz@lacity.org>

Hi Sarajane,

Thank you for your kind words. We understand the public safety concerns shared by many of the residents who live near the Hollywood Sign and in our hillside areas, especially during the 4th of July weekend. We will continue to work with our City departments to make sure there is adequate coverage and resources in the neighborhood on holidays weekends. Helene and I look forward to working with you and the Hollywoodland Homeowners Association to identify long term solutions. Stay well!

Best,  
Rachel

On Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 3:22 PM

wrote:

Dear Rachel,

The Hollywoodland Homeowners Association would like to thank you, Nithya, and CD4 for your efforts in protecting Hollywoodland over the extended 4th of July holiday.

After several letters and contacts by other City reps, you were made aware of the irresponsible LA Times post recommending our neighborhood for fireworks viewing.

This was in addition to the already dangerous conditions mentioned in our previous emails. You then quickly acted to have the LA Times remove the online post and promise not to publish it. You then stationed enforcement, a mixture of mainly DOT and some LAPD, over the long holiday. I believe I counted 8 people during one of my drive-arounds and spoke with Officer White the night of the 4th of July at the view site. We realize how stretched and in demand these City resources are, and we appreciate their being deployed in Hollywoodland. We know they greatly contributed to the public safety in our neighborhood.

In the near future I would like to suggest again the shutting down of all of Hollywoodland at busy times as was done through City Council passed motions when Tom Labonge was our Councilman. These are legal measures, require less manpower, and are more effective in covering what has now become an almost 200 acre tourist attraction with no infrastructure located in a very high fire hazard zone, in a bottleneck, 80% surrounded by open space and dry brush. Again this vulnerability is unique and is much greater than any of the other neighborhoods bordering Griffith Park.

We are also anxious to work with you in finding permanent solutions to the very dangerous conditions that exist here through the unfortunate actions of previous City representatives and visitors who have bootlegged in magnets and access points that have had no public review, process or vetting--and of course that is why they are so dangerous and inappropriate.

The magnets and the streets leading to them, have no capacity to handle any of this. Hollywoodland was built almost a hundred years ago when laws were very different, and the aging and extremely limited infrastructure just barely manages to serve the needs of today's residents. Any expansion, correction or even continuation of visitor access and accommodations need expensive and full EIRs which in the end would never pass because of the many existential facts already mentioned in numerous communications. All future actions related to these matters by any party should only involve mitigating, lessening, removing, and preventing tourist and visitor impacts in Hollywoodland. One could not pick a worse place for visitors and tourists. The City responsibility for public safety must always come first.

As always, I would like this letter to be part of the public record.  
Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Sarajane Schwartz  
Safety Chair  
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Fri, Jul 2, 2021 2:40 pm

Subject: Re: Alert: Hollywoodland and the 4th of July

Dear City Official,

**The HHA is now DEMANDING that you shut down access to Hollywoodland over the 4th of July. Conditions have deteriorated in a significant way since we wrote the letter below.**

**Today the LA Times published a list of 12 places to see fireworks in all of the greater Los Angeles area, and we are on the list!!!** Almost all of the suggestions are in commercial locations or areas that have standard infrastructure. We are hanging by a thread and in no way can handle the additional thousands of visitors that will be coming--not to mention the long term impacts beyond the 4th of July if our homes are still standing. The descriptions of conditions in our neighborhood are in my original letter below.

The actions of the LA Times in recommending our fragile and endangered neighborhood on the most dangerous night and weekend of the year are incredibly reckless and irresponsible.

So far NONE of you have responded to the letter below. Will you act now? Your most important responsibility is to public safety, and "luck" is in no way an acceptable strategy by which to run a city. If you do not act, your negligence is even greater than the the LA Times.

Here is the link to the article. Please read it!

<https://www.latimes.com/lifestyle/story/2021-07-02/where-to-watch-la-fireworks-july-fourth-low-key-lookouts>

I am still waiting for a response from you. At the very, very least can you write back to the me as Safety Chair representing the Hollywoodland Homeowners Association and share your plans for this weekend? If it sounds like I'm begging, I am. So far the silence and unresponsiveness on every level of the City and in every way, has been deafening.

Again I want this letter to be placed in the public record.

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Safety Chair  
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

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Sent: Tue, Jun 29, 2021 4:57 pm

Subject: Alert: Hollywoodland and the 4th of July

Dear City Official,

I am writing to you as the Safety Chair of the Hollywoodland Homeowners Association.

We are requesting that you shut off public access to all of the illegal magnets in Hollywoodland over the 4th of July holiday weekend because of fire risk. This is an extremely modest request considering everything else that is going on, and leaving this location open with supervision by several officers covering an area of several hundred acres is not nearly enough and is totally inadequate.

All of the magnets within Hollywoodland have been bootlegged in without any proper public and legal process even though they are irresponsibly and dangerously promoted by the City. Not only do the magnets themselves not have the capacity to handle the crowds---one has as many as 90 cars parked there at a time---can you imagine another major attraction like this put into the park without any proper review--the areas and streets surrounding these magnets are also dangerously beyond capacity. I am talking about substandard winding streets with blind curves, dead ends with no turnarounds, no sidewalks and parked cars in streets, that are mostly barely 19 feet wide. And if this weren't bad enough Hollywoodland itself, unlike any of the other park-bordering neighborhoods, is a bottleneck that juts into Griffith Park, and is 80% surrounded by dry brush with extremely limited egress and ingress, and whose main artery dead ends at both ends. To evacuate just residents in the midst of an emergency would be extremely challenging bordering on impossible. There is also the element of emergency vehicles trying to get into these congested areas at the same time. Adding hundreds of visitor cars to this is down right negligent. The triple threat of public safety shortcomings at the magnets, the surroundings streets and the surrounding neighborhood is unimaginable--at least in the case of a public attraction. None of this should be happening any day of the week, but knowingly allowing this activity--with increased crowds along with increased threats-- during a particularly dangerous fire season over the 4th of July of all times is possibly criminal.

There is precedent for these shutdowns within Hollywoodland and beyond.

Councilman Tom Labonge put in most of the tourists magnets without any review. Because he knew how dangerous they really were, he made attempts to protect public safety by passing motions in LA City Council that shut down all of Hollywoodland to the public during high volume times, holidays, and vacations. This was frequently done for a number of years. Councilman Ryu irresponsibly stopped this practice. He questioned its legality. But in addition to Hollywoodland, many areas in other parts of the City are shut down. For example, for years many streets surrounding the Hollywood Bowl are shut off to the public during the long Hollywood Bowl season when there are performances. Many parks have closure if they reach capacity, and in conjunction with 4th of July holiday there are plans to have early closure of parks for each of the three days over the entire 4th of July weekend. Only Hollywoodland which is the most threatened, dangerous, substandard, inappropriate, fragile, and illegal location appears to have no limits to its capacities. It is always open to everything 24 hours a day, 365 days a year---a result of there never having been a legal, public process in creating these magnets--and the numbers of visitors continue to grow and are much greater than in the days of Tom Labonge. A disaster here is not a question of "if", but "when".

For this closure you will need the cooperation of CD4, RAP, LADOT, and LAPD. Catastrophes do happen, as we are now witnessing the horrible events in Surfside, Florida, and what is most disturbing is that it appears it involves issues that were foreseen in reports. Hollywoodland and its public safety threats have also been recognized. We need you to act now, and we are waiting for your quick response as the 4th of July is almost here.

We want this letter to be put in the public record along with all of our other warnings and pleas for help. You, the representatives of the City, will not be able to plead ignorance.

Sincerely,  
Sarajane Schwartz  
Safety Chair  
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

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Rachel Fox  
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**Re: Noise In Veterans Gardens Well Above LA Noise Ordinance Levels/Videos**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 15, 2021 at 2:25 PM

To: Jennifer Massey

Cc: Michael Shull &lt;michael.a.shull@lacity.org&gt;, Mike Dundas &lt;mike.dundas@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, Jul 15, 2021 at 1:06 PM

wrote:

Dear Commissioners Shull, Alvarez, Chase, Diaz, Halper and Patsaouras,

Thank you for your time today on the RAP Board Call addressing the Veterans Gardens. I along with a couple of neighbors spoke today about our concerns regarding noise generated by Veterans Gardens. To date, we are aware of no time restrictions, crowd size or any other restrictions regarding the use of the bocce courts which are 20 feet from our property line.

Since the start of the bocce league three weeks ago, we have recorded decibel levels on our property throughout the day that far exceed the Los Angeles Noise Ordinance ambient sound level requirements for a residential neighborhood (daytime level of 50dBA). To our knowledge, there were zero sound assessments or studies performed to measure the impact to neighbors in the development of this project. There were no sound barriers or walls erected, and bocce courts were built well within normal setback requirements. As a result, we are now living with a daily nuisance created by the regular noise of tournaments and practices which go well past sunset.

We have measured and recorded the following sound levels in our backyard:

1. 70-80 decibels for tournament play (regular shrieking and yelling is 80 decibels)
2. Cracking of bocce balls is generates a decibel level of 67 decibels. This noise is considered "impulsive" under the LA Noise Ordinance and receives a +5 rating for sound measurements
3. Maintenance of this ½ acre space is occurring 3 times a week, usually for hours at a time. The noise measures upwards of 100 decibels, which is well above the 65 maximum level for maintenance performed within 500 feet of residences, per LAMC 112.05.

I have attached a few videos so that you can have a perspective of what we are seeing and hearing from our bedroom and home office. The third video shows the screaming, as heard from our house. We had hoped to have the noise issues addressed on today's call, but feel that our concerns were passed over.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/lcp5au5ti393snq/AACQz8Pt1fbmxFBy5dEJUwHa?dl=0>

Best regards,  
Jennifer Massey

**Massey Media Law, P.C.**

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**Re: Off-leash dogs at Cheviot Hills Park**

1 message

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

Tue, Jul 20, 2021 at 12:15 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.

On Sat, Jul 17, 2021 at 9:47 AM Emily Schmidt

&gt; wrote:

Hi there,

I'm emailing regarding the off-leash dog problem at Cheviot Hills. I was enjoying the park with my roommate and leashed dog when 2 men with 3 off-leash dogs approached. Despite us asking them kindly to keep their dogs away, they encouraged their dogs to approach saying that ours "just wanted to play." What resulted was a small dog fight that broke my roommate's finger. The problem is rampant and not at all isolated. The park is overflowing with unleashed dogs and owners who do not care to keep their dogs under control and are not respectful. What can be done? I can't enjoy the park despite the numerous off-leash signs.

Thanks,  
Emily Schmidt

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Please wear a mask!  
Sent from my iPhone

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**Re: Hazard issues at Westwood Recreation Center grounds**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 22, 2021 at 4:26 PM

To: John Castillo

&gt;

Good afternoon,

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On Thu, Jul 22, 2021 at 3:16 PM John Castillo < > wrote:

Location is Westwood Recreation Center, the ground grass area is full of holes and full of burrows perhaps done by gophers? Their burrows cause injury to myself and my son due to the holes and rough uneven areas in the ground grass area of the Westwood Recreation Center grounds. Please get rid of these gophers that are causing holes and burrows in the ground area of the Westwood Recreation Center or close the grounds or fields of Westwood Recreation Center due to the fact that the holes and rough uneven areas in this ground area will cause injuries. Their burrows do pose personal liability problems to the Westwood Recreation Center as persons can injure their ankles in rough uneven areas.

Please note that the yellow swing has to be shut down due to the fact that the yellow swing is full of rust and the rust fell on my son's face once I pushed or pulled him on the yellow swing located at the Westwood Recreation Center.

Please enter into your records in case there is the City of Los Angeles, CA will be liable for these issues if no actions are taken.

thank you,  
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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Jul 23, 2021 at 3:35 PM

To: John Castillo

Good afternoon John,

Please see response below:

We have submitted a job order with Forestry to address the gopher issue. We will also deploy our gopher x machine to address in addition to what Forestry will assist us with. A job order has also been placed to replace the rusty chains on all four swings, job order #21-22838. If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

Thank you.

On Thu, Jul 22, 2021 at 4:26 PM Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt; wrote:

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## Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK SERVICE REQUEST CD1 LA 90065

1 message

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

Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 1:49 PM

To: Garcia Incareal

Cc: Bill Cody <bill.cody@lacity.org>, Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@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.

On Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 11:06 AM Garcia Incareal

> wrote:

JULY 26

Council member Gill Cedillo

There is a pile of mulch for two months at Sycamore Grove Park.

insets and varmints are breeding in there.

With this weather a fire can start and we live in a densely populated urban area.

Can you please have this remove.

Attach picture.

Mauro Garcia

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**Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK SERVICE REQUEST CD1 LA 90065**

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**Bill Cody** <bill.cody@lacity.org>

Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 11:08 AM

To: Garcia Incareal

Cc:

Hi Mauro,

As you know this is a Rec and Parks facility. I will ask Rick about it.

Bill

On Mon, Jul 26, 2021, 11:05 AM Garcia Incareal <[incareal@juno.com](mailto:incareal@juno.com)> wrote:

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**Yovonte Robinson** <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 11:58 AM

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

Cc: Garcia Incareal

Hello,

My staff will be spreading the mulch throughout the week.

Thank you

On Mon, Jul 26, 2021, 11:08 AM Bill Cody <[bill.cody@lacity.org](mailto:bill.cody@lacity.org)> wrote:

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**Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065**

1 message

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

Wed, Jul 28, 2021 at 9:26 AM

To: Garcia Incareal

Cc: Bill Cody &lt;bill.cody@lacity.org&gt;, Yovonte Robinson &lt;yovonte.robinson@lacity.org&gt;

Good morning,

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On Wed, Jul 28, 2021 at 9:02 AM Garcia Incareal <  
JULY 28

wrote:

Council member Gill Cedillo

There is Graffiti at the Sycamore Grove Park.

It is at the new play area for the children.

Attach pictures.

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Wed, Jul 28, 2021 at 9:02 AM

To: Garcia Incareal

Cc:

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wrote:

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Council member Gill Cedillo

We have gan graffiti on Sycamore Grove Park.

Perhaps when they do the graffiti on the children's play area you can get all at the same time.

Attach picture

Mauro Garcia

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**Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GAN GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065**

1 message

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**Bill Cody** <bill.cody@lacity.org>

Thu, Jul 29, 2021 at 10:25 AM

To: Garcia Incareal <i

Cc: b net,

Hi Mauro,

It's been reported to RAP.

Thanks

On Thu, Jul 29, 2021, 9:01 AM Garcia Incareal wrote:

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Council member Gill Cedillo

We have gan graffiti on Sycamore Grove Park.

Perhaps when they do the graffiti on the children's play area you can get all at the same time.

Attach picture

Mauro Garcia

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT  
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #54

**MOTION**

On July 1, 2021, Council approved a Motion (Bonin-Ridley-Thomas) to allocate \$5 million from the General City Purposes in the 2021-2022 Budget to create a new line item for an Encampment to Home Program on Ocean Front Walk/Venice in Council District 11. St. Joseph Center is implementing this program and further technical direction is transferred to the appropriate departments or agencies.

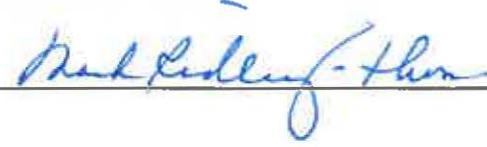
**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council INSTRUCT the General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) or designee, to amend the City's 2021-22 General Fund contract with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to add \$5 million for the Venice Encampment to Home Program, as approved by Council on July 1, 2021 (C.F. 21-0600-S99), to create a new line item entitled "Encampment to Home Program on Ocean Front Walk/Venice in Council District 11" in the General City Purposes in the 2021-22 Budget;

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council REQUEST that LAHSA execute or amend a sole source subcontract with St. Joseph Center for an amount up to \$5 million for the term of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 to use above described funds to implement the Venice Encampment to Home Program, as approved by Council;

**I FURTHER MOVE** that they City Council AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish a new account within LAHD in Fund 10A, 43VXXX, titled Venice Encampment to Home; and

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$5 million from the General City Purposes line item, "Encampment to Home Program on Ocean Front Walk/Venice in Council District 11" to the new Account established in Fund 10A, 43VXXX, Venice Encampment to Home.

PRESENTED BY:   
Mike Bonin  
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY: 

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