

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

May 6, 2021

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: MICHAEL A. SHULL, General Manager *M. Shull*

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) George Francisco comments as President of Venice Chambers of Commerce regarding Venice Encampments	#8874e	Note and File
2) John Baginski comments regarding Venice Beach	#8874f	Note and File
3) John Baginski comments regarding Venice Beach	#8874g	Note and File
4) Flor Fausto comments regarding Encampment	#8882bc	Note and File
5) Flor Fausto comments regarding Encampment	#8882bd	Note and File
6) Jessica Jimenez comments regarding Commissioner Chase's response to Temporary housing	#8882be	Note and File
7) John Goldfarb comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary housing	#8882bf	Note and File
8) Gladys Vargas comments regarding Eagle Rock Temporary housing	#8882bg	Note and File
9) Jessica Jimenez comments regarding Eagle Rock	#8882bh	Note and File

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10) Flor Fausto comments regarding Eagle Rock	#8882bi	Referred to General Manager
11) Scott Keiner comments regarding Griffith Park Parking	#8884a	Note and File
12) Ayelet Ifrah comments regarding Griffith Park Parking	#8884b	Note and File
13) Ryan Howard comments regarding Griffith Park Parking	#8884c	Note and File
14) Alicia Mitchell comments regarding Griffith Park Parking	#8884d	Note and File
15) Beth Greenwald comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902d	Note and File
16) Nisa Kove comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902e	Note and File
17) Nisa Kove comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902f	Note and File
18) Adrian Acosta comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902g	Note and File
19) Ladidie Williams comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902h	Note and File
20) Captain Steven Embrich of LAPD comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902i	Note and File
21) Lydia Ponce comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902j	Note and File
22) Keith Rice comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902k	Note and File
23) Miguel Bravo comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902l	Note and File
24) Keith Rice comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902m	Note and File
25) Lydia Ponce comments regarding Oakwood Park	#8902n	Note and File

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26) Jason Aric Crawford comments regarding Griffith Park	#8909	Referred to General Manager
27) Alfredo Gama as President of Central Alameda Neighborhood Council comments	#8910	Referred to General Manager
28) Sarajane Schwartz of Hollywoodland Homeowners Association comments regarding Griffith Park shutdowns	#8911	Referred to General Manager
29) Jamie Tijerina as President of Highland Park Heritage Trust comments regarding Arroyo Seco Park	#8912	Note and File
30) John Betz comments regarding Westminster encampments	#8913	Referred to General Manager
31) Terry and Pat Ross regarding Westminster and Venice encampments	#8913a	Referred to General Manager
32) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park	#8914	Referred to General Manager
33) General Council motion regarding safe camping program at Westchester Park	#8915	Note and File
34) Jonah Glickman comments regarding Pedlow Skate Park	#8916	Note and File
35) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park	#8917	Referred to General Manager
36) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park	#8917a	Referred to General Manager
37) Paola Pederzoli comments regarding Westwood Park	#8918	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Jessica Martinez, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fwd: Venice Chamber letter re: Ocean Front Walk Encampments

1 message

Harold Arrivillaga <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>
To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 11:19 AM

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From: **Steven Embrich** <30993@lapd.online>
Date: Fri, Apr 9, 2021 at 1:57 PM
Subject: Re: Venice Chamber letter re: Ocean Front Walk Encampments
To: George Francisco < >, Commissioners@lacity.org <Commissioners@lacity.org>, Brad Fingard <brad.fingard@lacity.org>, Burke, Adam < > Harold Arrivillaga <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>, Jessica Yas Barker <jessica.barker@lacity.org>, Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, MacJennett, Patti < >, Mike Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Nisa Kove <nisa.kove@lacity.org>, Pond, Liliana <Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov>, Robert Davis <robert.davis@lacity.org>, Stansell, Brandon <brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov>, Turner, Janet <Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov>, Zachary Gaidzik <Zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov>, kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov <kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>, FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov <FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov>, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>

George,

Thank you.

May I get onto the VCC agenda next week (15 mins), not only to discuss this topic but would also like some time to discuss Department preparations related to the on-going trial.

Thanks!

STEVE EMBRICH, Captain
Commanding Officer
Pacific Area
213.840.2979

From: George Francisco < >
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 12:55 PM
To: Commissioners@lacity.org <Commissioners@lacity.org>; Brad Fingard <brad.fingard@lacity.org>; Burke, Adam <aburke@latourism.org>; Harold Arrivillaga <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>; Jessica Yas Barker <jessica.barker@lacity.org>; Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>; MacJennett, Patti <pmacjennett@latourism.org>; Mike Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>; Nisa Kove <nisa.kove@lacity.org>; Pond, Liliana <Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov>; Robert Davis <robert.davis@lacity.org>; Stansell, Brandon <brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov>; Steven Embrich <30993@lapd.online>; Turner, Janet <Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov>; Zachary Gaidzik <Zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov>; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov <kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>; FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov <FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov>; councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>
Subject: Venice Chamber letter re: Ocean Front Walk Encampments

ATTENTION: This email originated outside of LAPD. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Below and attached, please find a letter concerning the encampments on the "World Famous" Boardwalk. We are urging you to please restore our park.

April 9, 2021

To Our Elected Representatives:

The Venice Chamber of Commerce has been the voice for business in our community since 1905 when Abbot Kinney and a group of like-minded individuals founded the organization.

Today, too many of the small businesses that create Venice's unique fabric have suffered inordinately from both the pandemic and pandemic-induced measures. As Los Angeles moves into the Orange Tier and summer approaches, restoring the safety of our limited and precious commercial corridors is imperative.

Nowhere is the situation more dire than on our Boardwalk and the adjacent park.

Businesses, residents and visitors alike feel dramatically unsafe there. Repairing this deterioration is vital to the economic health of Los Angeles, the cultural wellness of the neighborhood, and the physical safety of residents and property owners.

When the CDC issued COVID guidelines to prevent disbanding homeless encampments, they also issued statements about the importance of visiting parks; and all levels of representative government voiced grave concerns about "saving" small businesses.

Along with being a public park, the Venice Boardwalk is home to many of those small businesses. However, during the pandemic, it has served neither of these important functions. It has instead metastasized into a campground that bears uncanny resemblance to a refugee camp. These encampments have ballooned from 50 tents in August of 2020 to over 200 tents in March of 2021.

Allowing and promoting this situation has been a "triple crown" of bad governance -- stripping the vitality out of an engine of revenue that could replenish barren city coffers and provide employment for struggling workers; making a humanitarian crisis even worse for the unhoused; and fueling an extreme spike in criminal activity.

Year to date from 2019 to 2020, reports of robberies have increased 46%, aggravated assaults have increased 43%, and homicides have increased 100%. This does not include rampant illegal drug sales and public usage that would embarrass even Amsterdam residents. Rape, overdoses, death, ancillary criminal enterprise and, of course, more violence are sadly the main items on the Venice Beach menu.

We must address this immediately.

The Venice Chamber of Commerce joins with all members of our community in advocating for immediate and equitable access to our world-famous Boardwalk, the adjacent park, the beach, and the broad array of unique businesses and recreational activities.

We are asking that sheltering and housing the tent-dwellers currently on the boardwalk become a top priority for the city and county.

We urge all levels of government bureaucracy and all elected officials to streamline access and funding for at least 250 available beds through any and all means available - including but not limited to: vouchers, Project RoomKey, safe parking, safe sleeping, and safe camping. We demand that these measures not be dependent on adding services in Venice but that this crisis be treated with the gravity it deserves and that resources anywhere in the entire city of Los Angeles be used.

Venice infrastructure is clearly overwhelmed by the current situation and the primary impact falls within a small 1.5 mile square area of the Coastal Zone. If this is the heart of the problem, then it is in cardiac arrest. It needs pressure removed, not added. Support and funding for compassionate outreach through LAHSA, St. Joseph's, and -- if necessary -- third-party organizations must be a priority to achieve any humane solution -- humane to all impacted parties.

We further demand that once this is accomplished that Ocean Front Walk and its environs be kept clear and in compliance with the State Coastal Act Law, Section 30210 and LAMC, Section 63.44. Living on the Boardwalk and beach is unacceptable and those in need must be moved into safe shelter and/or housing.

Housing 250 people from the Boardwalk would represent a mere 12% of the total unhoused population in Venice.

This is not asking too much from our government.

We await your action.

Sincerely,
George Francisco
President
Venice Chamber of Commerce

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Thank you,



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

Sincerely,
George Francisco
President



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: FW: [PAC] Pacific Area Crime Statistics - Venice Neighborhood Council - 89% Increase in Aggravated Assaults - 47.7% Increase in Violent Crime

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Apr 16, 2021

To: John Baginski <>
 Cc: 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" <Harold.Arrivillaga@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 Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 4:08 PM John Baginski <> wrote:

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Pacific Area Profile

03/14/21 to 04/10/21

<p>PACIFIC COMMAND STAFF</p> <p>Rank: Date of Rank: Date Assigned Area: LAPD Appointment Date:</p>		<p>AREA COMMANDING OFFICER: Steven R. Embrich CAPT-III March 1, 2020 March 1, 2020 July 11, 1994</p>		<p>PATROL DIVISION COMMANDING OFFICER: Brian A. Morrison CAPT-I February 3, 2019 February 3, 2019 March 21, 1994</p>	<p>AREA RANKING WEEK ENDING: 04/10/21</p> <p>VIOLENT CRIME: 21 PROPERTY CRIME: 19 PART I CRIME: 20</p>
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CRIME STATISTICS for week ending 04/10/21												
VIOLENT CRIMES	03/14/21 TO 04/10/21	02/14/21 TO 03/13/21	%	02/14/21 TO 03/13/21	01/17/21 TO 02/13/21	%	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	%	YTD 2021	YTD 2019	%
HOMICIDE	0	1	-100.0%	1	1	0.0%	2	0	N.C.*	2	1	100.0%
RAPE (121,122)	0	2	-100.0%	2	2	0.0%	7	8	-12.5%	7	7	0.0%
RAPE (815,820,821)	1	0	N.C.*	0	1	-100.0%	3	11	-72.7%	3	12	-75.0%
TOTAL RAPE	1	2	-50.0%	2	3	-33.3%	10	19	-47.4%	10	19	-47.4%
ROBBERY	23	29	-20.7%	29	20	45.0%	85	80	6.3%	85	65	30.8%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	66	74	-10.8%	74	51	45.1%	225	119	89.1%	225	147	53.1%
TOTAL VIOLENT	90	106	-15.1%	106	75	41.3%	322	218	47.7%	322	232	38.8%

RAP Commissioners,

The General State of Lawlessness in Venice Beach has to STOP.

Please understand that these crime statistics impact everyone lives in Venice.

We need your support and help. Please clean up Venice Beach.

Venice is getting crushed by the cities homeless policies. It is really getting bad here.

Please clean up Venice Beach.

John Baginski

30 Year Venice Resident

Begin forwarded message:

From: PACACCIC <PACACCIC@lapd.online>
 Date: April 14, 2021 at 3:09:14 PM PDT

4/16/2021

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: FW: [PAC] Pacific Area Crime Statistics - Venice Neighborhood Council - 89% Increase in Aggravated Ass...

To: Soledad Ursua < >, PACACCIC <PACACCIC@lapd.online>
Cc: Steven Embrich <30993@lapd.online>
Subject: [PAC] Pacific Area Crime Statistics - Venice Neighborhood Council

See attached for crime stats

All the best,

PACIFIC ACCIC

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HOMICIDE	0	1	-100.0%	1	1	0.0%	2	0	N.C.*	2	1	100.0%
RAPE (121,122)	0	2	-100.0%	2	2	0.0%	7	8	-12.5%	7	7	0.0%
RAPE (815,820,821)	1	0	N.C.*	0	1	-100.0%	3	11	-72.7%	3	12	-75.0%
TOTAL RAPE	1	2	-50.0%	2	3	-33.3%	10	19	-47.4%	10	19	-47.4%
ROBBERY	23	29	-20.7%	29	20	45.0%	85	80	6.3%	85	65	30.8%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	66	74	-10.8%	74	51	45.1%	225	119	89.1%	225	147	53.1%
TOTAL VIOLENT	90	106	-15.1%	106	75	41.3%	322	218	47.7%	322	232	38.8%

PROPERTY CRIMES	03/14/21 TO 04/10/21	02/14/21 TO 03/13/21	% Change	02/14/21 TO 03/13/21	01/17/21 TO 02/13/21	% Change	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	% Change	YTD 2021	YTD 2019	% Change
BURGLARY	57	77	-26.0%	77	89	-13.5%	272	252	7.9%	272	317	-14.2%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	81	91	-11.0%	91	128	-28.9%	353	257	37.4%	353	176	100.6%
BTFV	131	160	-18.1%	160	173	-7.5%	581	529	9.8%	581	496	17.1%
PERSONAL/OTHER THEFT	116	168	-31.0%	168	145	15.9%	490	605	-19.0%	490	790	-38.0%
TOTAL PROPERTY	385	496	-22.4%	496	535	-7.3%	1,696	1,643	3.2%	1,696	1,779	-4.7%
TOTAL PART I	475	602	-21.1%	602	610	-1.3%	2,018	1,861	8.4%	2,018	2,011	0.3%

Child/Spousal Abuse (Part I & II)*	35	58	-39.7%	58	35	65.7%	149	111	34.2%	149	142	4.9%
SHOTS FIRED	3	3	0.0%	3	3	0.0%	11	9	22.2%	11	9	22.2%
SHOOTING VICTIMS	1	2	-50.0%	2	2	0.0%	5	4	25.0%	5	4	25.0%

ARREST STATISTICS for week ending 04/10/21

ARRESTS	03/14/21 TO 04/10/21	02/14/21 TO 03/13/21	% Change	02/14/21 TO 03/13/21	01/17/21 TO 02/13/21	% Change	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	% Change	YTD 2021	YTD 2019	% Change
HOMICIDE	2	3	-33.3%	3	2	50.0%	7	3	133.3%	7	3	133.3%
RAPE	1	0	N.C.*	0	1	-100.0%	2	3	-33.3%	2	2	0.0%
ROBBERY	7	5	40.0%	5	4	25.0%	22	21	4.8%	22	15	46.7%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT**	33	47	-29.8%	47	24	95.8%	118	76	55.3%	118	106	11.3%
BURGLARY	10	9	11.1%	9	8	12.5%	31	28	10.7%	31	43	-27.9%
LARCENY	5	6	-16.7%	6	11	-45.5%	22	45	-51.1%	22	62	-64.5%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	17	17	0.0%	17	10	70.0%	49	38	28.9%	49	26	88.5%
TOTAL VIOLENT	43	55	-21.8%	55	31	77.4%	149	103	44.7%	149	126	18.3%
TOTAL PART I	75	87	-13.8%	87	60	45.0%	251	214	17.3%	251	257	-2.3%
TOTAL ALL ARRESTS	387	594	-34.8%	594	380	56.3%	1,778	1,365	30.3%	1,778	1,686	5.5%

*Part II Child/Spousal Abuse Simple Assaults not included in Part I Aggravated Assaults above to comply with the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines.
 **Statistics include domestic violence. N.C. - Not Calculable

Statistics are based on the date the crime or arrest occurred.
 Arrest statistics include arrests made by outside agencies.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please Clean Up Venice Boardwalk - The Damage to Venice is Huge

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Apr 29, 2021 at 8:34 AM

To: John Baginski <

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Cc: "enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org" <enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org>, "ruben.hernandez@lacity.org" <ruben.hernandez@lacity.org>, "Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org" <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>, "jimmy.kim@lacity.org" <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, "pamela.perez@lacity.org" <pamela.perez@lacity.org>, Arianne Garcia <arianne.garcia@lacity.org>, "alek.bartosouf@lacity.org" <alek.bartosouf@lacity.org>, "mayor.garcetti@lacity.org" <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>, "brad.fingard@lacity.org" <brad.fingard@lacity.org>, "claudia.martin@lacity.org" <claudia.martin@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Apr 28, 2021 at 1:37 PM John Baginski <

> wrote:

RAP Commissioners and Department of Sanitation,

We are extremely grateful that you have made some small steps to clean up the boardwalk area. I was very happy to see the progress at the handball courts.

I ask that you and your team reflect on the impact not cleaning up the rest of Venice Beach boardwalk has had on our community.

Allowing encampments to stay on beaches, parks has created a huge concentration of homeless in Venice that was not here 2 or 3 years ago.

This influx has had a hugely negative impact on our community. Immediate safety issues are:

- Violent Crime is up 48%, aggravated assaults up 89%, multiple recent murders by homeless people. LAPD has confirmed that at least 50% of these are committed by or upon homeless.
- Almost daily fires and retaliatory arson resulting in the loss a house and family dog. These put a huge strain on LAFD and on the neighbors that worry for their own safety. LAFD has data on the high percent of fires in an encampment or RV or caused by a homeless person.
- The city and county have very limited facilities to house those with extreme mental health. So very very often the police have no recourse but to return them to our community with the residents of Venice to deal with often dangerous mental health situations.

Venice is happy to do our share, but we are a fragile city. The cities rush to solve the homeless crisis in blindly CRUSHING VENICE. Please recognize these real side effects of city policies. Please clean up our parks and beaches. Asking Mike Bonin's permission about when and where you clean up is NOT FAIR for the citizens of Venice. You are allowing Venice to be destroyed.

Three neighbors on my block moved because of the homeless situation. Businesses are leaving. My daughter refuses to go to the beach or on the bike path. Please visit Google (the best employer in Venice) and see for yourself how the city treats the businesses that provide Venice citizens a job. We no longer are safe on our beaches, parks

and sidewalks. The quality of life is going. My daughter will not go to Venice Beach (2 blocks from our house) because it is a "death wish".

Venice's citizens are getting crushed in the blind race to help the homeless. Venice's wonderful way of life is destroyed. We desperately need someone to stand up for us. Please consider Venice's citizens, surfers, tourists, and business and truly balance our needs with the unhoused. Venice cannot take any more.

Please help us.

John Baginski

30 Year Venice Resident

Member of VNC Safety Committee

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: 7600 Block N. Figueroa- LOG #18

1 message

Sarah Flaherty <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>

Fri, Apr 9, 2021 at 6:36 PM

To: Flor <>

Cc: AP Diaz <ap.diaz@lacity.org>, Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>, Brian Buchner <brian.buchner@lacity.org>, Cesar Rivas <38595@lapd.online>, Charles Mason <CMason@masonlifeplanning.com>, Fern <ferndog1975@yahoo.com>, Fernando Ochoa <25743@lapd.online>, Gloria <>, Ken Henkle <henkle21662@gmail.com>, Kevin De Leon <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>, "Marie Rose D. Cabrera" <>, Mayor Helpdesk <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, Michelle Helseth <>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Veronica Polanco <veronica.polanco@lacity.org>, ZEmily Cole <>, armand calvillo <>, michael.a.shull@lacity.org

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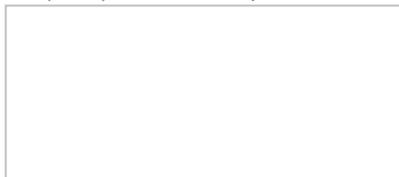


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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: 7600 Block N. Figueroa- LOG #18

1 message

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Re: Commissioner Nicole Chase

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 1:12 PM

To: Jessica Jimenez < >

Cc: Jessica Jimenez < >

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

On Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 12:57 PM Jessica Jimenez <

> wrote:

Hello Commissioner Chase,

Thank you for properly communicating the concerns of the residents that live close to the Homeless Shelter Projects. You were the only person on the zoom call this morning that truly resonated with the Eagle Rock residents. I am a homeowner that lives in Eagle Rock. I live walking distance to the proposed 7560-7570 N.Figueroa St. shelter Project and I speak on behalf of myself and a large group of residents that also live near by.

While many of us agree that the Tiny Home project is a positive step in getting homeless people off the streets, there has been great concern expressed by a growing number of residents over the grave potential of fires that can be potentially started by this many people, at this particular location. The parking lot that is to be turned into a Tiny Home shelter is directly across from **Eagle Rock Park** and is in a **Severe High Risk Fire Hazard Zone**. This alone should sound off alarms to everyone. Also, just to the right of the lot is the **Richard Alatorre Park** that leads to the dry Hillside and to Pasadena neighborhoods that lead to the **Rosebowl, Brookside Park, San Pascual Park, and the Arroyo Seco Park and trails**. It is important to note that while we house people to provide them with help, especially the mentally ill and drug addicts, we must also carefully select where they are placed. Certainly placing the hazard in a High risk Fire Zone is a horrible idea and just careless.

Many will argue that the pallet homes will help minimize the fire hazard situation because the new residents will be fed and kept warm there, but this is not entirely true. The people that refuse the shelter will remain in their tents and still need to cook and keep warm. Just the day before yesterday there was a fire at the very location. This is only one of several tent fires reported this year and last year in Eagle Rock. We realize that this is a complicated issue and want to help and contribute to ideas that work for everyone and is why we have suggested that if they are going to offer shelters in an area then they should also prohibit camping within a few mile radius of each Tiny Home project to protect neighborhoods and to encourage them to either take shelter or be directed to a designated public parking/camping zone. They should absolutely be forbidden to camp in High Fire risk areas.

The Eagle Rock shelter project would increase the number of people that are currently living on the proposed parking lot from, 15 to 150. This is more people than what live in several blocks surrounding my home. As seen in Downtown, once a shelter goes in, it will attract others to the area that will camp near by only making our fire concerns worse. This is simply not a good location especially considering all of the data drawn from the National Fire Incident Reporting System, that confirms our concerns. One thing is dealing with fires in the middle of a city surrounded by cement, and another, is carelessly putting the hazard at the base of a hillside surrounded by parks and neighborhoods. This is too big of a risk to take. The city is putting all of our Residents in danger. It was just reported that we are expected to have another intense fire season.

As of Sept. 30, 2020 the Los Angeles Fire Department logged 8,283 fires. That is a 45% increase from 2019 . The LAFD said that more than half of 2020's fires, had been flagged as related to homelessness.

Finally, according to "a bridge home", as of yesterday, there are currently 864 beds available and unused in LA, These are more than enough beds to temporarily house all of the homeless residents in our Area. We do not have that many homeless in Eagle Rock. There were more, but just as a recent report on the Hollywood Homeless, they have gone down. As a matter of fact, I am going with my neighbor to count them myself in order to have real facts and numbers. Bottomline is that the City is putting it's residents at risk by not cracking down and removing them from all fire risk zones and now they want to install them in a super High Risk Fire Zone. It makes no sense. I know this is complicated and we do not want to rain on anyone's efforts at finding a solution. Actually, we have endured all kinds of criticism by advocates that call us Nimby's but they've got it wrong. We want to be part of a solution that works for all. We are not opposed to the efforts to provide housing and services for the homeless.

We say **YES** to providing shelter and services to the homeless but **NO** to placing them in High Risk Fire Zones.

Thank You,
Jessica Jimenez

Jessica Jimenez

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Thank you to Commissioner Chase

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 1:11 PM

To: John Goldfarb <

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Cc: Marisa Zakaria

>, Flor <

>, Eva Lengyel <

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Kim Turner <

>, Michael Nogueira Jr <

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

On Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 10:46 AM John Goldfarb <jgoldfarb1107@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I am an Eagle Rock homeowner opposed to the pallet shelter development proposed for North Figueroa St. in my neighborhood, which was, of course, not under consideration at today's on-line meeting. I want to thank Commissioner Nicole Chase for speaking clearly to the concerns of residents living in close proximity to the proposed Arroyo Seco Park development. As she mentioned, many of us in CD 14 have earned our homes with a lifetime of work and we pay high property taxes every year to maintain them. We have a right to expect that some of the taxes we pay should be used to protect us from crime, but as yet we have no assurance that the safety of the housed residents living close to these developments will be prioritized in any way. Many people have reported that drug deals occur openly at the Figueroa Street parking lot, and we've heard nothing about how this would be curtailed in a pallet structure development because we don't even know who would be operating it. We all know that LAPD has no extra resources to increase patrols around these areas.

Thank you again, Commissioner Chase, for speaking to my concerns and those of other homeowners and apartment dwellers who may not have offered any public comment at today's meeting.

Sincerely,
John Goldfarb

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Re: Housing placement for the Homeless

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 8:44 AM

To: Gladys Vargas < >

Good morning,

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

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

On Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 10:09 PM Gladys Vargas < > wrote:

Very concerned about the Decisions made about building housing for homeless in Eagle Rock. These decisions seem to be made carelessly, without taking into consideration aspects in the community that will be affected. The space is a parking lot for the park! It has served as space for little swap meats, recycling events and other activities. I am a PSW for LAUSD and I am immensely worried because there are about 8 or 9 schools that will be impacted. From pre-k to high schools plus charter schools, senior centers and child care locations. Where are your heads to make these insane decisions? I am a resident of this community plus I am a senior woman. I like walking in the neighborhood, walking to Vons, CVS post office, yoga place and other business. I won't be able to do it again due to possible risk. I hope you reconsider your decisions and whenever you have something in mind, you have to notify the community via mail. Not everyone has or knows how to use the computer. Also a very tricky moment to make decisions behind the community's back when we are still hurting due to the pandemia.!!!

Gladys Vargas
Resident at Eagle Rock

Sent from my iPhone

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Harold Arrivillaga <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>

Fwd: Fire Hazard Eagle Rock/ Pasadena

Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>
To: Harold Arrivillaga <harold.arrivillaga@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 4:09 PM

Hello Harold,

This constituent sent this letter to the county board instead of ours. Please find the attached correspondence.



Brenda D Aguirre MPA

*Acting Superintendent of Recreation and Parks
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From: **Brenda Aguirre** <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>
Date: Wed, 14 Apr 2021 at 16:07
Subject: Fire Hazard Eagle Rock/ Pasadena
To: < >
Cc: Monika Leisring <monika.leisring@lacity.org>, Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>

Hello Ms. Jimenez,

We received your email from the Los Angeles County Board office regarding Eagle Rock Recreation Center. Thank you for reaching out to share your thoughts and concerns on the proposed pallet shelter at the Eagle Rock Parking lot. I have forwarded your email to our Board of Commissioners for the Department of Recreation and Parks for the City of Los Angeles because it is a city park. Housing our Homeless neighbors is a difficult balance and your feedback is greatly appreciated. I have also included Alice Roth from Councilmember De Leon's office who can better explain the plan for this type of housing. Thank you again for sharing your thoughts on this project. We appreciate your feedback.

Respectfully,



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

From: Jessica Jimenez < >
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 4:35 PM
To: EDL-DPR-Commission <Commission@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Fire Hazard Eagle Rock/ Pasadena

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello,
please help direct my email to the right person.

Good Afternoon,

I am a resident that lives on the Pasadena Eagle Rock border, 2 blocks from the proposed Figueroa Pallet Shelter Project by Councilman, Kevin De Leon.

I have gone door to door and have spoken to many residents in Pasadena and Eagle Rock regarding this. While some of us agree that this Tiny Home project is a step in getting homeless people off the streets, there has been great concern expressed by a growing number of Eagle Rock and Pasadena Residents, over the potential dangers of fires by the Shelter project.

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Currently, Eagle Rock Park has not been gravely impacted by their presence because there are only 15 people living in the lot across the street for the past year. And still, with that small controlled amount, there have been 2 rapes, 4 overdoses, and several tent fires at that location. The main difference between this particular location and others that have been selected, is this is a 95 % residential neighborhood and its location puts at an extremely high risk of a fire.

The intention of the pallet homes is to unite all of the Eagle Rock homeless to live at this particular location, raising the population to 150 people. There will be no background checks for violent crime offenders and the drug activity will continue since the plan is to welcome them all. The current drugs of choice are Meth and Heroin. I sat in a meeting that Kevin De Leon had yesterday. They finally announced the company that will be managing the site, but no details were given yet on how the residents will be provided drug rehabilitation and mental health services, which is another community concern at this location because it is located not only near many beloved parks and trails, but across the street from two daycares and less than a mile from 9 schools. After seeing what happened at Echo Park, we also fear migration of other homeless to camp near the shelter, increasing the population by more than 1000%.

Finally, according to "a bridge home", there are currently 864 temporary beds available and unused in LA as of yesterday. At a whopping 130k per 8x8 shared shelter, this is yet another costly temporary solution. The tents were supposed to be the temporary solution. Please help stop this from ruining the park for all the children that live here.

If the project does move forward, I hope that you install security surveillance all over the park, increase the lighting, and fence it all in to be closed at night.

Thank you for your time.

Thank you,
Jessica Jimenez



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: UPDATE 7560-7570 N. Figueroa St. Temporary Shelters?

1 message

Monika Leisring <monika.leisring@lacity.org>

Thu, Apr 22, 2021 at 8:21 AM

To: Flor < >

Cc: Cathie Santo Domingo <cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org>

Bcc: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Good morning Flor,

I spoke with Assistant General Manager Cathie Santo Domingo about this project and she will respond today with information regarding contact and go-to person for the project as well as providing you with a current update.

Thank you for your patience 😊

Cathie Santo Domingo is copied here for her ease in correspondence with you.

Monika Leisring, Executive Assistant to
Michael A. Shull, P.E., General Manager
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On Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 2:25 PM Flor <dolphin21@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Ms. Leisring and staff,

We understand everyone's schedules are hectic. Can you help direct our emails to the proper person(s)? Can someone give us an update on where this project stands?

Many of us have written letters and all we get are automated responses. We are a growing group of concerned ER residents, homeowners, and business owners and no one has taken the time to listen to our concerns regarding this project.

Would you be so kind to share date/time/link information for the next **RAP Commissioners meeting**? I have signed up to receive meeting agenda information, but with so many cancellations it's hard to "find" the proper meeting info. of the meeting we want to attend.

Awaiting your response,
Flor

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From: **Flor** < >

Date: Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 4:19 PM

Subject: Fwd: [7560-7570 N. Figueroa St. Temporary Shelters](#)

To: <monika.leisring@lacity.org>

Cc: Veronica Polanco <veronica.polanco@lacity.org>

Good afternoon Ms. Leisring,

I hope this email finds you well. Please spare some time to read our concerns; we are hopeful for some updates. We have sent a plethora of emails, much to no avail. Can you help direct our emails to the right person? This project will ruin the park for our children.

Kind regards,

Flor Fausto

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From: Flor >

Date: Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 3:32 PM

Subject: 7560-7570 N. Figueroa St. Temporary Shelters

To: <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, <carolyn.shannon@lacity.org>, Cathie Santo Domingo <Cathie.SantoDomingo@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Veronica Polanco <veronica.polanco@lacity.org>, AP Diaz <ap.diaz@lacity.org>, <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Jesse Saucedo <

Cc: John Goldfarb j >, Eva Lengyel <

Good afternoon Recs. and Parks Team,

I am writing on behalf of the community residents of Eagle Rock. The proposed pallet housing for the homeless at [7560-7570 N. Figueroa St.](#) is owned by four agencies, including Recs. & Parks. We are residents and homeowners and some of us live only one [block \(7600 N. Figueroa St.\)](#) from the proposed location. There is a park, school, businesses, such as The Morales Family Day Care, within 500 ft. of this parking lot. This location is in violation of Judge David O. Carter's ruling; he gave the city orders that the unhoused must be relocated at least 500 ft. away from the freeway. This particular location is wrapped on 3 sides by a freeway offramp, and on one side by a busy boulevard. With currently 10-15 tents in the lot, we are already having constant issues with people running across traffic on Figueroa Blvd, as well as congregating on the NE corner of Eagle Rock Park (often engaging in illegal activities like drug use, rummaging through stolen cars, breaking into cars, etc). This will not be a "dry" site, drug testing and background checks will not be enforced. The open and easy access to drugs has resulted in four people dying of an overdose at this parking lot. This is something we would like to avoid again at all costs.

The recent events at Echo Park, the stabbing of Jeanne Edgar and her dog in San Dimas, the killing of Gabriel Donnay near Beverly Grove bring all of our fears closer to reality. We hope you can take our concerns into consideration before making a final decision. We urge you to host a Town Hall so residents can have the opportunity to voice their concerns.

I'm forwarding one of our letters, and the flyer created by neighbors.

The residents of Eagle Rock oppose this motion: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0774-S1>

Sarah Flaherty mentioned during the last ERNC meeting of an upcoming meeting with RAP Commissioners. **Is this a public meeting for all to attend?** If so, would you be so kind to share date/time/link information with us.

We would appreciate an update and thank you for your time.

The Residents of Eagle Rock

COMMUNITY ALERT

Eagle Rock & NELA Neighbors

DID YOU KNOW? Right next door to your home, an LA experiment is about to take place led by Kevin De León. The LA City Council approved constructing 219 8x8 pallet sheds, increasing our area's existing homeless population by 10x. There will be no background checks for violent criminals or sex offenders and no drug testing. There will be 150 beds at the on-ramp of the 134 at Figueroa and 244 beds near York and Figueroa Blvd. Many residents are just now finding out.

This project is in violation of an order by Judge David O. Carter, federal case #LA CV 20-02291, that prohibits the construction so close to the freeway.

The location is in a **Very high fire Hazard** Severity Zone (VHFHSZ).



DID YOU KNOW? 80% of the beds available to the homeless through project Room Key are not being used, yet the city wants to mis-use tax payer money to build 75 temporary shelters that cost 130K Each!!! What is needed is low income housing and mental health services not temporary costly sheds. Please help stop this.

E-Mail our elected officials & demand real permanent solutions

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150 people living in a tiny parking lot, in 8 x 8 shared sheds is inhumane. This is a waste of money. The City can do better.

Directly across the street from Eagle Rock Park, Dog Park, Day Care, and three Playgrounds.

9 schools within a mile

5 min walk to San Pasqual, Park & Elementary School .

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WITH ONLY 15 TENTS, THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS FIRES, 2 RAPES, DRUG DEALERS, 4 OVERDOSES, ASSAULTS, MAIL TAMPERING, TRASH, AND DIRTY NEEDLES LITTERED ALL OVER TOWN.



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Re: Keep Griffith Parking Prices High and Fund Improvements

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 8:40 AM

To: Scott Keiner <

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On Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 8:20 PM Scott Keiner <

> wrote:

Hello,

I've recently discovered that there's a movement to reduce parking prices at the top of Griffith Park. The parking prices have done a great job of reducing traffic and raising funds for the park. Please keep them in place and use the funds to find more ways for people to enjoy the park without their cars.

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Re: Griffith Park Parking Fees

1 message

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To:

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On Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 7:57 AM <

> wrote:

Hi,

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Thank you,
Ayelet Ifrah

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Re: parking at Griffith Observatory

1 message

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

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On Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM Ryan Howard <

> wrote:

Thanks for the price reduction at Griffith Observatory! It's nice to not price gauge tourists, but it's still a steep price to pay for locals. Is there any foreseeable way that everyone with a 90027 zip code could buy some kind of annual pass for a low, flat rate (\$50ish?) to display on their windshield? Used to love hiking up there every morning before work but \$20/day is still too steep!

Thanks,

-Ryan

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Ryan Howard

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Re: Griffith Observatory Parking fees

1 message

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Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 2:57 PM

To: Alicia Mitchell <

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On Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 12:55 PM Alicia Mitchell <

> wrote:

I am a resident of Los Feliz who used to frequently go up to the Observatory after work to enjoy the space and get a view away from the buildings I live and work in, but as a single mother I am not able to afford the exorbitant parking fee of \$15. I heard it's been reduced to \$10 but that is still too expensive. I am not formally disabled, but do suffer with a previous knee injury that makes parking further down and walking up the hill with kids very difficult and dangerous. Also, I can't get up there fast enough before it gets dark so I quit trying. Please make parking free for LA or at least Los Feliz residents. In Maui my friend took me to a park (I'o Valley) that charged for tourists only and those with Maui addresses on their licenses could park for free since the space was set aside for local use firstly. Please consider that as a model. I believe tourists would be happy to pay the entry fee as they're on vacation and it would still make those spaces available and accessible for locals who are just trying to get a quick respite away from the city as Griffith intended when this land was given to the city.

Thank you,

Alicia

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Dog Mauling at Oakwood Park

1 message

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On Apr 2, 2021, at 12:48 PM, B <bethygreenwald@gmail.com> wrote:

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1 message

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Captain Embrich,

I'll let you reply to this. A child was severely injured. The community is asking that you work with Animal Services to remedy the situation. I'm supportive of the community's request for action.

Nisa

On Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 6:24 AM Bethy G < > wrote:

Nisa -

Thank you for your quick response. It's very much appreciated.

While action is very much welcome, we've been told numerous times since September of 2019 that Officer Acosta was going to take action instruct others on patrol to do the same and not things have gotten worse. I as well as other community members are concerned with Officer Acosta running point anything will change. Over the last year and a half Officer Acosta has me that he does not want to ticket the dog owners. Keith Rice (Oakwood Park director) met with Officer Acosta roughly a year ago and asked him for help. Mr. Rice expressed how bad the sit owners berating Keith and his staff, fighting with the soccer coaches etc and still Officer Acosta didn't want to write tickets. Instead he suggested more signs despite the fact that there is sig well as inside the park. We have an audio recording from an LAPD officer who responded to a call at Oakwood because a dog chased a child playing and things escalated between the dog officer who responded didn't say anything to the owners of the off-leash dogs running around the park even when asked to. He actually laughed when a community member shared that Off officers to write tickets if dogs were off-leash (happy to share this with you).

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To be clear, we want and need enforcement but we don't suspect we will see any progress under this officer who has had ample time and opportunity to step up and consistently refuses to

Best,

Beth

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Respectfully

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I will answer the questions within my purview. On Tuesday, April 13, 2021, my partner and I, along with Officers from Animal Regulations, started at Oakwood Park at ap to the other parks. We then returned to Oakwood Park at approximately 1030 hrs. A total of five (5) citations were issued by Animal Regulations Officers at Oakwood Pa

Future task forces will be organized through Animal Regulations based on their availability. I will continue to patrol the park and issue citations when I observe a violatio one (1) citation this morning, (4/15/21), at approximately 0915 hrs.

Adrian

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Los Angeles Police Department
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Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 9:41 AM
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Nisa, Captain Embrich, Offer Acosta -

We would like to know who is on the task force from the Pacific Division.

Officer Acosta - were you at Oakwood between 8:00-11:00 or was that collective of all the SLO's at the 3 parks? My neighbor noted there were two officers at Oakwood for a total of 20 minute other SLO's are ticketing in their area, we are just concerned with Oakwood. So for the month of April we have a total of 5 tickets and that only took 20 minutes? The task force will try at leas sending mixed messages if you only enforce it once a month? Will there be consistent enforcement? Will Officers be issuing tickets or at the very least getting on their loudspeakers? Since 1 by the park and say nothing to the owners with their dogs off leash.

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Please advise regarding my questions above. Parks and Recs - where are we in regards to retractable fencing?

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Beth

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To: Councilman Bonin,

I write this email to inform all of you that a young child was knocked down and bitten at Oakwood Park. The dog owner left the park running not taking responsibilit who was off-leash in Oakwood Park.

This incident at Oakwood Park leaves a young child with a cast on his right arm, dog bites on both legs.

We in the Oakwood Community have been writing about "Dogs off-leash at Oakwood Park for years" what will be done by all the powers that be in this email? (Oak park!) This needs to be addressed immediately by all the different departments, our children need to be protected from irresponsible dog owners who do not have while in Oakwood Park.

4/16/2021

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Dog Mauling at Oakwood Park

Attached you will find the letter from our Venice Neighborhood Council about dogs not being allowed in Oakwood Park, also the pictures of the child who was bitten German Shepard off-leash in Oakwood Park.

We demand answers, and actions immediately!

Respectively

Laddie Williams

Nisa Kove

Venice Field Deputy- Venice, OFW, Marina Peninsula, Silver Strand

Councilmember Mike Bonin

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Thank You for the responses and the fact that some citations were distributed to these dog owners.

My demand is Oakwood Recreation park be turned into a "No Dog Park!" The mauling of this young child was horrific, and the fact that without assisting the child who lay screaming in the park, his arm was broken, and the child was battered, 911 called and the Fire Department took the child to the hospital. Enough is enough we need our children protected as they play in Oakwood Park. "No Dog Park" is the quick fix, not one month safety first.

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Pictures of the victim attached

Thank You
Laddie Williams

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VR,
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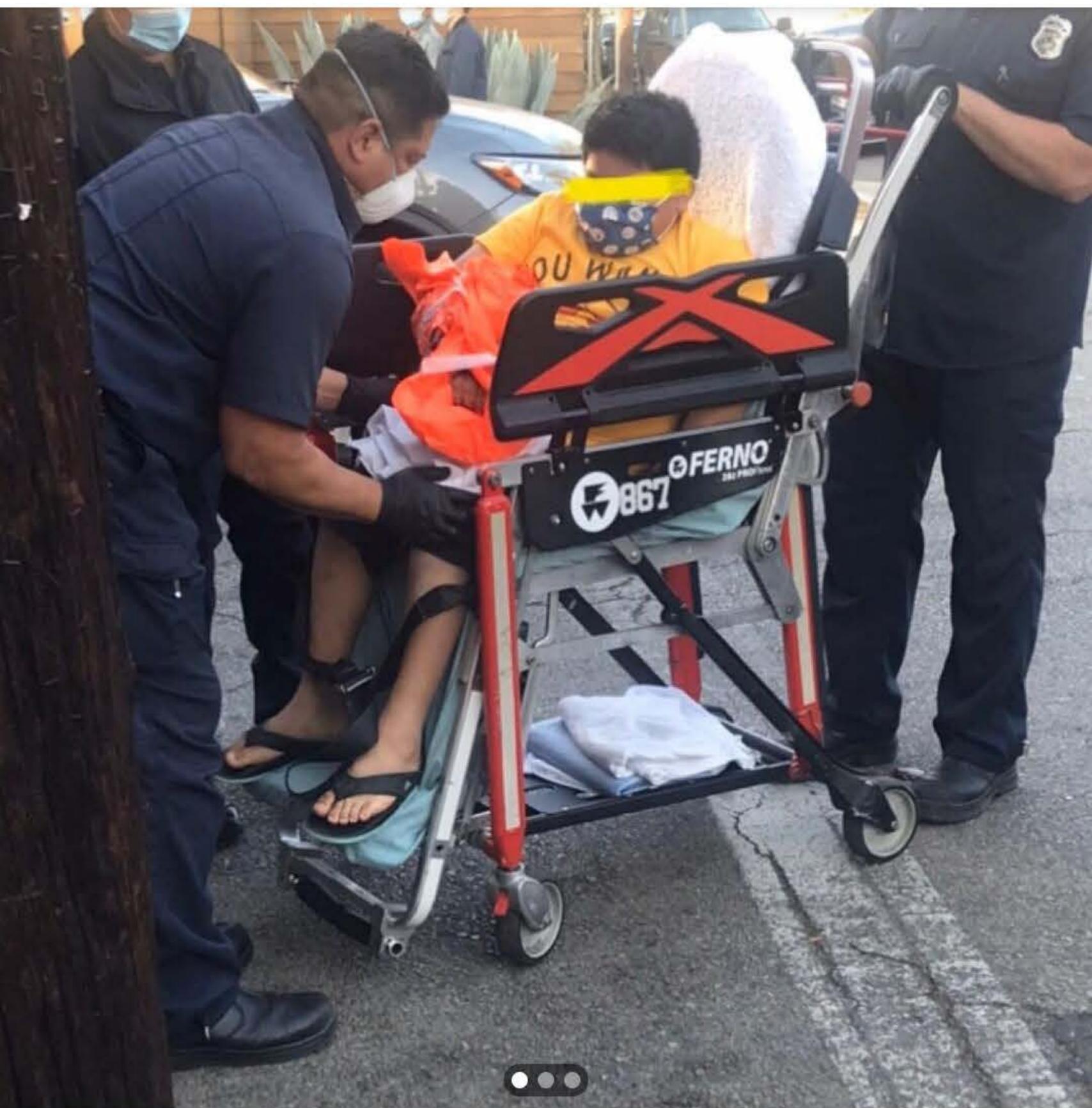
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**Rey Garcia**

Venice-Oakwood · 2 Apr



9 y/o arm broken by unleashed dog at oakwood park. last tuesday at around 5:30pm my aunt and her special needs son went to the park, he found his old school friend and they started playing by the taco truck that posts up at the end of oakwood park. As they were playing some lady's dog kept trying to play with them, my aunt asked this woman if she could retain her dog because they just wanted to play together. She did not listen and a few moments later



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Re: Dog Mauling at Oakwood Park

1 message

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All,

I want to thank Department of Animal Regs for coming out to Pacific Area and taking care of our parks!

VR,

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To: Councilman Bonin,

I write this email to inform all of you that a young child was knocked down and bitten at Oakwood Park. The dog owner left the park running not taking responsibility f who was off-leash in Oakwood Park.

This incident at Oakwood Park leaves a young child with a cast on his right arm, dog bites on both legs.

We in the Oakwood Community have been writing about "Dogs off-leash at Oakwood Park for years" what will be done by all the powers that be in this email? (Oakw park!) This needs to be addressed immediately by all the different departments, our children need to be protected from irresponsible dog owners who do not have lea while in Oakwood Park.

Attached you will find the letter from our Venice Neighborhood Council about dogs not being allowed in Oakwood Park, also the pictures of the child who was bitten a German Shepard off-leash in Oakwood Park.

We demand answers, and actions immediately!

Respectively
Laddie Williams

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1 message

Lydia Ponce

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Cc: Bethy G <...>, Brian Averill <...>, Brian Cook <36258@lapd.online>, Brian Morrison <30789@lapd.online>, Calin Spariosu <calin.spariosu@lacity.org>, ...

Question:

Since we have an abundance of police employed - Laddie and I suggest -one car could be assigned for Oakwood Park.

Please forward: The dog's name is Athena. Animal Control should check in 90291 - rabies records and licenses issued - for Venice to find the owner who fled the scene.

She needs to be charged - and she needs to be held accountable to support the child's medical expenses.

Lydia

On Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 1:02 PM Adrian Acosta <37285@lapd.online> wrote:

I will answer the questions within my purview. On Tuesday, April 13, 2021, my partner and I, along with Officers from Animal Regulations, started at Oakwood Park at ...

Future task forces will be organized through Animal Regulations based on their availability. I will continue to patrol the park and issue citations when I observe a violat one (1) citation this morning, (4/15/21), at approximately 0915 hrs.

Adrian

Adrian D. Acosta, #37285
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From: Bethy G

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We would like to know who is on the task force from the Pacific Division.

Officer Acosta - were you at Oakwood between 8:00-11:00 or was that collective of all the SLO's at the 3 parks? My neighbor noted there were two officers at Oakwood for a total of 20 mint other SLO's are ticketing in their area, we are just concerned with Oakwood. So for the month of April we have a total of 5 tickets and that only took 20 minutes? The task force will try at le sending mixed messages if you only enforce it once a month? Will there be consistent enforcement? Will Officers be issuing tickets or at the very least getting on their loudspeakers? Sinc by the park and say nothing to the owners with their dogs off leash.

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Ms Williams,

When did the incident occur, and was a report filed with Animal Services?
Having a report is extremely helpful.

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To: Councilman Bonin,

I write this email to inform all of you that a young child was knocked down and bitten at Oakwood Park. The dog owner left the park running not taking responsibility who was off-leash in Oakwood Park.

This incident at Oakwood Park leaves a young child with a cast on his right arm, dog bites on both legs.

We in the Oakwood Community have been writing about "Dogs off-leash at Oakwood Park for years" what will be done by all the powers that be in this email? (City of Los Angeles park!) This needs to be addressed immediately by all the different departments, our children need to be protected from irresponsible dog owners who do not have a leash while in Oakwood Park.

Attached you will find the letter from our Venice Neighborhood Council about dogs not being allowed in Oakwood Park, also the pictures of the child who was bitten by a German Shepherd off-leash in Oakwood Park.

We demand answers, and actions immediately!

Respectively

Laddie Williams

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Good Morning Bethy,

During our last community meeting, I mentioned that I'd have an update by April 21 regarding the retractable fencing. I'll contact my District Supervisor today and ask if there are any updates. I'm also pondering an idea about having volunteers from the community posted on the field to remind dog owners to leash their dogs. Volunteers would be posted based on volunteer availability during the morning and afternoon. I don't think it's feasible to depend solely on LAPD, AC or Rec & Parks to monitor the dog leash ordinance 24/7. LAPD has a broader scope of responsibilities, and AC & Parks are confined to City budget constraints. I do think that in conjunction with City Departments (LAPD, AC, Rec & Parks), the community can do its part in showing a presence on the field off-leash. Park staff will definitely contribute with this effort. However, with budget constraints due to the pandemic, the park can not afford to assign a staff member solely to the field. The hourly salary for PT staff is \$20/hour.

Volunteering is by no means a solution to writing tickets. The TF will continue to make their presence known in issuing tickets. I simply think this problem should involve the community as we

Correct me if I'm wrong Bethy, I think the busiest times that dogs are on the field is from 8am-10am and 6-8pm?

If we have volunteers, I can register volunteers through DOJ and ensure background checks are completed. Volunteers can also document events via cell phone cameras or log books and can also order volunteer badges and shirts with the City seal so that the volunteers look legit. Now that LAPD & AC are writing tickets to dog owners and with volunteers monitoring the field, I think it's inclined to blatantly ignore the law.

Please share your thoughts, suggestions and opinions concerning community volunteers.

Cordially,

Keith

On Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 9:42 AM Bethy G < > wrote:

Nisa, Captain Embrich, Offer Acosta -

We would like to know who is on the task force from the Pacific Division.

Officer Acosta - were you at Oakwood between 8:00-11:00 or was that collective of all the SLO's at the 3 parks? My neighbor noted there were two officers at Oakwood for a total of 20 minutes. Other SLO's are ticketing in their area, we are just concerned with Oakwood. So for the month of April we have a total of 5 tickets and that only took 20 minutes? The task force will try at least sending mixed messages if you only enforce it once a month? Will there be consistent enforcement? Will Officers be issuing tickets or at the very least getting on their loudspeakers? Sinc by the park and say nothing to the owners with their dogs off leash.

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Please advise regarding my questions above. **Parks and Recs** - where are we in regards to retractable fencing?

Thank you,

Beth

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Today, Pacific Area Senior Lead Officers participated in a task force with Officers from Animal Regulations. The purpose of the task force was enforcement of off-leash Vista Parks. A total of fourteen (14) citations were issued, (Oakwood-5, Penmar-5 and Mar Vista-4), for 53.06 LAMC during the hours of 0800 - 1100 hrs. We will try and month at varied hours.

Adrian

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Very disappointing,

LAPD has had plenty of time, budget, and resources (2 years) to get this right. All this shifting responsibility is just mor of our children and historic community. I would ask if that citation SL0 Acosta wrote today even had a fine associated with issuing warnings. When I was 10 years old I got tickets from LAPD for "jaywalking" and I learned with a quickness- not to ja still dont jaywalk. Clearly you are not willing to enforce the law to protect our children or community.

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I'm grateful though, that we have all this well documented. And despite all the frustration I know Creator always humbles th brings all things to balance.

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Hi Bethy,

Thank you for your thorough response. I agree. The community has done it's part. The response thus far is appreciated and attributed to your hard work and the community's efforts. However the aspect of organized rotations on park grounds. I just came from the field and reminded four dog owners to leash their dogs. As I politely reminded one of the dog owners to leash their dog enforced consistently at this park." He continued, "I've been allowing my dogs to run off leash for weeks without any concern." I replied, "We're in the process of recruiting registered volunteer curtail this problem." The man complied and left without incident.

There are bad apples among dog owners. We all know this quite well, but there are responsible dog owners who will comply at the first request. I've witnessed more responsible dog owners from the community in conjunction with the City response. To get this pilot off the ground, I will assign an Oakwood staff member on the field to work with a member of the community in address member to work with a volunteer for the first four weeks to determine if progress can be made. The park will take a hit financially, but I feel it's imperative to have community support on park go who frequent the field.

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Thank you,

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Nisa - you stated you believed this task force should be operating over "an extended period of time". We are tired of having this conversation and we will be having it forever or until there isn't some consistency. LAPD shouldn't drive by the park and say nothing to the owners with their dogs off-leash, and the task force should put some real effort in this month by s Captain Embrich - We have seen you post on Nextdoor about community happenings. Perhaps you could post a stern message that for all the parks listed below LAPD will be ticketing dog and broke his arm? Nisa - Perhaps Councilmember Bonin could do the same? These posts don't cost \$\$\$ or much time but with united and stern messages to the community and that LAPD is actually writing tickets) this could make a difference. We know you won't do it to us - you have proven that for almost 2 years. Do it for the kid who was attacked and now now. Do it for the 2 soccer kids that were attacked a couple months back and the senior who was told "f**k off" when she asked the owners to leash the dogs so she can exercise (she and serve...that's all we are asking for.

Please advise regarding my questions above. **Parks and Recs** - where are we in regards to retractable fencing?

Thank you,

Beth

On Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 2:55 PM Adrian Acosta <37285@lapd.online> wrote:

Today, Pacific Area Senior Lead Officers participated in a task force with Officers from Animal Regulations. The purpose of the task force was enforcement of off Vista Parks. A total of fourteen (14) cites were issued, (Oakwood-5, Penmar-5 and Mar Vista-4), for 53.06 LAMC during the hours of 0800 - 1100 hrs. We will try month at varied hours.

Adrian

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What, in your estimation, would solve this problem once and for all?

Brian Averill

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On Apr 1, 2021, at 7:10 PM, Brian Morrison <30789@lapd.online> wrote:

Ms Williams,

When did the incident occur, and was a report filed with Animal Services?

Having a report is extremely helpful.

Respectfully

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We in the Oakwood Community have been writing about "Dogs off-leash at Oakwood Park for years" what will be done by all the powers that be in this emai
park!) This needs to be addressed immediately by all the different departments, our children need to be protected from irresponsible dog owners who do not
while in Oakwood Park.

Attached you will find the letter from our Venice Neighborhood Council about dogs not being allowed in Oakwood Park, also the pictures of the child who wa
German Shepard off-leash in Oakwood Park.

We demand answers, and actions immediately!

Respectively
Laddie Williams

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I thought we'd have answers re the fencing this week. Thanks for correcting me. I appreciate you

To be clear and you know this, we've never asked for the park to be monitored/patrolled 24/7. That would be a ridiculous ask and something we've never requested. What we have request for the LAPD and Animal Control to make an effort to come by and write tickets. Officer Acosta wrote 4 tickets in twenty minutes. Why can't there be random enforcement 2 times a week for Captain Embrich post a message on Nextdoor stating a child was attacked by an off-leash dog at one of the local parks and LAPD will no longer be ignoring these infractions. Councilmember times, it was just the mornings and evening but due to the lack of enforcement/warnings people have their dogs off-leash ALL day. At this point 8AM-11AM and 3:00-7:00PM are probably tl handled for the last couple years has empowered the owners who refuse to follow the rules.

Do you really feel we haven't been doing our part re volunteering? None of us get paid to ask people to leash their dogs or to beg the folks on this chain to do their jobs. Every community one way or another for the last two years. I can honestly say almost every community member on this chain has been on the receiving end of verbal abuse/physical assault/threats. I myself just for asking two men to leash their dogs. I have an email apology from one of the regulars who verbally assaulted my partner because HIS dog ran out of the park and she yelled because leash. If these people tell the coaches to go f**k themselves in front of the kids, ignore a woman who asked 3x's who was there with her kids - and one was attacked by a dog now has a br to some of the elders - why are they going to listen to us? A guy ran from Animal Control and was back at the park days later fighting with the soccer coaches and LAPD was called. The g and he was given a verbal warning. He still brings his dog to the park off-leash weekly. Keith, you've said this yourself, warnings don't work because there have been no repercussions for police were called as a dog owner was being abusive to a community member. Officer Putrah, the responding officer and he refused to ask the owners to leash their dogs, laughed when it leash dog owners are to be ticketed.

Regarding the budget, LAPD received over a billion dollars which translates to 17% of the entire city budget. I empathize with Animal Control and Parks and Recs but some of what we've a impact. I'm also pretty sure ticket writing (which would have generated money) would've been cheaper than a lawsuit.

So in its simplest we have been and still are asking for a unified effort/messaging from these departments LAPD/Animal Control/Parks & Recs, as well as Councilmember Bonin, consistent times over the course of a month, modify/remove fences as discussed, and I am sure the community will continue to do their part (as we have been for the last two years) and volunteer in c

Thank you,

Beth

On Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 4:25 PM Keith Rice <keith.rice@lacity.org> wrote:
 Good Morning Bethy,

During our last community meeting, I mentioned that I'd have an update by April 21 regarding the retractable fencing. I'll contact my District Supervisor today and ask if there are any updates also pondering an idea about having volunteers from the community posted on the field to remind dog owners to leash their dogs. Volunteers would be posted based on volunteer availability the morning and afternoon. I don't think it's feasible to depend solely on LAPD, AC or Rec & Parks to monitor the dog leash ordinance 24/7. LAPD has a broader scope of responsibilities & Parks are confined to City budget constraints. I do think that in conjunction with City Departments (LAPD, AC, Rec & Parks), the community can do its part in showing a presence on the dogs off-leash. Park staff will definitely contribute with this effort. However, with budget constraints due to the pandemic, the park can not afford to assign a staff member solely to the field the field. The hourly salary for PT staff is \$20/hour.

Volunteering is by no means a solution to writing tickets. The TF will continue to make their presence known in issuing tickets. I simply think this problem should involve the community a

Correct me if I'm wrong Bethy, I think the busiest times that dogs are on the field is from 8am-10am and 6-8pm?

If we have volunteers, I can register volunteers through DOJ and ensure background checks are completed. Volunteers can also document events via cell phone cameras or log books and also order volunteer badges and shirts with the City seal so that the volunteers look legit. Now that LAPD & AC are writing tickets to dog owners and with volunteers monitoring the field, inclined to blatantly ignore the law.

Please share your thoughts, suggestions and opinions concerning community volunteers.

Cordially,

Keith

On Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 9:42 AM Bethy G < > wrote:

Nisa, Captain Embrich, Offer Acosta -

We would like to know who is on the task force from the Pacific Division.

Officer Acosta - were you at Oakwood between 8:00-11:00 or was that collective of all the SLO's at the 3 parks? My neighbor noted there were two officers at Oakwood for a total of 20 other SLO's are ticketing in their area, we are just concerned with Oakwood. So for the month of April we have a total of 5 tickets and that only took 20 minutes? The task force will *try* sending mixed messages if you only enforce it once a month? Will there be consistent enforcement? Will Officers be issuing tickets or at the very least getting on their loudspeakers? by the park and say nothing to the owners with their dogs off leash.

Nisa - you stated you believed this task force should be operating over "an extended period of time". We are tired of having this conversation and we will be having it forever or until there isn't some consistency. LAPD shouldn't drive by the park and say nothing to the owners with their dogs off-leash, and the task force should put some real effort in this month by s Captain Embrich - We have seen you post on Nextdoor about community happenings. Perhaps you could post a stern message that for all the parks listed below LAPD will be ticketing dog and broke his arm? Nisa - Perhaps Councilmember Bonin could do the same? These posts don't cost \$\$\$ or much time but with united and stern messages to the community and that LAPD is actually writing tickets) this could make a difference. We know you won't do it to us - you have proven that for almost 2 years. Do it for the kid who was attacked and now now. Do it for the 2 soccer kids that were attacked a couple months back and the senior who was told "f**k off" when she asked the owners to leash the dogs so she can exercise (she and serve...that's all we are asking for.

Please advise regarding my questions above. **Parks and Recs** - where are we in regards to retractable fencing?

Thank you,

Beth

On Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 2:55 PM Adrian Acosta <37285@lapd.online> wrote:

Today, Pacific Area Senior Lead Officers participated in a task force with Officers from Animal Regulations. The purpose of the task force was enforcement of off Vista Parks. A total of fourteen (14) cites were issued, (Oakwood-5, Penmar-5 and Mar Vista-4), for 53.06 LAMC during the hours of 0800 - 1100 hrs. We will try month at varied hours.

Adrian

Adrian D. Acosta, #37285
Pacific Area Senior Lead Officer
Los Angeles Police Department
310.622.3970

From: Bethy G < >
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:23 AM
To: Nisa Kove <nisa.kove@lacity.org>
Cc: Adrian Acosta <37285@lapd.online>; Brian Averill < >; Brian Cook <36258@lapd.online>; Brian Morrison <30789@lapd.online>; Calin Spariosu <danny.pantoja@lacity.org>; Keith Rice <keith.rice@lacity.org>; Steven Embrich <30993@lapd.online>; Pamela Anderson <andersonpamela424@gmail.com>; ani.westl <ani.westlfield@lacity.org>; Laddie Williams < >; dexter.oconnell@lacity.org <dexter.oconnell@lacity.org>; < >; Laura Ceballos < >; Mike Bravo < >; Mike Bonin <mike.bon >; Ira Koslow < >; Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>; Lydia Ponce < >
Subject: Re: Dog Mauling at Oakwood Park

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Nisa -

Thank you for your quick response. It's very much appreciated.

While action is very much welcome, we've been told numerous times since September of 2019 that Officer Acosta was going to take action instruct others on patrol to do the same a things have gotten worse. I as well as other community members are concerned with Officer Acosta running point anything will change. Over the last year and a half Officer Acosta that he does not want to ticket the dog owners. Keith Rice (Oakwood Park director) met with Officer Acosta roughly a year ago and asked him for help. Mr. Rice expressed how bad owners berating Keith and his staff, fighting with the soccer coaches etc and still Officer Acosta didn't want to write tickets. Instead he suggested more signs despite the fact that there well as inside the park. We have an audio recording from an LAPD officer who responded to a call at Oakwood because a dog chased a child playing and things escalated between officer who responded didn't say anything to the owners of the off-leash dogs running around the park even when asked to. He actually laughed when a community member shared officers to write tickets if dogs were off-leash (happy to share this with you).

At this point we feel like we have an adversarial relationship with Officer Acosta who has made it abundantly clear (too many times to count) that he has no interest in citing the owner welcome a task force and action (in the form of writing tickets and officers not ignoring the problem when they drive by) - why is anyone to believe this time going to be any different? community has asked him for help and he has ignored us and looks at us like we are the enemy - even though we aren't the folks breaking the law and endangering elders and children

To be clear, we want and need enforcement but we don't suspect we will see any progress under this officer who has had ample time and opportunity to step up and consistently refuse

Best,

Beth

On Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 11:36 PM Nisa Kove <nisa.kove@lacity.org> wrote:

Beth,

I have been informed that Officer Acosta will work with Animal Control (Danny & Calin - included in this email) and RAP on a task force. I agree that this should be for an extended Officer Acosta, Danny & Calin, please follow up with Beth on your specific plans for the area now that the banners have been installed.

Thank you,

Nisa

On Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 8:21 PM Bethy G. < > wrote:

Captain Morrison, Capt Embrich or Officer Acosta -

New banners/signs were installed over a week ago and as we stated numerous times - guess what - nothings changed and things have only gotten worse. Officers have driven I have been no less than 10 dogs off-leash and don't stop and write tickets and don't even bother to get on the loudspeaker. You can plaster the park with 100 more signs but the department has enabled the dog owners. As a result several kids have been attacked by off leash dogs and a young man with special needs was bitten, and broke his arm getting do anything.

The problem has gotten exponentially worse. It is no longer just the early morning hours and the late afternoon. It's all day long...

I plan on reaching out to the young man's family (the special needs kid with the broken arm) to let them know we have documented 2 years of begging you all to do something but is traumatized with a broken arm and still nothing. We have emails from so many of you contradicting yourselves "you will not be giving any more warnings" and "I have instructed leash" only to get differing responses a week later - "it's not our responsibility it's parks" or "it's animal control issue".

No one responded to my email below so I will ask again...can the LAPD commit to 8 hours of writing tickets over a one month period? 6 hours even? The only thing that made ar Loserelli and his men come down and wrote tickets. Huge impact and how did you help your partners? We are all still waiting as you keep putting the onus on every division and helped it get worse. It's unbelievable that we have to beg you all to do your jobs. I truly hope this family decides to take legal action because I have a feeling a huge settlement write the tickets.

Best

Beth Greenwald

On Apr 2, 2021, at 12:48 PM, B < > wrote:

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 do 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 2 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 LAF 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 t 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 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 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 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 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 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 r 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 se 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 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 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 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 we 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 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 be 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 c 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 r

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Beth Greenwald

On Thu, Apr 1, 2021 at 11:40 PM Brian Morrison <30789@lapd.online> wrote:

Mr Averill,

I'm really not sure. I think something probably needs to change environmentally and culturally (dog owner-wise) in the neighborhood. Clearly, dog owners in the neigh but Oakwood is not designed for that. And, the dog owners appear unwilling to go to the Westminster dog park.

I will defer to our City partners at Rec and Parks for environmental design recommendations and Animal Services and Rec and Parks for enforcement. We will continue appropriate and when resources are available, but we should not be the primary solution/resource.

I would ask that if someone is bitten, please ensure that the incident is documented (Injury Report or Vicious Animal Report). Animal Services has primary investigative

Respectfully

Captain Brian Morrison

Los Angeles Police Department, Pacific Patrol Division

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Email: 30789@lapd.online

From: Brian Averill <>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 7:49 PM
To: Brian Morrison <30789@lapd.online>; cwilli7269@aol.com
Cc: mike.bonin@lacity.org; nisa.kove@lacity.org; dexter.oconnell@lacity.org; ani.wlfield@lacity.org; rap.commissioners@lacity.org; Steven Embrich <30993@lapd.online>; Adrian Acosta <37285@lapd.online>; Brian Cook <36258@lapd.online>
Subject: Re: Dog Mauling at Oakwood Park

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Captain Morrison,

It's truly unfortunate and genuinely mind-boggling that children are still being injured by off-leash dogs in Oakwood.

What, in your estimation, would solve this problem once and for all?

Brian Averill

<image001.png>

On Apr 1, 2021, at 7:10 PM, Brian Morrison <30789@lapd.online> wrote:

Ms Williams,

When did the incident occur, and was a report filed with Animal Services?

Having a report is extremely helpful.

Respectfully

Captain Brian Morrison

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Dog Attack at Oakwood Park

1 message

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

Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 1:52 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 Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 1:39 PM Laura Ceballos < > wrote:
Hello,

Good Afternoon, it has been 2 years now that we had a Community meeting regarding the Dog Issue problem at Oakwood Park. The problem has exacerbated and the solutions that were proposed are not working.

There was another child attacked by a German Shepard two weeks ago at a Oakwood Park.

Prior to that, there was a meeting that took place on March the 17th, 2021 that addressed the concerns of the vexing problem of Dogs off Leash that pose a public safety concern for our children and community members. The Oakwood Park Advisory Board emphasized that it was just a matter of time that a child would be attacked again and indeed a child was attacked again by a dog off leash at Oakwood Park. The City of LA is liable for negligence. Recently, the City of Santa Monica was sued for negligence and was forced to pay out due to ignoring the dog off leash issue.

The LAPD, Animal Control, Oakwood Park Advisory Board Members, Council District 11, and RAP all agreed that permanent removal of the fencing was a solution that did not require People assistance. All agreed that they did not have enough staff or officers to patrol oakwood park, and agreed that this solution will deter dog owners from letting their dogs loose on the field.

The yellow marks down below are the areas requested for permanent partial removal of the fencing. Oakwood Park is the only park that is fully gated around the whole park. The Lapd requested fencing during the gang injunction, which was found to be unconstitutional. The fencing in certain areas should be removed to its original state.

I am asking that you expedite this request before more community members are hurt. Thank you.

Laura Ceballos
Oakwood Park Advisory Board

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park

1 message

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

Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 2:32 PM

Good morning Jason,

Please see staff response below regarding:

Last Tuesday morning, April 6, your Parks Department employees without advanced warning decided to use their weed wacker near parked cars. During this process their weed wackers kick up rocks and other debris damaging cars including car windows. Fortunately I was able to move in time. In the future the Parks Department should provide advance warning or block off the area they are going to "treat."

Such matters will be brought to the attention of Griffith Park Supervisors/Managers so they may inform staff and retrain on the safest way to use power equipment.

Thank you.

On Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 11:12 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

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

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

On Sun, Apr 11, 2021 at 7:38 AM Jason Crawford > wrote:
To Those In Charge of Griffith Park:

Last Tuesday morning, April 6, your Parks Department employees without advanced warning decided to use their weed wacker near parked cars. During this process their weed wackers kick up rocks and other debris damaging cars including car windows. Fortunately I was able to move in time. In the future the Parks Department should provide advance warning or block off the area they are going to "treat."

Additionally I've noticed something very concerning over the years while visiting the park. Many of the employees in fact all are the same. Where's the diversity in your Parks Department most notably at Griffith Park. A lack of diversity persists there. Every employee I have seen at the Griffith Park is hispanic. Discrimination in hiring just doesn't apply to white people. We must cut off at the roots, better yet dig up the roots of the lack of diversity in hiring. Obviously hiring managers are giving job opportunities to those that look like them and those they feel most comfortable with. This practice needs to be dug out and obliterated.

I implore the City of Los Angeles to take these matters seriously.

Thank you for your time .

Sincerely,
Jason Aric Crawford

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Neighborhood Council Meeting Request

1 message

Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org> Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 9:30 AM
 To: Alfredo Gama <alfredo.gama@lacity.org>, Deanne Dedmon <deanne.dedmon@lacity.org>
 Cc: Central Alameda Neighborhood Council <central.alameda.nc@lacity.org>, Thryeris Mason <thryeris.mason@lacity.org>, Vanessa Serrano <vanessa.serrano@lacity.org>
 Bcc: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Good Morning Sir,

Moving the Mike Shull, AP Diaz, and RAP Commissioners to "BCC"

Nice to e-meet you, please e-meet [+Deanne Dedmon](#) Superintendent of the Region. Deanne will ensure that the appropriate staff members in the Neighborhood Council meeting.

Thanks again for reaching out.

On Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 9:20 AM Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org> wrote:

Alfredo, Thank you for reaching out. It is always good to be better connected with our NC's. Jimmy, please assign someone to attend this meeting. Thank you.

Mike Shull
 General Manager
 Department of Recreation & Parks

On Fri, Apr 9, 2021 at 5:46 PM Alfredo Gama <alfredo.gama@lacity.org> wrote:
 Dear Parks and Recreation Department Staff:

I hope you are in great health and spirit.

My name is Alfredo Gama and I'm the President of the Central Alameda Neighborhood Council. I am grateful for your work managing and operating our parks during these difficult times. Parks and open green spaces are essential for the recovery and healing of our communities.

I am writing to invite members of your executive team to attend the Central Alameda Neighborhood Council general board meeting on April 17 at 11am via zoom. The parks in our neighborhood council district are Slauson Recreation Center, Fred Roberts Recreation center and Augustus F. Hawkins Nature Park.

We are interested in learning and monitoring current park practices in access to common public spaces, pandemic guidelines, and other budget related issues related to staffing and revenue or income produced by the use of the facilities. We are also looking to expand Neighborhood Council participation in our local parks we support through local taxes and volunteer representation.

The LA City Charter indicates:

"Sec. 910. Monitoring of City Services.

Neighborhood councils shall monitor the delivery of City services in their respective areas and have periodic meetings with responsible officials of City departments, subject to their reasonable availability."

I hope this email gives you time to prepare and attend our meeting which will be held via zoom at the following information:

When: Apr 17, 2021 10:30 AM Pacific Time

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83181938724>

Dial in Via Telephone:
US: +1 669 900 6833
Webinar ID: 831 8193 8724

Please confirm attendance at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Alfredo Gama Salmeron

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Alfredo Gama
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Jimmy Kim
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: second request regarding GP shutdowns and Hollywoodland

1 message

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Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 1:03 PM

Reply-To:

To: "stefanie.smith@lacity.org" <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>

Cc: "michael.a.shull@lacity.org" <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, "tracy.james@lacity.org" <tracy.james@lacity.org>, "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, "

< , "matthew.rudnick@lacity.org" <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>

Dear Stefanie,

Thank you for your quick reply.

I am pretty open next week and prefer afternoons.

So I would appreciate with your busier schedule, if you could suggest a specific date and time.

At present watching my movie is more complicated.

I want very much for you to see it.

Due to Covid, can we watch the film in a rap facility with a large room?

It is a dvd and has been shown that way before.

We can do that at our meeting next week or put it off a little while longer and do it separately.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Thank you again.

Sarajane

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

From: Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>

To:

Cc: michael.a.shull@lacity.org <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>; tracy.james@lacity.org <tracy.james@lacity.org>; rap.commissioners@lacity.org <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>;

< >; Matthew Rudnick <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>

Sent: Wed, Apr 14, 2021 11:27 am

Subject: Re: second request regarding GP shutdowns and Hollywoodland

Hi Sara,

It was a pleasure to meet you at the Vista last week.

I understand your concerns regarding park congestion and I would like to meet and discuss. Let me know a few dates we can meet as I would also like to view the movie you mentioned.

Tracy will schedule for us.

Thank you.

On Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 2:50 PM <

> wrote:

Dear Park Officials,

Last week the LA Times reported in several articles that Griffith Park was closed down at Los Feliz because of over capacity crowds.

They made it clear that this closure was due to the large numbers of people that come on Easter---not Covid restrictions--and that these closures have been going on for several years.

I want to know why the areas of the park bordering Hollywoodland were not also closed down? As you know while there are no legal public entrances into Griffith Park from Hollywoodland, the illegal and inappropriate magnets draw large number of visitors causing extremely dangerous conditions because we rightly lack the infrastructure to accommodate so many people in our hillside residential community. The one hundred year old substandard, narrow winding streets with dead ends with no turnarounds and with no sidewalks barely handle the needs of residents, much less the thousands of daily visitors that are here. Also, unlike any of the other neighborhoods that border the park, we are a bottleneck, 80% surrounded by dry brush, that juts into the park with extremely limited ingress and egress. If there's a problem by Los Feliz with its wide streets and proper infrastructure, it's so much worse here.

For example, why wasn't the area by the bootlegged, unsupervised view site closed down? Every week---not just on Easter---there are over eighty cars parked up there spilling into the residential neighborhoods. In case of an emergency, how could you ever safely and quickly evacuate all of these cars along with residents? This is extraordinarily dangerous. When Councilman Labonge created these illegal magnets, and it became crowded, he would often shut down all of the visitors into Hollywoodland going into Griffith Park and to the other magnets. This was done many times during the year. The numbers now are much worse than they were then.

Again, why wasn't this area shut down over Easter AND with the current precedents of shutting down Griffith Park, and the past precedents of shutting down Hollywoodland when it was too busy, why isn't it being done NOW THROUGHOUT THE YEAR whenever there are too many people causing dangerous conditions at the various magnets in Hollywoodland and on our streets? Surely there must be a proper capacity, and it is being surpassed frequently.

And finally, last but not least, any time you shut down one part of Griffith Park, it impacts the other areas. It is unconscionable that while shutting down an area with proper infrastructure you would leave open a section that has barely any to handle every day visitors much less the increasing crowds created by that shutdown. Any closure of Griffith Park must also therefore include Hollywoodland, by its very nature. **The HHA actually made an inquiry into this last October that I have attached because we never received a response.** We are still waiting for one.

I would like this letter to become part of the public record.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sarajane Schwartz
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

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Stefanie Smith
Acting Superintendent of Recreation and Parks Operations
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Park Proud LA!



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Letter of Support for 21-065, Tiny Homes Village at Arroyo Seco Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 4:28 PM

To: HPHT Prez Jamie Tijerina <

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Good Afternoon and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners.

On Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 3:34 PM HPHT Prez Jamie Tijerina

> wrote:

Hello,

Please see the enclosed letter of support for 21-065, the proposed Tiny Homes Village Project at Arroyo Seco Park. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Jamie Tijerina

President, Highland Park Heritage Trust

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April 14, 2021

ITEM 21-065: Arroyo Seco Park: Proposed CD14 Tiny Homes Village Project

Dear Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners:

The Highland Park Heritage Trust (HPHT) is a 38-year-old non-profit community organization in Northeast Los Angeles dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the cultural and architectural heritage of the historic Highland Park, Garvanza, and Arroyo Seco communities.

HPHT is writing on behalf of our communities, in support of the Proposed CD14 Tiny Homes Village Project to be located at Arroyo Seco Park.

HPHT is broadly in support of this project as proposed in this specific location of Arroyo Seco Park. This project will further the goal of providing safe, secure housing for our houseless neighbors in the Arroyo Seco communities of Highland Park/Garvanza. We also support our Highland Park/Garvanza neighbors being offered the first right of refusal.

HPHT understands that our city is in a crisis of homelessness, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, we support solutions such as this, which will alleviate the hardships that are faced by our houseless neighbors who lack access to shelter, and ultimately facilitate them finding or being placed in a permanent living situation in the near future.

As more details about the project emerge, our organization will provide additional feedback that reflects the will of the community with the purpose of achieving the best possible living conditions for those who will be placed in these homes, as well as those who will be their neighbors within the local community.

Sincerely,

Jamie Tijerina
President, Highland Park Heritage Trust

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Re: Westminster Elementary School #2

1 message

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Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 3:14 PM

To: "Betz, John" <>

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Good afternoon,

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

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

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Yes indeed - what is going to happen next. Doesn't take a rocket scientist to predict that. Here is another plea sent 11 days later on April 14

Location:
1200 block of Main Street, Venice, East side

Unaddressed Code Violations:
-California Penal Code #647C, LA Municipal Code #41.18: Obstruction of the free movement of any persons on street/sidewalks.
-CPC #647(f): Public Intoxication
-CPC #647, LAMC #41.47.2: Disorderly Conduct and/or Urinating and Defecating in public areas.
-CPC #374.3, LAMC #190.02: Illegal dumping in public area.
-LAMC #41.18(d): Sit/lie ban.
-LAMC #56.11: Unattended items in public area.

Dear City Officials,

We are now in the first week of school for Westminster Elementary located in Venice off of Abbott Kinney. I have emailed several times, as did many of the residents of this neighborhood, that there is a growing encampment on the Main Street side of the school. I am disheartened by the fact that no one has come to check up on this encampment, the safety and health of its residents, or to ensure that the children of this community have a safe route to school. I have attached videos of what we are dealing with here. There are children playing not even 20feet away from an encampment of mentally unstable people, that are defecating, vomiting, doing drugs, passing out drunk and half naked on the street and lacking all services in order to maintain safe living conditions (please see photos/videos attached). The message that you have sent by turning a blind eye to these violations is that the children and residents of this area of Venice, as well as the residents of the homeless encampment, should bear the burden of this on their own. The people of this community matter just as much as the children and residents of other communities in which this is clearly not allowed to happen.

The current pandemic is not an excuse for city leaders and authorities to allow critical health violations. You have the power to take certain measures to address these issues.

This is appalling, please do something about this before anyone is further harmed by this explosive situation.

And see the email thread below for other similar and ongoing complaints. The neighbors around the arson site have been complaining for months. The only visible action I have observed is that LAHSA came out one day and handed out power bars and bottled water to the street campers.

Wonderful - feeding in place goes a long way towards incentivising these folk to move. In the meantime, the homeless druggies have set fires in our alleys (neighbors have discovered several active fires burning in the alley near their homes on prior occasions), stolen trash cans, damaged property - the list goes on and on. We have been crying out for help and received NONE.

The only responses that we have received from the City have been excuses from the park rangers (see below) and an offer from Dexter O'Connell to have a zoom meeting to "discuss the issue." That meeting took place on April 8. At that meeting we discussed the growing problem and true to form, Dexter made excuse after excuse for the City's collective inability to do anything. He blamed the problem primarily on the City's inability to secure housing. We anticipated this. So before the meeting, my wife spoke with the Chairman of the Board at Share and obtained his commitment to provide housing for all the people on the street around Westminster Park and do so immediately. But when my wife offered this housing to Dexter as an immediate solution, he back tracked and told us that he would only accept housing that was located within CD-11. WHAT?! I thought we were in a pandemic? What sort of nonsense is this? Seemed like he was changing up the rules on us. When we pressed him to take action and accept this offer to house, he became very flustered and accused my wife of making a "Bad Faith" offer of housing, whatever that is. After he made that accusation not once, not twice but three times I got a little firm with him and told him he had better stop saying that and that the only person acting in "Bad Faith" was him, he abruptly hung up on us. We have the meeting recording in case you are interested. So does the press.

So let's connect the dots. Had Dexter accepted Share's offer, all the mentally ill and dangerous folk on the street in and around the park (yes - the ones we have been telling you about for months) would have been housed two weeks ago. That is a certainty. And I am 90% certain that had that occurred, this morning's fire would not have happened, our neighbor's life would not have been irrevocably derailed. **THE FAULT FOR THIS IS ON ALL OF YOU!!!!!!!**

This morning as I watched women weeping in our alley, I felt so much anger toward you all. I despise you for ignoring this community. I despise you for failing to do your job. You leave us residents no choice to protect our person, our families, our property other than to arm ourselves, which I do not believe in, but, your failed policies toward this community and your collective ineptness leave us very little choice. I think you are all useless bureaucrats who should not be allowed to hold public office or accept a City paycheck. I never thought I would say this, but I am seriously thinking about voting Republican at the next election.

YOU ARE ON NOTICE. THIS ARSON INCIDENT IS ON YOUR HANDS. SO IS ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS TO ANY SCHOOL KID AT WESTMINSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SO IS ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS TO ANYONE USING THE WESTMINSTER PARK.

John Betz

All photos taken this morning:

Two of several tents that are in the park illegally 24/7. This location is right across the street from the site of this morning's fire on Clubhouse Avenue.



Tent on the sidewalk on the Pacific Avenue side of the Park





Sleeping on the street (Main Street) just outside the elementary school fence



Tents along the park perimeter on Main Street, right across the street from the elementary school and less than 1/2 block from the fire.



On Apr 4, 2021, at 12:04 PM, Betz, John <JBetz@csum.edu> wrote:

Dexter,

Here is the latest round of photos, taken 2 days ago in the 1200 block of Main Street in Venice (between the Westminster Dog Park and the Westminster Elementary School). This is completely unacceptable.

I do not agree with your statement that the conditions here have been variable. They have not, except to the extent that the conditions are incrementally getting worse and worse over time. It is the same tents, same people, same trash that has been here for months, except the trash piles have grown. You can smell sewage when you walk by. The sidewalks are filthy. I have seen elderly people walking by IN THE BUSY STREET because the sidewalk is effectively impassable. And - the City is doing nothing.

I do not agree with your statement that due to the pandemic, you can do nothing other than clean the streets around these tents. These people moved here during the pandemic. So why can't they be moved again? Has anyone from the City even approached them and asked them to move? They have no business camping around an elementary school. I have seen the folk who are in these tents walking around with their pants down around their knees, urinating and defecating on the sidewalk and along the fence, and so drugged out at times, they don't even know who or where they are. You and everyone else on this email thread are on notice about this unsanitary, unsafe and unhealthy condition that YOU are allowing to fester right outside the schoolyard fence. We all know you can do something about it - if you choose to.

See also the last picture of the RV parked in the Dog Park parking lot. At present there are 3 live-aboard RV's in the lot 24/7. They've been there for at least 4 to 6 months. Are you going to tell me they can't be moved? Really?

THIS IS ALL UNACCEPTABLE.

PLEASE TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

JohnBetz





On Apr 1, 2021, at 3:44 PM, Dexter O'Connell
<dexter.oconnell@lacity.org> wrote:

John,

Thank you for reaching out. Conditions at that end of Westminster have been highly variable and you're right that it's gotten difficult there recently. We have added Sanitation service to that location as part of the regular Thursday cleanup and requested additional service on other days as well. Due to the state of the pandemic at this point there is not much more we can do. However, if we continue to move on up through the tiers successfully and there is no resurgence in cases, I do expect that some of the city's restrictions will return and that combined with additional housing resources coming on line in the not-too-distant future will allow us to address some of the homelessness issues in this area somewhat more comprehensively.

Thanks,
Dexter

On Wed, Mar 31, 2021 at 2:14 PM Tristen Marler
<tristen.marler@lacity.org> wrote:

On Wed, Mar 31, 2021 at 2:11 PM Mike Bonin
<mike.bonin@lacity.org> wrote:

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Day 2

1200 block of Main Street, Venice, East side

Here are photos of the guy sleeping on the sidewalk
right outside the Schoolyard fence. The sidewalk is
completely impassable.

1200 block of Main Street, Venice, West side

Here are photos of the tents, stolen bikes, stolen trash cans and gargage lining the sidewalk right across the street from the elementary school.

Regarding our complaints about the park, this is the response I received from the Park Rangers:

"Hi John, regarding Westminster Park. our biid team has been to this location many, many times to address the homeless issue. while one homeless individual leaves, another moves in just as fast. Our Biid team does weekly clean ups and we will continue to monitor."

This is what I received from the BID:

"I honestly don't know what more to do. We continue reaching out to higher levels but no one seems willing to actually help! It's surreal. I've never been subjected to anything like this."

The reality of it is, this is not a revolving door of homeless people occupying the park for a day or two then moving on. The same ones have been

here for months. The same RV has been parked in the Westminster Dog Park parking lot for over 4 months (probably more like 6 months), night and day with generator running.

Please don't stonewall the community regarding these very real safety and health issues. Do something about this.

John Betz

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Re: Westminster Elementary School #2

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Pat Ross < > Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 3:08 PM

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John and neighbors,

I am so sorry and do recognize all of the leadership and love of our community you strive and with so hard to preserve. I am appalled by Bodin and his cronies and allowing the police to do nothing is Bodins doing. The beach is a federal park and tourist destination. A couple of my friends from Mi were hear for a visit and can't believe I this is where we live. Venice turning into a ghetto with homeless everywhere. The housing the city bought at the beach for 100 homeless is great except they r lingering on the beach during the day. The homeless encampment between Dudley and Rose on the boardwalk is appalling! It's filthy, it smells and its frightening! Something has to be done! I won't even walk the boardwalk alone or take my grandson into that mess. We have called sent letters and the get no response. We have had some luck with the BID Venice and had luck getting the homeless crap picked up and they will paint over the graffiti.

Thank for all you do Mr. Betz. We r with you all the way!!

Terry and Pat Ross

On Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 2:39 PM Betz, John < > wrote:

Another heartbreaking story from our neighborhood. This one from a mom at Westminster Elementary School:

I have been calling and calling Bonin's office for weeks! They literally ignore me, I have been promised return calls from Nisa Kove, Dexter O'Connell on numerous occasions by their assistant David. NONE of my calls have ever been returned as promised. Honestly this doesn't surprise me but appalls me. I have PLEADED for something to be done so my daughter and all the students at Westminster can attend school safely. I am horrified that this is allowed to happen on the perimeter of a pre school and elementary school or any school for that matter. Today just before noon I pulled up on Main Street right behind this RV in your picture and was watching my daughter and her friends play on the soccer field. It took every fiber of my being not to bang on the door of that RV and demand he move. I took a deep breath and my common sense kicked back in and I of

course didn't approach it. We had to walk in the street this morning on the way to school because there was an RV parked on Rivera with his belongings strewn all over the sidewalk. I begged the police who were parked on Westminster outside the school the other afternoon for help and they of course basically shrugged their shoulders and said we can't do anything. They were literally looking at a different RV parked on Westminster again with stuff all over the sidewalk making it impossible for the kids to even walk home from school safely. They watched a few families walk around it onto the street with their children whilst I was talking to them. They said they could do absolutely nothing,

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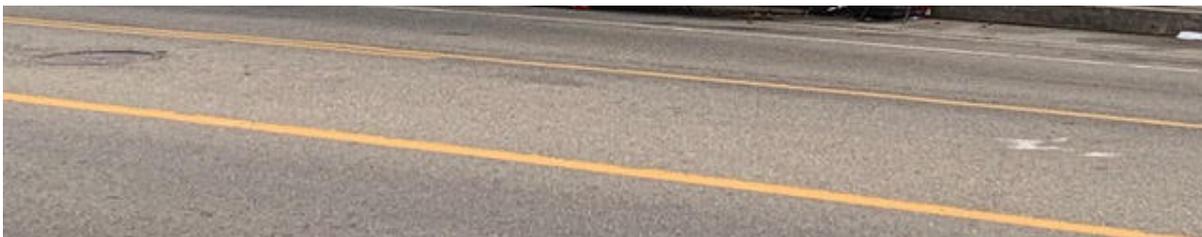
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Clubhouse Ave had been vandalized. What is going to happen next?

Yes indeed - what is going to happen next. Doesn't take a rocket scientist to predict that. Here is another plea sent 11 days later on April 14

Location:

1200 block of Main Street, Venice, East side

Unaddressed Code Violations:

-California Penal Code #647C, LA Municipal Code #41.18: Obstruction of the free movement of any persons on street/sidewalks.

-CPC #647(f): Public Intoxication

-CPC #647, LAMC #41.47.2: Disorderly Conduct and/or Urinating and Defecating in public areas.

-CPC #374.3, LAMC #190.02: Illegal dumping in public area.

-LAMC #41.18(d): Sit/lie ban.

-LAMC #56.11: Unattended items in public area.

Dear City Officials,

We are now in the first week of school for Westminster Elementary located in Venice off of Abbott Kinney. I have emailed several times, as did many of the residents of this neighborhood, that there is a growing encampment on the Main Street side of the school. I am disheartened by the fact that no one has come to check up on this encampment, the safety and health of its residents, or to ensure that the children of this community have a safe route to school. I have attached videos of what we are dealing with here. There are children playing not even 20feet away from an encampment of mentally unstable people, that are defecating, vomiting, doing drugs, passing out drunk and half naked on the street and lacking all services in order to maintain safe living conditions (please see photos/videos attached). The message that you have sent by turning a blind eye to these violations is that the children and residents of this area of Venice, as well as the residents of the homeless encampment, should bear the burden of this on their own. The people of this community matter just as much as the children and residents of other communities in which this is clearly not allowed to happen.

The current pandemic is not an excuse for city leaders and authorities to allow critical health violations. You have the power to take certain measures to address these issues.

This is appalling, please do something about this before anyone is further harmed by this explosive situation.

And see the email thread below for other similar and ongoing complaints. The neighbors around the arson site have been complaining for months. The only visible action I have observed is that LAHSA came out one day and handed out power bars and bottled water to the street campers. Wonderful - feeding in place goes a long way towards incentivising these folk to move. In the meantime, the homeless druggies have set fires in our alleys (neighbors have discovered several active fires burning in the alley near their homes on prior occasions), stolen trash cans, damaged property - the list goes on and on. We have been crying out for help and received NONE.

The only responses that we have received from the City have been excuses from the park rangers (see below) and an offer from Dexter O'Connell to have a zoom meeting to "discuss the issue." That meeting took place on April 8. At that meeting we discussed the growing problem and true to form, Dexter made excuse after excuse for the City's collective inability to do anything. He blamed the problem primarily on the City's inability to secure housing. We anticipated this. So before the meeting, my wife spoke with the Chairman of the Board at Share and obtained his commitment to provide housing for all the people on the street around Westminster Park and do so immediately. But when my wife offered this housing to Dexter as an immediate solution, he back tracked and told us that he would only accept housing that was located within CD-11. WHAT?! I thought we were in a pandemic? What sort of nonsense is this? Seemed like he was changing up the rules on us. When we pressed him to take action and accept this offer to house, he became very flustered and accused my wife of making a "Bad Faith" offer of housing, whatever that is. After he made that accusation not once, not twice but three times I got a little firm with him and told him he had better stop saying that and that the only person acting in "Bad Faith" was him, he abruptly hung up on us. We have the meeting recording in case you are interested. So does the press.

So let's connect the dots. Had Dexter accepted Share's offer, all the mentally ill and dangerous folk on the street in and around the park (yes - the ones we have been telling you about for months)

would have been housed two weeks ago. That is a certainty. And I am 90% certain that had that occurred, this morning's fire would not have happened, our neighbor's life would not have been irrevocably derailed. THE FAULT FOR THIS IS ON ALL OF YOU!!!!!!!!!!

This morning as I watched women weeping in our alley, I felt so much anger toward you all. I despise you for ignoring this community. I despise you for failing to do your job. You leave us residents no choice to protect our person, our families, our property other than to arm ourselves, which I do not believe in, but, your failed policies toward this community and your collective ineptness leave us very little choice. I think you are all useless bureaucrats who should not be allowed to hold public office or accept a City paycheck. I never thought I would say this, but I am seriously thinking about voting Republican at the next election.

YOU ARE ON NOTICE. THIS ARSON INCIDENT IS ON YOUR HANDS. SO IS ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS TO ANY SCHOOL KID AT WESTMINSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SO IS ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS TO ANYONE USING THE WESTMINSTER PARK.

John Betz

All photos taken this morning:

Two of several tens that are in the park illegally 24/7. This location is right across the street from the site of this morning's fire on Clubhouse Avenue.



Tent on the sidewalk on the Pacific Avenue side of the Park



Sleeping on the street (Main Street) just outside the elementary school fence



Tents along the park perimeter on Main Street, right across the street from the elementary school and less than 1/2 block from the fire.





On Apr 4, 2021, at 12:04 PM, Betz, John
< > wrote:

Dexter,

Here is the latest round of photos, taken 2 days ago in the 1200 block of Main Street in Venice (between the Westminster Dog Park and the Westminster Elementary School). This is completely unacceptable.

I do not agree with your statement that the conditions here have been variable. They have not, except to the extent that the conditions are incrementally getting worse and worse over time. It is the same tents, same people, same trash that has been here for months, except the trash piles have grown. You can smell sewage when you walk by. The sidewalks are filthy. I

have seen elderly people walking by IN THE BUSY STREET because the sidewalk is effectively impassable. And - the City is doing nothing.

I do not agree with your statement that due to the pandemic, you can do nothing other than clean the streets around these tents. These people moved here during the pandemic. So why can't they be moved again? Has anyone from the City even approached them and asked them to move? They have no business camping around an elementary school. I have seen the folk who are in these tents walking around with their pants down around their knees, urinating and defecating on the sidewalk and along the fence, and so drugged out at times, they don't even know who or where they are. You and everyone else on this email thread are on notice about this unsanitary, unsafe and unhealthy condition that YOU are allowing to fester right outside the schoolyard fence. We all know you can do something about it - if you choose to.

See also the last picture of the RV parked in the Dog Park parking lot. At present there are 3 live-aboard RV's in the lot 24/7. They've been there for at least 4 to 6 months. Are you going to tell me they can't be moved? Really?

THIS IS ALL UNACCEPTABLE.

PLEASE TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

JohnBetz





On Apr 1, 2021, at 3:44 PM, Dexter O'Connell <dexter.oconnell@lacity.org> wrote:

John,

Thank you for reaching out. Conditions at that end of Westminster have been highly variable and you're right that it's gotten difficult there recently. We have added Sanitation service to that location as part of the regular Thursday cleanup and requested additional service on other days as well. Due to the state of the pandemic at this point there is not much more we can do. However, if we continue to move on up through the tiers successfully and there is no resurgence in cases, I do expect that some of the city's restrictions will return and that combined with additional housing resources coming on line in the not-too-distant future will allow us to address some of

the homelessness issues in this area somewhat more comprehensively.

Thanks,
Dexter

On Wed, Mar 31, 2021 at 2:14 PM Tristen Marler <tristen.marler@lacity.org> wrote:

On Wed, Mar 31, 2021 at 2:11 PM Mike Bonin <mike.bonin@lacity.org> wrote:

Mjg

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

From: **Betz, John** <>
Date: Tue, Mar 30, 2021, 9:55 AM
Subject: Re: Westminster Elementary School #2
To: Mike Bonin <mike.bonin@lacity.org>, Mike Feuer <mike.n.feuer@lacity.org>, Robert Davis <Robert.Davis@lacity.org>, Westminster Senior Center <Westminster.SeniorCenter@lacity.org>, Tammy Ramirez <>, B Cohen <>, Steve Zimmer <>, Chantel Hunter-Mah <>, Zachary Pompa <zachary.pompa@lacity.org>, Morgan Bostic <morgan.bostic@lacity.org>, 40122@lapd.online <40122@lapd.online>, Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, Albert Torres <albert.torres@lacity.org>, 32906@lapd.online <32906@lapd.online>, Victor Jauregui <Victor.jauregui@lacity.org>, Eric Garcetti <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>
Cc: Francesca Padilla <>, Jennifer Noriega <>, HEIDI ROBERTS <>

Day 2

1200 block of Main Street, Venice, East side

Here are photos of the guy sleeping on the sidewalk right outside the Schoolyard fence. The sidewalk is completely impassable.

1200 block of Main Street, Venice, West side

Here are photos of the tents, stolen bikes, stolen trash cans and gargage lining the sidewalk right across the street from the elementary school.

Regarding our complaints about the park, this is the response I received from the Park Rangers:

"Hi John, regarding Westminster Park. our biid team has been to this

location many, many times to address the homeless issue. while one homeless individual leaves, another moves in just as fast. Our Biid team does weekly clean ups and we will continue to monitor.”

This is what I received from the BID:

“I honestly don’t know what more to do. We continue reaching out to higher levels but no one seems willing to actually help! It’s surreal. I’ve never been subjected to anything like this.””

The reality of it is, this is not a revolving door of homeless people occupying the park for a day or two then moving on. The same ones have been here for months. The same RV has been parked in the Westminster Dog Park parking lot for over 4 months (probably more like 6 months), night and day with generator running.

Please don’t stonewall the community regarding these very real safety and health issues. Do something about this.

John Betz

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Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK SERVICE REQUESTCD1 LA 90065

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 2:53 PM

To: Garcia Incareal <garcia.incareal@lacity.org>

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On Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 9:44 AM Garcia Incareal <garcia.incareal@lacity.org> wrote:
APRIL 19

Council member Gill Cedillo

On 3-22-21 the request to repair the rear of the stage at Sycamore Grove Park was made.

The stucco is still crumbling and some of the wood repairs are damage again.

Some people have said that the building should be demolish.

I tend to agree with them.

Attach is a picture.

Mauro Garcia

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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.

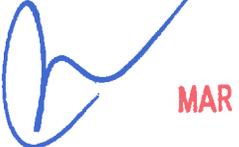
In Council District 11, **Permanent Supportive Housing** funded through HHH has been approved or is in the pipeline at 11950 W. Missouri in West LA, 2454 S Barry Ave in West LA, 3233 S. Thatcher Avenue in Venice, 8333 Airport Blvd in Westchester, 720 Rose Avenue in Venice, 2469 Lincoln Boulevard in Venice, 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

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to evaluate and identify funding for a temporary site for single-occupancy tiny homes or safe camping sites at property owned by Culver City for a joint LA-Culver City program.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify funding for a lease agreement for a temporary safe camping site at the privately-owned parcel at 5000 Beethoven Avenue in Del Rey, including the provision of services, security and resources where a large tent encampment currently exists.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation & Parks to evaluate the feasibility of identifying a portion of Westchester Park for a safe camping program, while allowing for the resumption of parks and recreation programs and public use of the rest of the park, and INSTRUCT the CAO to identify funding for safe camping there.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation & Parks to evaluate the feasibility of identifying a portion of Mar Vista Park for a safe camping program, while allowing for the resumption of parks and recreation programs and public use of the rest of the park, and INSTRUCT the CAO to identify funding for safe camping there.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the CAO work with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to identify and fund an airport-owned site the city can use, pending FAA approval, for safe camping, safe parking, or tiny homes.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the CAO to evaluate and identify funding for a temporary shelter, for homeless women in vacant space adjacent to the Council District 11 offices at the West LA Municipal Building at 1645 Corinth Avenue.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Housing and Community & Investment Department (HCID) to work with Council District 11 and willing potential sellers to purchase additional hotels or motels, subject to additional City Council approval, with additional Project Homekey funds that may become available July 1, 2021.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles to work with Council District 11 and willing property owners to enter into master lease agreements, subject to subsequent City Council approval, for hotel rooms or apartment units to be used for homeless housing.

Presented by:



MIKE BONIN

Councilmember, 11th District

Seconded by:



MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

Councilmember, 10th District



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Nuri Martinez RE: Pedlow Skate Park Update Request

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 1:46 PM

To: isabella@isabellabluesk8.com

Cc: Michael Shull <Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org>, Mayor Garcetti <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>, Councilmember Martinez <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, Council Member Krekorian <councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>, Councilmember Blumenfield <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, Council Member Koretz <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, nuri.martinez@lacity.org, Councilmember Rodriguez <Councilmember.Rodriguez@lacity.org>, Councilmember Harris-Dawson <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, Curren Price <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, Councilmember Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, Mitch O'Farrell <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, Councilmember Buscaino <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>

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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, Apr 26, 2021 at 12:23 PM <

> wrote:

Jonah;

Pedlow Skate park does not appear to be reopened. Will you please give us an ETA on when we will see Pedlow Skate Park reopened? Maybe we should set up a meeting with Mr. Shull, the Parks and Recreation Commission, ADA Hatami and I and figure out how we can help Nuri reopen Pedlow Skate park.

From: Jonah Glickman <jonah.glickman@lacity.org>

Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 5:27 PM

To: Isabella < >

Subject: Re: Pedlow Skate Park

Good afternoon,

I hope you had a nice weekend. The Rec and Parks Department is conducting maintenance work before fully re-opening the park.

I am waiting to hear back from their Construction Crews for an exact timeframe. I will let you know once I hear more from them.

Best,

Jonah

On Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 4:37 PM Isabella < > wrote:

Next time. Was the park reopened. What is the status?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 26, 2021, at 3:44 PM, Jonah Glickman <jonah.glickman@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Adam,

Thank you for the invitation. Unfortunately I am not available on that date, but I appreciate you thinking of me.

I hope you have a nice weekend and we'll be in touch.

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 7:15 PM Isabella < > wrote:

Jonah this is Adam. Not sure if this is your office or cell. What does the morning of April 3rd look like for you. Isabella is attending a skate charity event in Duarte for an East LA based charity. It would be cool if you can attend as Isabella's guest to have the experience as

as a participant and not have to be a city council deputy during at the event.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2021, at 6:51 PM, Jonah Glickman <jonah.glickman@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for sending over the study. I'll keep an eye out for more information. I appreciate you sharing this with me.

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 12:44 PM < > wrote:

Jonah:

I am attaching the UCS Skate Study. There were also several articles in the LA Times. Take a look at the study and I am going to put together some other info for you.

Adam

From: Jonah Glickman <jonah.glickman@lacity.org>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 6:09 PM
To: Isabella < >
Subject: Re: Pedlow Skate Park

Good afternoon Adam,

It was a pleasure speaking with you today. I am looking forward to working with you on community engagement at the Pedlow Skate Park, and hopefully we can host an event soon once it is safe. I'll keep an eye out for that USC study, and please send over any other materials on the plan you are putting together with the non-profits you're in conversations with.

I will also continue following up with Rec and Parks on the full re-opening of the skate park. I hope you're doing well and we'll be in touch.

On Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 5:46 PM Isabella < > wrote:

Jonah:

Would Nuri like to come down to the park and meet Isabella and her friends at the park on reopening. Isabella is going to starting the "summer of hope LA tour 2021" in April. It might be a great way for Nuri to promote community engagement.

Adam

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 19, 2021, at 5:08 PM, Jonah Glickman
<jonah.glickman@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to let you know some good news, since LA County has now moved into the Red Tier, LA City Rec and Parks is going to be reopening skate parks.

They will need to conduct a few maintenance projects to repair a damaged building, do some repainting, and repairing the fencing surrounding the skate park before fully re-opening. The maintenance requests are already in their queue, and I'm asking for a timeline of those repairs and when they estimate the park to be fully reopened. The good news is that their department is working towards the full re-opening of the skate park.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns. I hope you are doing well and have a nice weekend!

On Wed, Mar 17, 2021 at 12:32 PM Jonah Glickman
<jonah.glickman@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for reaching out, it was a pleasure speaking with you on Monday.

I am continuing to follow up with City Rec and Parks about Pedlow Skate Park. I will keep you updated regarding my efforts.

I hope you are doing well and we will be in touch.

Sincerely,

Jonah

On Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 10:25 AM
< > wrote:

From:
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Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:16 AM
To: 'Jonah.glickman@lacity.org'
<Jonah.glickman@lacity.org>
Cc: 'mayor.garcetti@lacity.org' <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>
Subject: FW: Pedlow Skate Park
Importance: High

Jonah:

Thank you for looking into this issue. Please see the attached flyers from LA County Parks website the indicate that County Public Heath Orders all for Skateparks are open. If you need any assistance please let me know. If you get the all clear to reopen, let me know and if Nuri would Isabella can introduce her to the skate community at Pedlow. As I am sure that you are aware skateparks are a place where diversity and community engagement flourish.

Here is the link to the Skate Park Flyer [COVID-19 Updates & Reopening – Parks & Recreation \(lacounty.gov\)](#)

Adam Loew

[Unite LA Foundation](#)

If there is something wrong, those who have the ability to take action have the responsibility to

take action.

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Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GAN GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 28, 2021 at 4:42 PM

To: Garcia Incareal <

Cc:

, Council Member Krekorian
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Good afternoon,

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

On Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 10:06 AM Garcia Incareal <

> wrote:

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Council member Gill Cedillo

The Sycamore Grove Park has gan graffiti all over

Attach are some pictures.

Perhaps is about time you place some security cameras

Mauro Garcia

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Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GAN GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Apr 29, 2021 at 8:43 AM

To: Garcia Incareal <

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Apr 28, 2021 at 4:52 PM Garcia Incareal < > wrote:

Hello
Why do you not place surveillance cameras?
This will deter this problem.
Awaiting your attentive answer.
Sincerely,
Mauro Garcia
Broker-Notary

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Re: concerned about Westwood Park

1 message

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

Thu, Apr 29, 2021 at 8:31 AM

Thank you, the Department will be following up with you.

On Thu, Apr 29, 2021 at 12:41 AM Paola Pederzoli <> wrote:

Paola

On Apr 28, 2021, at 6:32 PM, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon Ms. Pederzoli,

Please provide a contact phone number so that we may follow up on this matter with you.

On Wed, Apr 28, 2021 at 1:24 PM Paola Pederzoli <> wrote:

Via e-mail

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

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Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks

Department Office of Board of Commissioners

Hi

My name is Paola, I am a pediatric nurse at UCLA. My husband is one of the administrative charge nurses at UCLA Ronald Reagan Emergency Department. My husband has lived in Westwood since 1989 when he started college at UCLA. I have lived in Westwood since 1996 when I started UCLA. We are both nursing graduates from UCLA.

We loved UCLA and Westwood so much; we bought a townhome in 2001. We have 2 kids that we have raised in Westwood. We could not have raised our kids without having Westwood Park nearby. We relied on Westwood Park since we do not have a yard. Westwood Park was our backyard. I know many families that attend either Fairburn Elementary, Warner, Westwood Charter and Emerson that live in condos, townhomes or apartments and they also do not have a yard. They too depended on Westwood Park for their kids. My kids also took many different classes from Westwood Recreation center such as tennis, ballet, and basketball. It was one of the high lights of living in Westwood having an amazing big park nearby. My son and his friends grew up meeting at the park to play basketball, football and soccer. My kids grew up having birthday parties at the park with their friends. They also grew up having their birthday parties at Westwood Park. We

have the best memories. However, in the last year things have drastically changed for the worse. None of the parents wants to take or allow their kids to go to the park due to the increase homeless that now live there. There are tents set up throughout the park. The park is now dirty. I have come across human feces and indecent exposure. There is also increase report of crime.

Unfortunately since the park has turned into a homeless encampment and since a large portion of the green area has been removed to build a soccer field, our valued park has become unusable. The Park is filled with garbage and drug paraphernalia. My kids and I have been followed and harassed by people in the homeless encampment. I am afraid to let me children play there. The last time we went to the park we were playing basketball and there were gunshots in one of the tents that the homeless lived in approximately at 6 PM when there was still light outside.

My kids to not feel safe going to the park nor do any of the parents feel safe sending their kids to the park. This past year has been such a challenge for all kids having to do school online. The park was his or her outlet but no one felt safe going.

I work in pediatrics and know how important it is for kids' mental and physical well-being to be able to go outside and run around. We did not have that. In the last year, the average kid gained 13-19 lbs.

The park and the recreation building's facilities, especially the bathrooms, desperately need to be repaired can cleaned. Now I understand that Rec and Parks is planning to spend \$1.3 million to replace the children's play equipment and ignore the other glaring problems that exist. I oppose the use of these funds until Rec. and Parks does a full assessment of the repairs that are needed and determines how to make this park safe and secure.

I desperately ask for your help. Please help us bring Westwood Park back to how it once was. Please help make it safe again for our kids and for the community. On the next-door neighborhood app, our community talks about how they do not feel safe going to the dog park anymore or to walking nearby.

All the homeless that are being allowed to live in tents at the park has brought so much trash, violence, break-ins to our area. Before my kids and I felt safe walking my dog around the park, now we do not. In addition, there is human feces near the park and on sidewalks. The homeless are bathing themselves naked in the middle of the park with water bottles. My kids have unfortunately have had to see indecent exposure when we drive by in broad daylight. I am sorry if I keep repeating myself, but it has been overwhelming and depressing to see how much Westwood has changed in one year. We do not know where to go for help.

Westwood use to be a desirable place to live since it was clean and near UCLA campus. Now no one wants to live in Westwood because of all the homeless in our area and how dirty it has become. Parents now want to move out of Westwood. Parents do not want to attend our local schools in Westwood due to the increase homeless issues. My husband and I never thought we would want to move out of Westwood, especially being so close to work. However, my kids now feel scared at night if a homeless will break in our home. We have encountered homeless lying outside our building gate. My husband and I have lived in our townhome for 20 years not till this last couple years did we have several break ins. Now my husband

and I are on the fence what to do and debate if we should sell our townhome and move out of Westwood, but our kids do not want to move. They want to stay and continue at their school and stay in their home that they grew up in. We own two townhomes in Westwood. We live in one and rent out the other. This past year it has been hard to rent out the other townhome and had to lower the price by 700 due to the transients living nearby.

The homeless at the park has also brought many homeless to Westwood Village. When my husband and I walk to UCLA for work. We pass many homeless along the way, human feces, trash, and deal with being followed and harassed.

Please help. We need your help. I do not know where else to go.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any more information from me.

Sincerely

Paola Pederzoli-Carrillo RN, MSN, CPNP

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