

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

July 1, 2021

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: MICHAEL A. SHULL, General Manager



SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications addressed to the Board have been received by the Board Office, and the action taken thereon is presented.

<u>From</u>		<u>Action Taken</u>
1) Sandy Huse comments regarding homeless encampments at Debs Park	#8937b	Referred to General Manager
2) Pae White comments regarding homeless encampments at Debs Park	#8937c	Referred to General Manager
3) Helen Owens comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940o	Referred to General Manager
4) Matthew Britton comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940p	Referred to General Manager
5) Carolyn Olney comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940q	Referred to General Manager
6) Vesta Clinton comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940r	Referred to General Manager
7) Dominic Pollio comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940s	Referred to General Manager
8) Edwin Mazur comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940t	Referred to General Manager
9) Mary Hruska comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940u	Referred to General Manager
10) Ellen Stern comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940v	Referred to General Manager
11) pupr379 comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940w	Referred to General Manager

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12) Flor Fausto comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940x	Referred to General Manager
13) Chloe R. Ziegler comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940y	Referred to General Manager
14) Dr. Know comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940aa	Referred to General Manager
15) Tani Kaye comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940ab	Referred to General Manager
16) Ben Erest comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940ac	Referred to General Manager
17) Kristine Salonga comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940ad	Referred to General Manager
18) John Goldfarb comments regarding North Figueroa Tiny Home proposal	#8940ae	Referred to General Manager
19) City Council motion regarding the Governor's proposed Water infrastructure and Drought Response package	#8943	Note and File
20) City Council motion regarding retrofits of Municipal owned buildings to achieve net-zero energy including a Request for Qualifications process, and a Request for Proposal	#8944	Note and File
21) John Baginski comments regarding cleanup and crime at Venice Beach	#8946	Referred to General Manager
22) Paul Cadman comments regarding swim at Hansen Dam Aquatic Center	#8947	Referred to General Manager
23) Laura Ceballos comments regarding incident at Oakwood Park	#8948	Referred to General Manager
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25) Pamela Anderson comments regarding incident at Oakwood Park	#8948b	Referred to General Manager

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26) Paul Moore comments regarding Runyon Canyon Facilities	#8949	Referred to General Manager
27) Sarajane Schwartz comments as Safety Chair on behalf of Hollywoodland Homeowners Assoc regarding Griffith Park	#8950	Referred to General Manager
28) Kate Martin comments regarding RAP pool facilities	#8951	Referred to General Manager
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30) Tony Austin comments regarding RAP pool facilities	#8951b	Referred to General Manager
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42) David Forbes comments regarding RAP pool facilities	#8951n	Referred to General Manager
43) Gabe Ramirez comments regarding RAP pool facilities	#8951o	Referred to General Manager
44) Steven Nevius comments regarding RAP pool facilities	#8951p	Referred to General Manager
45) Larry Weisenberg comments regarding RAP pool facilities	#8951q	Referred to General Manager
46) Merideth Hillbrand comments regarding RAP pool facilities	#8951r	Referred to General Manager
47) Anne Tierney comments regarding RAP pool facilities	#8951s	Referred to General Manager
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52) Michael Blanchard comments regarding RAP pool facilities	#8951x	Referred to General Manager
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55) Ash Kramer comments regarding RAP pool facilities	#8951aa	Referred to General Manager
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57) Brennan Lindner comments regarding RAP pool facilities	#8951ac	Referred to General Manager
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61) Carlos Orellana comments regarding RAP pool facilities	#8951ag	Referred to General Manager
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63) Michael Stokes comments regarding RAP pool facilities	#8951ai	Referred to General Manager
64) Jim Alles comments regarding RAP pool facilities	#8951aj	Referred to General Manager
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67) City Council motion regarding support of RAP's BIID crews	#8952	Note and File
68) Draft Ordinance regarding when a person can sit, lie, or sleep on public property	#8953	Note and File
69) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park	#8954	Referred to General Manager
70) John Baginski comments regarding Venice Beach Weekly Street Sweeping	#8874s	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Jessica Martinez, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Homeless encampments, June 13-14 @Debs Park

1 message

Bill Cody <bill.cody@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 11:36 AM

To: Sandy Huse <askzeldaagain@gmail.com>

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Thanks for the update Sandy. As you may know, we still are not able to actually enforce the no Parking signs although they do seem to help in some areas more than others. That will most likely change very soon, but as yet that has not happened.

There is good news on several other fronts, however. Both RAP and Sanitation are hiring and adding staff to deal with the issues at Debs as well as other parks in the area. More and more resources are finally coming on-line after some very severe budget cuts caused by the pandemic. Also, RAP will be trimming the trees along Griffin and adding High Fire Zone signs which will also help with more visibility and enforcement.

Finally, we are meeting internally about the conditions at Debs and then shortly after meeting with the community as well. The Councilmember is taking a very proactive approach to the situation there and we will continue to engage with all of our partners, Rec and Parks who run Debs, the Park Rangers, Hollenbeck Precinct, Sanitation, LAHSA and of course the Montecito Heights and NE LA community.

Thanks,

Bill

On Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 10:56 AM Sandy Huse <askzeldaagain@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello team.

I wanted to send an update & some photos taken June 13 & 14 at Debs Park along Griffin from the pedestrian bridge to the chain link gate. They are marked with small captions so you can reference what I'm talking about.

The photos marked June 13th were taken early (about 6:15 a.m.) so these vehicles were obviously parked overnight in a designated no-parking zone...perhaps this is another tool to use to keep the encampments at bay? And the camp directly across from the gate is ever expanding again. I observed a "tenant" drying huge amounts of laundry, ensconced in her comfy chair and enjoying an adult beverage in the dawn's early light. Also, inside the park, there was (yet AGAIN) sounds of construction on the "Camp G corridor", this time it was digging and rustling of tarps. And the ubiquitous smell of smoke as well as Mr. Rooster, so those camps are full and operational.

The photos marked June 14 illustrate what has happened OVERNIGHT to the situation. The cars are multiplying, there is a new tent abode near the pedestrian bridge and "Comfy Lawn Chair Camp" has sprouted what appears to be a bodega. The blurry photo is a pic of an active drug deal...I observed a woman get out of the nice red car and go around to the side of the popup where party materials seemed to be exchanged.

I wanted to send this along to let you know that despite the much-appreciated semi-cleanout of a couple weeks ago, the problem is erupting again, and quickly. We need to have ongoing patrols and evictions to let the "campers" know we mean business about this dangerous situation. Since I continue to smell smoke almost daily in the park itself, the fire danger has not been mitigated, and the sounds of construction indicate that there has been no deterrent effect. Without ongoing enforcement we will be back at square one in a very short time with the potential horror of an uncontrollable fire in the heart of Los Angeles.

Thanks. Sandy.

Sandy Huse

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Re: Homeless encampments, June 13-14 @Debs Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 11:16 AM

To: Sandy Huse <

Cc: Bill Cody <Bill.Cody@lacity.org>, 31770@lapd.online, Pat Joyce <pat.joyce@lacity.org>, Richard Stabile <net, Cynthia Gonzalez <cynthia.gonzalez@lacity.org>, Ralph Terrazas <ralph.terrazas@lacity.org>, Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, Gilbert Cedillo <

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Re: Homeless encampments, June 13-14 @Debs Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 11:26 AM

To: Pae White <

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Good morning,

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

On Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 1:21 PM Pae White < > wrote:

I echo Sandy's concerns about the fire smell and rapid reestablishment of the removed camps. What good is the effort and funds behind removals if there is an utter lack of monitoring and enforcement?

I would like to again request a community Zoom call to make sure that everyone is familiar with what it means to be in a VHFHSZ and the enforcement obligations surrounding this very specific and dangerous zoning?

Thank you

Pae

On Jun 14, 2021, at 10:56 AM, Sandy Huse

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<June 14_at the pedestrian bridge.jpg>
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Re: N. Figueroa tiny home project.

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 8:19 AM

To: Helen Owens <

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Jun 11, 2021 at 5:13 PM Helen Owens <

> wrote:

In a message dated 6/10/2021 4:28:15 PM Pacific Standard Time,

writes:

I definitely oppose the project to put the tiny houses at the North Figueroa site across from our lovely Eagle Rock Park. These people are filthy, drug addicts and should not be in the parking lot at all. They don't want to be housed because they can't use their drugs and will have to live by rules. I have had bad experiences with them. I am 86 years old and like to walk to the park with my dog and I have had them try to take my dog away from me, kick at my dog and me and call me names, tell me I'm old and should be dead. I have not made any comments to them and I used to give one lady dog food for her dog when I shopped at Von's. If I had not had a man driving by the park and saw the man that was trying to take my dog away from me I probably would have been hurt and lost my dog. I have seen them kick at stray dogs, tried to catch a cat and one guy said let's catch it and set it on fire. These people are uncontrollable and our neighborhood is dangerous with them residing here. We tax payers should not have to tolerate it and have our lives in danger because the City does not know what to do with them. Most of them need to be placed in a rehabilitation center or mental facility. Please clean up our neighborhood and have them removed from the parking lot on North Figueroa. When they do clean it up from time to time, they are back within 4 hours. They need to be outlawed from living there. Hopefully you will realize what we are having to deal with. I'm afraid to walk in Eagle Rock anymore because they roam all over. Thank you for your time.

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Re: Tiny homes on Figueroa in Eagle Rock

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 8:21 AM

To: Matthew Britton >

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Jun 11, 2021 at 9:50 PM Matthew Britton

> wrote:

Dear Councilman De Leon and members of the Recreation and Parks Commission,

Regarding your proposal to construct tiny homes for homeless people on Figueroa Street - As a longtime resident and property owner in Eagle Rock, I will enthusiastically support this initiative and willingly contribute donations to it, if and only if, it is accompanied by laws and adequate enforcement which prevent homeless people from camping on our streets and parking RVs in our community at length. Please let me know if this is possible. Thanks.

Sincerely,

PS - My street is a massive collection of crumbling concrete which has not been paved since 1930. Can we do something about that, perhaps?

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: I join TERA in support of the N Figueroa Lot Tiny Home proposal

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 8:21 AM

To: Carolyn Olney

Good morning,

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

On Sat, Jun 12, 2021 at 8:55 AM Carolyn Olney

> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

My name is Carolyn Olney and I live at _____ in Eagle Rock. I have lived here since 2002.

I'm writing in support of this project to construct the units at the parking lot on North Figueroa.

I think this is a good effort to help solve homelessness in our area that will provide much needed housing and access to resources for our unhoused community and improve public health and safety for all residents, housed and unhoused. Currently, that area is an unhealthy environment and this approach makes the most sense.

We will need more of these types of units for all those who are currently living in ramshackle tents, in unsanitary conditions.

Thank you to Councilmember de Leon for his leadership and Rec & Parks for their willingness to be part of the solution to the homelessness crisis.

Sincerely
Carolyn Olney

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Re: I join TERA in support of the N Figueroa Lot Tiny Home proposal

1 message

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

Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 8:22 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Jun 13, 2021 at 1:33 PM Vesta Clinton

> wrote:

My name is Vesta Clinton and I live near Eagle Rock and frequently pass by this area being considered for those who are homeless to have access to Tiny Homes.

This is a flawed solution and does not address other very serious needs of those who have no shelter.

Below is a list that perfectly explains my concerns. In Santa Barbara, I was actively involved with issues that impact the housing and we discovered that transitional housing that provided life skills, job opportunities, and guidance to go to interviews were vital. We also provided mental health, addiction counseling, anger management, psychological support, family therapy, and child care. One cannot break the cycle if the underlying issues are not addressed and support to overcome challenges are denied ~ or not met.

Kindly consider what someone drafted that expresses my sentiments regarding this upcoming decision process.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter. I know we are all struggling with this multi-faceted problem and all seem to have good intentions.

Thank you. Your consideration of the following is appreciated.

- To just find shelter for the unhoused is not going to solve the issues. Finding solutions for mental and physical health, addiction issues, human trafficking, drug trafficking, gang-related issues, severed family relationships and homeless that are being preyed upon by other homeless are the issues that need to be dealt with to lift people from the situation that holds them trapped in the homeless condition.
- The parking lot was never zoned or intended for housing due to its proximity to the freeway (200 feet away). The location is in fact surrounded on 3 sides by the freeway. This proximity to increase pollution and particulate matter, sound pollution, etc. is known to cause health hazards such as cancer, Alzheimer's and is mentally disturbing. Judge Carter ruled that it was unhealthy for the homeless to live within 500 feet from a freeway. To now say they will be housed within 200 feet from a freeway does not eliminate the hazards.

- It has been stated that this facility will not be a clean and sober or a recovery-oriented facility. If this facility is run similar to the Chandler Pallet Home Project there are "Amnesty Lockers" that all residents can store their guns, knives, drugs or alcohol that they cannot bring into the facility but once they leave the complex they can take any of these items and use them in the surrounding community. This is problematic as the ability of residents to store weapons, drugs, and alcohol and take it with them into the community to use creates a less than safe condition for the surrounding community that includes parks, a recreation center, playgrounds, dog park, Eagle Rock Canyon Trail, Headquarters for the Metropolitan Water District and is in close proximity to a daycare facility, schools, and multiple homes.
- There must be provisions for the protection of the surrounding community and for Temporary Tiny housing residents once they exit the facility. With only 13 tents now there is a higher incidence of crime, theft, gang activity, and drug dealing. Adding 75 small homes and up to 150 people to this mix there must be a higher amount of patrols and security at the park and surrounding neighborhood. We have already seen 4 deaths due to overdose at this parking lot and daily drug deliveries.
- It is my understanding there has been NO oversight committee created to regulate this Temporary Tiny Housing. We demand that Recreation and Parks take their authority of controlling public land seriously and demand Government oversight at this property.



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Re: Rejection of the N Figueroa Lot Tiny Home proposal

1 message

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Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 8:23 AM

To: Dominic Pollio

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Jun 13, 2021 at 4:42 PM Dominic Pollio

> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident here in Eagle Rock and have been for the past few years. I have watched as lax policies and ineffective leadership has led to a rise in homelessness in the area. While I am not unsympathetic to the plight of homeless people, I am fully aware that most people living on the street do so out of choice and not for lack of resources provided by the city.

I worked on Skid Row and saw how numerous agencies including LAPD and LAHSA along with several private organizations provided aid to the people living there. A new settlement here in Eagle Rock will not lead to a productive society, I feel in fact that it will just provide a space that will become corrupted with narcotic use and will detract from a family-friendly area (the dog park and recreation center) that are located nearby.

Adding small properties is not what the homeless are looking for. In fact, I would ask how many people involved in this project spoke to any of the homeless people in the city as a whole (casting a wide area for them to seek answers) questioning them on what they wanted?

I politely request that the commissioners at LA City reconsider this plan and move to other ways to spend taxpayer money. For example, funding police initiatives into combating homelessness.

Thank You for your time.

Best,

Dominic

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Re: NO Tiny homes in 90041

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 8:24 AM

To: Edwin Mazur <

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On Sun, Jun 13, 2021 at 5:03 PM Edwin Mazur > wrote:

Hi my name is Richard and I'm a Eagle Rock *Home owner*.

I'm calling to reject this project to construct tiny homes at the parking lot on North Figueroa.

I think this is a flawed idea for solving homelessness in our area that will put the unhoused community in an unhealthy situation as well as create a dangerous conditions for the neighborhood.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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6/16/2021

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Communication from Public on June 17 2021 Agenda Item 5 (File 21-105)



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Re: Communication from Public on June 17 2021 Agenda Item 5 (File 21-105)

1 message

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To: Mary Hruska

Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 11:40 AM

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On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 1:21 AM Mary Hruska < > wrote:
Please see the attached Public Comment.

Thank you,

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TO: Los Angeles Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners,

Re: June 17, 2021 Agenda Item 5, File # 21-105

Honorable Commissioners,

As a resident of the City of Los Angeles, and one of your stakeholders, I feel compelled to voice my concerns to you regarding consideration of a proposal to utilize a portion of the Eagle Rock Recreation Center as a Pallet shelter for housing the homeless.

Your report delineates, in great detail the physical, economic and legal aspects of such a project but fails to consider the larger issues of :

- a) The effectiveness of the project
- b) The impact on the residents of the City of Los Angeles

Per the report, at last count, there are 41,290 homeless individuals within the City's boundaries. The project in question is expected to house 93. There are, per the report, 4 other such sites, on park land already approved. Even considering that the proposed housing is temporary and the shelter would be reused for more homeless individuals at a later date, where is the larger plan?

- Where would the homeless housed in the shelter be permanently housed?
- How long will it take to place residents in permanent housing and what would the throughput time be for this process? The goal, per the court settlement on which the project is predicated, is to provide 6700 beds for homeless individuals in 18 months. After 3 years (the theoretical end to the project) how many homeless are projected to have been housed? Combining this project's result to the other 4, and any other shelters proposed, will the goal of providing 6700 beds be achieved?
- What security measures are proposed for the project. Other than mention of a "guard" this is not defined in the report. Since crime surrounding such facilities has been shown to be a serious issue, this would seem to be of paramount importance in consideration of this project.
- What will the legal process of moving unhoused individuals from freeway-adjacent areas entail?
Are the third party service providers prepared to work with LAPD to house persons refusing such housing?
Is there a contract between them to facilitate this?

The proposed project seems to have no defined result at all, except the creation of a pallet shelter, with undefined services.

It also does not appear to consider the impact of the shelter on the immediate and farther reaching communities who utilize the area for recreation.

The Public Recreation Plan Section of the Service Systems element of the General Plan mandates 1 acre of Neighborhood Park for every 1,000 residents. Los Angeles is currently in violation of this mandate and this project would move it even farther away.

Parks are an essential component of urban health and the past year, with its lockdowns, has highlighted this quite explicitly. The people of the city need more park land, not less, particularly now. This parcel could be developed as any number of things which would improve the health of the residents who use it (Botanical Garden, Nature Preserve, Community Garden), yet they are losing it to a project that has no defined algorithm for success.

The report notes that there will be an agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles for use of the land for the project. Rancho Los Amigos is a 74 acre parcel in Downey which has been a rehabilitation center for over a century. It has numerous unused buildings and a long history of being a place where those who need assistance in basic services like housing and treatment can get it. Why was this site, which could house and treat a great deal more persons, not considered for this project? There are also empty hospitals, and military bases which could serve as locations. (none of the court decisions driving housing for the homeless mandate that they be housed in the same area that they are homeless)

This project appears to be a haphazard and narrow-minded response to a problem that requires coordination on a Marshall Plan scale.

The city needs to go back to the drawing board with the County, the State and the Federal government and produce a real solution. The people of this city deserve and demand better.

Sincerely,

Mary Hruska
(Mar Vista)



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: I join TERA in support of the N Figueroa Lot Tiny Home proposal

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 11:11 AM

To: Ellen Stern <

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Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 8:34 AM Ellen Stern <

> wrote:

Hello,

I have been an Eagle Rock resident for over forty years. I strongly support the installation of tiny homes at the Figueroa location. It's the least we can do to help out our neighbors in crisis.

Ellen Stern

Sent from my iPad

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1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: pupr379 >

Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 11:10 AM

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On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 11:47 PM pupr379

> wrote:

The impoverished and sick people encamped at this location deserve the opportunities more humane consideration will provide. Tiny Homes are a step up for the homeless and for our caring community.

Sent from my Galaxy

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Re: OPPOSE the N. Figueroa St. Lot Tiny Home Proposal

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 11:08 AM

To: Flor

Cc: Cathie Santo Domingo <Cathie.SantoDomingo@lacity.org>, Kevin De Leon <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>, Mayor Helpdesk <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, Fernando Ochoa <25743@lapd.online>, Brian Buchner <brian.buchner@lacity.org>, Victor Sanchez <victor.sanchez@lacity.org>, Jesse Saucedo <jesse.saucedo@lacity.org>, Veronica Polanco <veronica.polanco@lacity.org>

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On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 5:23 PM Flor

> wrote:

To the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners,

We, the residents of the 7600 block of N. Figueroa St., our community neighbors and Eagle Rock business owners, do NOT support the proposed Tiny Home project at 7560 N. Figueroa Street. We understand you are currently evaluating the feasibility of this project and with respect, we ask that you hear our concerns and consider them in your evaluation.

We have sent countless emails to Councilman Kevin de Leon, his staff and the Mayor's office but our opposing views have been ignored. Community neighbors feel abandoned and insignificant, even though this project affects US, the residents the most.

The unhoused living at this encampment(7560 N. Figueroa St.) roam freely around our street, day and night, drugged out. Our children have encountered them while they play in our front yards. We have not felt safe living in this neighborhood for over a year now. We support helping the unhoused population, but not if it includes enabling addicts and alcoholics, and bringing more of them into our community only a few hundred yards from our homes. I will remind you that open and easy access to drugs has resulted in a couple of people dying of an overdose at this parking lot. We are incredibly concerned for our safety especially since the number of the unhoused will more than double the current population at the parking lot.

These are only a few of the many questions we hope you can discuss with the Union Station Homeless Services. We believe they should be answered before you can vote on the project.

- 1) What security measures will they have in place to provide the safety of **EVERYONE**?
- 2) At the Chandler Tiny Home Village, residents have "Amnesty Lockers", to store their personal belongings, including drugs and weapons. Will Union Station Homeless Services allow such things to be stored in lockers?
- 3) Drug deals are rampant and common at the parking lot and throughout the ER park; will the "new" residents be allowed to continue using and selling drugs if allowed to live in the tiny homes?
- 4) Will there be background checks for violent crimes, and sex offenders before the unhoused are given temporary housing?

Their well being is important but the safety and security of law abiding citizens is just as important!

Also, if this project moves forward, where will the homeless living at the lot be relocated to, during the construction process? Are they just going to move under the freeway overpasses or into the park?

This particular location is not suitable for a project like this.
Please preserve our community and the safety of our youth.

Sincerely,
Flor Fausto

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Re: I join TERA in support of the N Figueroa Lot Tiny Home proposal

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 11:12 AM

To: "Chloe R. Ziegler" >

Cc: Ken Boros < >

Good morning,

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On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 9:44 AM Chloe R. Ziegler

> wrote:

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing in full support of the Tiny Homes project on Figueroa Avenue in Eagle Rock.

I am a resident here and have been active in helping my unhoused neighbors for several years. I know their plight.

People living on the streets need this as a first step to help them get back on their feet.

I will add that most importantly, funds will have to continue coming in on a regular basis for social services and the like. Without proper funding, this project will not be successful.

I also urge the City of Los Angeles, to push much more convincingly for affordable housing and bridge housing in ALL neighborhoods not withstanding residents' and NYMBYs' offensive and uncivic pushback. Information campaigns should be launched on a regular bases to fight this ignorant attitude that contributes greatly to the spread of our homelessness crisis.

Thank you.

Best regards,

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Re: Tiny Homes

1 message

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Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 11:13 AM

To: Dr Know

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Good morning,

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On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM Dr Know > wrote:

Good Morning Recreation & Parks Commission,

Not in favor of the the Tiny Homes in ER. In other area these Tiny Homes have attracted more people and crime where they have been built. This is another way to enable such behavior, which I can not endorse.

Thank you for taking tie to read my comment.
ER Resident +30 years

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Re: Eagle Rock Recreation Center - Proposed CD14 Tiny Homes Village Project

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 11:15 AM

To: Tani Kaye

Cc: Sarah Flaherty <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>, Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>, Emma Howard

<emma.howard@lacity.org>, Clara Solis

>, Rosa Rivas

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On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 12:14 PM Tani Kaye

> wrote:

I attended the June 17, 2021 Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners and made a public comment in support of agenda item 21-105. I want to thank Members of the Board of Recreation and Parks for approving the Eagle Rock Recreation Center - Proposed CD14 Tiny Homes Village Project. I also want to thank City Council Member Kevin de León and CD 14 Field Deputy Sarah Flaherty for their efforts to make this Tiny Homes Village a reality. As a native Angelino, 39-year resident of the San Fernando Valley and a 28-year resident of CD 14 (previously El Sereno and now Highland Park) I am encouraged that the issue of homelessness is finally being addressed. I understand that these projects will not solve the homeless problem in Los Angeles overnight, but this appears to be a step in the right direction. There will be people who will benefit from this program and there will be those who choose to remain on the street suffering from mental illness and drug addiction.

I toured the Alexandria Tiny Home Village in North Hollywood in April of this year, just prior to it's opening. Everything was clean and tidy so I also visited the Chandler Street Tiny Home Village, also in North Hollywood, which has been open since January, 2021. Although I was not able to go inside (out of respect for the residents) the facility appeared to be well run and I did not see evidence of homeless encampments in the immediate vicinity. There are lockers outside the Villages for residents to store items which cannot be brought inside (drugs, weapons, etc.) The goal is to get people off the street, into safe, albeit temporary, housing and then provide mental health and drug rehabilitation counseling so that they can become productive members of society. Many homeless residents carry weapons for their own personal protection and are willing to give them up when they are able to feel safe.

At the present time, the overflow parking lot, that is the proposed site for the Tiny Home Village in Eagle Rock, is currently unavailable for parking as it is occupied by homeless individuals living in tents. By providing shelter equipped with electricity, including heat and cooling, these individuals will have the chance to make use of the services that will be made available to those who choose to take advantage of this opportunity to get off the street. Union Station Homeless Services will run the village, providing on-site wraparound services including, but not limited to mental health, drug rehabilitation, access to medical care, employment and transition to permanent housing.

I frequent Eagle Rock Recreation Center, especially the Dog Park, that is directly across Figueroa St. from the proposed location. In addition to the homeless living in the overflow parking lot, there are also homeless living on Figueroa St. under the freeway overpasses. There

are people who are suffering from mental illness, drug users and people who commit crimes in this community. Those who take advantage of this opportunity to improve their situation can benefit from the available services. Once housing and services are available, as required by Judge Carter's ruling, law enforcement will be able to take appropriate steps to remove those who choose to remain on the street and break the law. I am also looking forward to the establishment of the proposed Highland Park Tiny Homes Village in the vicinity of Avenue 60 and the Arroyo Seco Parkway.

Alluding to a quote by Abraham Lincoln, "You can [help] some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot [help] all of the people all of the time." Sometimes, people have to be willing to help themselves.

Thank you

Tani Kaye

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Re: Reject Tiny Homes Proposal

1 message

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To: Ben Errest >

Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 11:18 AM

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On Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 7:14 AM Ben Errest

> wrote:

rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Hi my name is Ben and I'm an Eagle Rock Resident and Home owner, I'm calling to reject this project to construct tiny homes at the parking lot on North Figueroa.

I think this is a flawed idea for solving homelessness in our area that will put the unhoused community in an unhealthful situation as well as create a dangerous conditions for the neighborhood. *(Other points to consider)*

- To just find shelter for the unhoused is not going to solve the issues. Finding solutions for mental and physical health, addiction issues, human trafficking, drug trafficking, gang related issues, severed family relationships and homeless that are being preyed upon by other homeless are the issues that need to be dealt with to lift people from the situation that holds them trapped in the homeless condition.
- The parking lot was never zoned or intended for housing due to its proximity to the freeway (200 feet away). The location is in fact surrounded on 3 sides by the freeway. This proximity to increase pollution and particulate matter, sound pollution ect. is known to cause health hazards such as cancer, Alzheimer's and is mentally disturbing. Judge Carter ruled that it was unhealthful for homeless to livewithin 500 feet from a freeway. To now say they will be housed within 200 feet from a freeway does not eliminate the hazards.
- It has been stated that this facility will not be a clean and sober or a recovery oriented facility. If this facility is run similar to the Chandler Pallet Home Project there are "Amnesty Lockers" that all residents can store their guns, knives, drugs or alcohol that they cannot bring into the facility but once they leave the complex they can take any of these items and use them in the surrounding community. This is problematic as the ability of residents to store weapons, drugs and alcohol and take it with them into the community to use creates a less than safe condition for the surrounding community that includes parks, a recreation center, playgrounds, dog park, Eagle Rock Canyon Trail, Headquarters for the

Metropolitan Water District and is in close proximity to a day care facility, schools and multiple homes.

- There must be provisions for protection of the surrounding community and for Temporary Tiny housing residents once they exit the facility. With only 13 tents now there is a higher incident of crime, theft, gang activity and drug dealing. Adding 75 small homes and up to 150 people to this mix there must be higher amount of patrols and security at the park and surrounding neighborhood. We have already seen 4 deaths due to overdose at this parking lot and daily drug deliveries.
- It is my understanding there has been NO oversight committee created to regulate this Temporary Tiny Housing. We demand that Recreation and Parks take their authority of controlling public land seriously and demand Government oversight at this property.

Sincerely,

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Re: Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 11:21 AM

To: Kristine Salonga Li >

Cc: "councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org" <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>

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On Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 3:10 PM Kristine Salonga Li <

> wrote:

Hello Kevin De Leon and Board of Recreation & Park Commissioners,

I am a long-time resident of Eagle Rock. I want to express my deep concerns about the approval of the Tiny Homes in Eagle Rock. First, I want to acknowledge that I understand the reason for this approval was to address the homelessness issue and this is a complex humanitarian crisis. I believe that in order for this to work, underlying issues/conditions must be tackled first and foremost to truly resolve the core problems of why individuals experience homelessness.

I urge you to consider the following:

1) Please make thorough screening and background checks mandatory. This location is literally across the street from a park where families esp. young children go to and also it is walking distance to nearby schools like Dahlia Heights Elementary (1 mile away) and Montessori school (0.8 miles away). I know one caller mentioned in yesterday's meeting that she does not think screening or background checks are necessary because the homeless individuals already living in the community need to get into housing as quickly as possible. Her statement runs contrary to what Kevin De Leon mentioned at the beginning of meeting. Kevin De Leon mentioned that if this site becomes underutilized, in order to maximize the resources there will be folks from other areas brought to the site to ensure that individuals experiencing homelessness can take advantage of this opportunity since this is a big investment. Considering this, how would we know the people outside of Eagle Rock coming into our community in the Tiny Homes are not sex offenders or traffickers, pedophiles, or drug dealers? It's a scary thought of how close they are located to children and the risk of permanent trauma to a child if anything were to happen should not be taken lightly. That's why screening and background checks are an absolute must.

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4) I agree with other concerns on yesterday's call about individuals who will not want to live in the Tiny Homes and instead opt to camp outside of that location. What happens then? Are there rules in place to prohibit this and how will it be enforced?

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Reply-To: Kristine Salonga Li

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To: "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, "councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org" <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>

I forgot to mention in my previous email that I highly recommend you watch Seattle is Dying | A Komo News Documentary. It is on YouTube. This may be a solution to combat the homelessness crisis.

Thank you,
Kristine

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Re: Why don't you care about security for homeowners near E.R. Park?

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 2:38 PM

To: John Goldfarb >

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 10:19 AM John Goldfarb wrote:

That's my question for you all. You haven't made any mention of the legitimate safety concerns of the people who pay taxes that support the parks, who are afraid of having mentally unstable and drug-addicted people living a couple of blocks from the houses they bought with years of work and sacrifice. Shame on you.

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John Goldfarb

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MOTION

In May 2021, Governor Newsom proposed a \$5.1 billion package for immediate drought response and long-term water resiliency to address immediate, emergency needs, build regional capacity to endure drought and safeguard water supplies for the economy and the environment. The Governor's Water Infrastructure and Drought Response package is part of a comprehensive recovery plan with the objective of dealing with the State's most persistent water-oriented challenges.

Among a variety of elements, the package seeks to provide \$1.3 billion for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. It also seeks to provide \$150 million for groundwater cleanup and water recycling projects; and \$300 million to improve water supply, water quality and water reliability as part of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The Governor's package also includes funding support for nature-based solutions. For example, the package seeks to provide \$200 million for habitat restoration to support tidal wetland, floodplain, and multi-benefit flood-risk reduction projects.

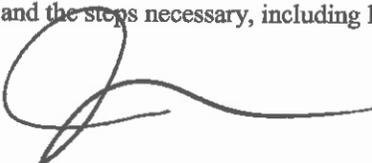
The City has been working on similar efforts to improve drought response and local water resiliency through the implementation of regional stormwater capture projects in the North Valley. The San Fernando aquifer is one of California's most important water resources and its recharge is critical to meeting LA's goal of reaching water independence by 2035. Due to its geology, the northeast San Fernando Valley is the most ideal location to infiltrate water into the aquifer which will decrease the city's reliance on imported resources.

The projects consist of the David M. Gonzales Recreation Center Stormwater Capture Project, the Valley Plaza Park Stormwater Capture Project and the North Hollywood Park Stormwater Capture Project. These projects, led by the Department of Water and Power (DWP), in collaboration with the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Bureau of Sanitation, seek to improve water quality and water supply through pre-treatment and infiltration of stormwater while also providing community enhancements, flood mitigation and nature-based solutions.

These projects are currently seeking funding from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's Measure W – Safe Clean Water Program; however, additional matching funds from the State would augment the competitiveness of these projects and help ensure their implementation. Given this, the DWP and its partner agencies should report to the Council on the feasibility of pursuing funding for these projects under the Governor's proposed Water Infrastructure and Drought Response package, or any other viable funding source. In this manner, the City may effectively meet its drought response and local water resiliency objectives.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power, in conjunction with the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Bureau of Sanitation, modify their proposals for the David M. Gonzales Recreation Center Stormwater Capture Project, the Valley Plaza Park Stormwater Capture Project and the North Hollywood Park Stormwater Capture Project, and any other viable water-resiliency project to the extent necessary to leverage funding from the Governor's proposed Water Infrastructure and Drought Response package as well as resources from the Metropolitan Water District and an expected Federal infrastructure package.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Water and Power, with assistance from the City Administrative Officer, report to the Council on the feasibility of pursuing funding from the Governor's proposed Water infrastructure and Drought Response package, a Federal Infrastructure Package and the Metropolitan Water District; and the steps necessary, including legislative steps, to effectuate this effort.



JUN 15 2021

PRESENTED BY:



NURY MARTINEZ

Councilwoman, 6th District

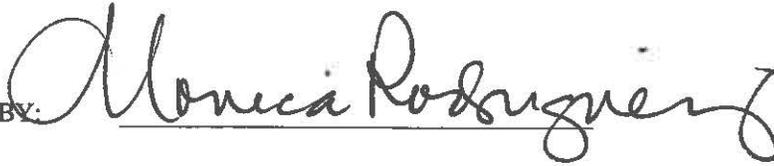
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Councilmember, 2nd District

PRESENTED BY:



MONICA RODRIGUEZ

Councilwoman, 7th District

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MOTION

Buildings are the largest source of carbon emissions across Los Angeles, and they account for 32% of the City of Los Angeles' emissions within our municipal sector. If we are to become a carbon-neutral city, then we must begin the process of implementing an aggressive decarbonization and electrification program for our municipal buildings now.

Building decarbonization includes the implementations of energy efficiency measures, the electrification of gas-powered building systems, and generation of renewable energy. By undertaking multi-pronged, complementary decarbonization strategies in our municipal buildings, we can reduce operational costs, improve local air quality, and demonstrate solutions that can be replicated in the private sector and in other cities throughout Los Angeles County and beyond.

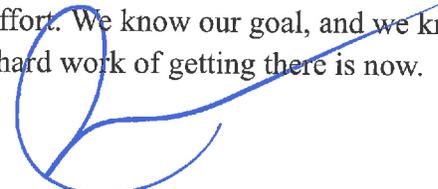
As our electric grid has shifted to cleaner, renewable energy sources, the electrification of previously gas-powered systems within our City buildings, in particular, has become an increasingly critical step to reduce the City's total carbon emissions. From 2008 to 2017, municipal building emissions from electricity sources fell 44% due to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's evolving electrical energy-generation mix. In the same time period, however, power that was used on-site by gas-powered equipment like HVAC systems, chillers, and boilers, only saw a 3% emissions reduction.

Fully electrifying our City buildings will also have significant health benefits for our communities. Burning combustible fuels in buildings produces air pollutants indoors as well as outdoors. The negative health impacts that result from these air pollutants are disproportionately felt by vulnerable, frontline communities. To reduce and reverse these impacts, it is critical that the City lead by example in reducing emissions from municipal assets that contribute to this pollution.

Fortunately, some of the initial steps that will allow the City to begin this work in earnest have already been taken. In the course of complying with the Existing Building Energy and Water Ordinance, the General Services Department has already commissioned over 100 energy and water building audits. These audits have served as a valuable first step, indicating which buildings are our highest energy consumers and offering insights into interventions that will help reduce energy consumption. Now, these audits can also be used as the basis for preparing building decarbonization/electrification plans. In addition, the LA100 study has already demonstrated that as we decarbonize our energy grid, there will be substantial opportunities to decarbonize our building sector as well—and that in doing so, health benefits will rise as costs fall.

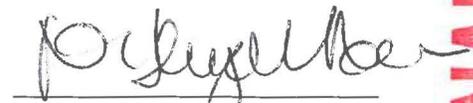
Los Angeles has no path to becoming a carbon-neutral city without a bold and robust building decarbonization effort. We know our goal, and we know that it has never been more urgent. The time to begin the hard work of getting there is now.

JUN 16 2021



I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the General Services Department, working with the Bureau of Engineering, the Recreation and Parks Department, the Los Angeles Public Library, the City Administrative Officer, and any other City departments as needed, to report back within 60 days with an assessment that will identify the staffing and/or contractual services needed to develop a full cost-estimate, timeline, and plan to retrofit prioritized municipally-owned buildings to achieve net-zero energy. The assessment should build upon the previously performed energy and water audits and account for the development of: (1) a prioritization methodology to identify buildings with maximum projected benefits of retrofits; and (2) a procurement/funding plan for immediate retrofitting of the top-ten high-priority buildings to serve as a model for the process of decarbonizing/electrifying the remainder of the City's municipal buildings going forward. Finally, the assessment should consider the advantages of pursuing a contract for retrofits through an energy service contract, a Request for Qualifications process, and a Request for Proposal process, making a recommendation on which type of procurement process the City should pursue in order to retrofit the entire municipal building portfolio.

PRESENTED BY:



NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

CD#2 Subdivision Park Fee Issue - Commission Agenda Item 21-118

Ron Bitzer <

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Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 9:19 AM

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

Cc: Jackie Keene <jackie.keene@lacity.org>, "paul.krekorian@lacity.org" <paul.krekorian@lacity.org>

Please accept this statement in the matter of Recreation and Parks Board Report 21-118 which the Commission may act on tomorrow, June 17th.

Ron Bitzer, North Hollywood Volunteer

Rebalancing Quimby Park Fees in 2021: L.A. City Departments & Real Estate Developers

June 2021

A City-organized community coalition, Parks for All, assisted in securing incentives for land dedication over cash fee payments in the new Quimby Park Fee ordinance enacted in September 2016. The Department of City Planning makes the final determination as the Advisory Agency with input from Recreation and Parks, LAMC Section 17.03.

City Planning staffers consistently reject the dedication of new park land, as evidenced by the following. The pending recommendation by Rec and Parks for park land dedication in the matter of 12444 West Chandler residential subdivision development (VTT-83014) makes sense.

1. The Department of Planning modified its own stated condition of approval for a subdivision project and substituted cash fees for required land dedication. A senior staffer justified the action by reference to a public hearing on the matter, Letter of Clarification, Department of Planning, City of Los Angeles, Case No. AA 2018-7264-PMLA, October 28, 2019, p. 3.
2. Residential real estate developers bypass Recreation and Parks in Early Consultations as required and apply directly to the Department of Planning in approximately 20% of the subdivision fact patterns. This trend discourages consideration of new park land options especially for larger projects.
3. The Department of Planning revises a Recreation and Parks recommendation and (a) converts fee payment from "Park Land and Fee" to "Park Land or Fee, or (b) simply strikes any reference to new park land dedication.
4. The Department of Planning applied inaccurate standards for a "neighborhood" park of 0.49 acres at 500 S. Oxford Street in Koreatown and rejected Recreation and Parks' recommendation for new park land in a congested area. In addition to the dubious claim of "72 public parks within a five mile radius of the project site," the decision failed to distinguish

a neighborhood park serving a 2 mile radius from a community park serving a 5 mile radius, Letter of Determination, VTT Map No. 75032-CN-1A, November 9, 2017, p. 16.

5. In rare instances the Department of Planning has required land dedication or a combination of land dedication and fee payment. In 2020, for example, the developer will be able to satisfy the Park Fee requirement at 623-671 South LaBrea Blvd. by dedicating a new park of less than one acre, Letter of Determination, Department of Planning, City of Los Angeles, Case VTT-82618-CN-1A, October 22, 2020.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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

1 message

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

Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 11:24 AM

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On Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 12:14 PM John Baginski < > wrote:

Anyone who cares about Venice Beach.....

Recent Crime Statistics For Venice Beach Specifically (not Entire Pacific Division)

Robberies up 187%

Robberies involving Homeless up 260%

Assaults Deadly Weapon up 85%

Assaults with Deadly Weapon involving Homeless 118%

Stop following the failed policies of Mike Bonin. Work with the Sheriff and clean up Venice Beach.

You have created a disaster in Venice Beach by following Mike Bonin's lead. It is time to change what you and doing a clean it up.

Please change course and save our city.

John Baginski

Member of Venice Neighborhood Council

30 Year venice Resident

From: John Baginski

Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 2:00 PM

To: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Kristen.gordon@lacity.org; councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org; Jeff.jacobberger@lacity.org; Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org; Gerald.gubatan@lacity.org; councilmember.price@lacity.org; Sherilyn.correa@lacity.org; councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org; info@daavidryu.com; paul.koretz@lacity.org; councilmember.martinez@lacity.org; councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org; councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org; councilmember.price@lacity.org; councilmember.wesson@lacity.org; sylvia.lacy@lacity.org; councilmember.Lee@lacity.org; councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org; councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org; paul.koretz@lacity.org; Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org

Cc: Councilmember Mike Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>; mj.bonin@lacity.org; mike.bonin@lacity.org

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

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

New York

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

London

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

LA Times

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

Ireland

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

The Atlantic

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

Fox News

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

NBC

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

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



462lorraines
Los Angeles,
California
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Tour of LA homeless encampments

Review of Venice Beach

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

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

Date of experience: May 2020



[Ask 462lorraines about Venice Beach](#)

8 Thank 462lorraines



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

John Baginski

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

RAP Team,

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

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

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

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

Thank you for making Venice safer.

Best regards,

John Baginski

On Behalf of the VNC Public Health and Safety Committee

From: John Baginski

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

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

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

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Thank you for making Venice safer.

Best regards,

John Baginski

On Behalf of the VNC Public Health and Safety Committee

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Venice Neighborhood Council

Name: Ira Koslow

Phone Number: (310) 392-0868

Email: president@venicenc.org

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

Date of NC Board Action: 02/16/2021

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 04/05/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-0010-S16

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

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

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Shout out

1 message

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

Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 11:29 AM

Good morning,

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On Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 6:36 PM UCLA Bruins

> wrote:

Hello - life time Angleno here...wanted to share a quick little experience I had today on opening day for the swim pool at the Hansen Dam Aquatic Center.

Background - the Hansen swim pool is my all time favorite place for summer...as a senior citizen, the one dollar entry fee is THE BEST BUCK I HAVE EVER SPENT. Pre pandemic, I showed up 3x per week for exercise and fun. Missed it so much last year, but I totally get it.

Anyway, I was there today. Upon my arrival, every lifeguard I encountered gave me a hearty "WELCOME BACK!!!" These young folks were totally sincere and added that they we so happy to be back themselves! The pool was sparkling, the staff super polite and caring and the grounds and bathrooms were clean. The lifeguards enforce the rules but always - ALWAYS - with a please and thank you.

So proud of City Rec and Parks!

Paul Cadman

Sent from my iPad

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6/21/2021

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Incidents at Oakwood Park



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Incidents at Oakwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 11:33 AM

To: Laura Ceballos <[redacted]@lacity.org>

Cc: Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org>, Adrian Acosta <37285@lapd.online>, Keith Rice <keith.rice@lacity.org>, Steven Embrich <30993@lapd.online>, Francisca Castillo <francisca.castillo@lacity.org>, Pamela Anderson <[redacted]@lacity.org>, Beth Greenwald <[redacted]@lacity.org>, Jose Gonzalez <[redacted]@lacity.org>

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On Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 7:44 PM Laura Ceballos <[redacted]@lacity.org>

> wrote:

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Re: Incidents at Oakwood Park

1 message

Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org> Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 7:22 AM
 To: Laura Ceballos <laura.ceb@lacity.org>
 Cc: Adrian Acosta <37285@lapd.online>, Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Keith Rice <keith.rice@lacity.org>, Steven Embrich <30993@lapd.online>, Francisca Castillo <francisca.castillo@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Pamela Anderson <pamela.anderson@lacity.org>, Beth Greenwald <beth.greenwald@lacity.org>, Jose Gonzalez <jose.gonzalez@lacity.org>, Hector Garcia <hector.garcia@lacity.org>, Margaret Molloy <margaret.molloy@lacity.org>, Laddie Williams <laddie.williams@lacity.org>, j <jimenez@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>

Hello Laura.

I am very sorry to hear about the incident that took place with Ms. Anderson. We continue to work on finding solutions to this problem and will keep you posted on our progress.

Thank you,
 Laura

Laura Island, RTC
 Acting Principal Recreation Supervisor I
 West Region
 Citywide Adaptive Recreation Division
 City of Los Angeles
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City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: URGENT re DOG ATTACK Incidents at Oakwood Park



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Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 9:37 AM

To: Margaret Molloy <

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On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 9:54 PM Margaret Molloy

wrote:

PLEASE SHARE WITH COMMISSIONERS

Hello RAP, LAPD, Animal Control, and CD 11,

It is disgusting that Pam Anderson, an Oakwood Park Advisory Board member and Oakwood Elder, was chased and threatened by an off-leash pitbull that came out of that park to attack her. I am so sorry to hear about it. I am grateful that Pam was not badly hurt but understand the assault that occurred and the threat of imminent injury.

Someone is going to get really hurt if RAP, LAPD, Animal Control, and CD 11 continue to let this off-leash dog issue continue at this historical pocket-park in the Oakwood community in Venice.

OAKWOOD IS NOT A DOG PARK! The City of Los Angeles does not have many dedicated dog parks but Venice has one in close proximity to Oakwood Park.

At around 5:30 on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 two young boys were playing at Oakwood Park. An off-leash dog kept trying to play with them. The mom asked the owner if she could restrain her dog because the boys just wanted to play together. She did not listen and the dog pushed one child down fracturing his wrist. The owner then took her dog and left without attending to the injured 11-yr-old boy.



At the Oakwood Park update meeting on July 3, 2019, another Oakwood Elder, Carol Powell, described being chased by an off-leash dog inside the park and having to scramble onto a picnic table at the north end of the park for safety while the owner remained oblivious. That is insane.

As Laura let you know, on May 25th, 2021 at around 6:30pm, an off-leash dog rushed at me as some community members gathered at the bleachers at the park. At that moment, I was speaking to the young boy who was injured on March 30, 2021 and his mom. He does not need to be re-traumatized. That dog was medium-large sized and barked as it ran up. I have been a dog-person all my life but I don't think this behavior is responsible ownership in any way. Other people do not need to be put in a position to figure out if a running barking dog is aggressive. Many dog owners are indifferent to other's fears of dogs. The young woman on May 25th was totally dismissive of our concerns. She did not even have a leash with her at the park.

Enough is enough.

Please remedy this situation immediately. Dog owners in Venice have a dog park. That is all that needs to be said. The City and city agencies should not have to be sued to take action that is required for community safety. The Oakwood community has already provided proof of this problem multiple times to all of the relevant agencies.

Please confirm receipt of this complaint. I would appreciate your response and a RAP policy determination as soon as possible.

Appreciatively,

Margaret Molloy

On Jun 16, 2021, at 12:35 PM, aave wrote:

Hey Guys:

I'm still a bit shook up, a damn dog ran out the Oakwood park gate into the street as I'm riding my bike by the park, and the dog ran up on me attacking me. The owner did not have her dog on a leash, she did not try to stop the dog at all. She didn't even tell her dog to stop at all, she just stood there.

Pam Anderson

cell

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

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

To: Laura Ceballos >

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Re: URGENT re DOG ATTACK Incidents at Oakwood Park

1 message

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Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 7:38 AM

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Mike Bonin <mike.bonin@lacity.org>, krista.kline@lacity.org

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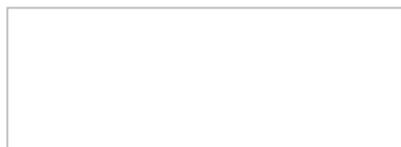
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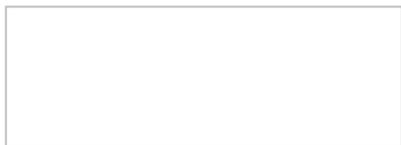
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Photograph of the owner of the dog
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Runyon Canyon / Facilities

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 11:10 AM

To: Paul Moore <

Cc: Councilmember Raman <contactCD4@lacity.org>

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> wrote:

Dear Rec and Park Commissioners,

Runyon Canyon has no park bathrooms and park-goers are forced to defecate in the park.

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In summary:

1. Santa Monica Pier
2. Runyon Canyon Park
3. Universal Studios Hollywood
4. Knott's Berry Farm
5. Disneyland Park

According to the most recent commissioned survey, Runyon Canyon gets close to 2 million visitors a year.

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In addition, the ONLY parking lot Runyon Canyon was closed for covid and has remained closed. All other city parking lots have opened.

I urge the Commission to investigate and solve the matters above by:

- **Provide funding for adequate facilities and a bathroom for park goers**
- **Re-Open the only parking lot**

These will make the park safer, healthier, and equitable for all to enjoy this beautiful resource the City of Los Angeles offers.

Paul Moore
Los Angeles City Resident

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park - Fire Defense

1 message

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Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 11:38 AM

To: Hollywoodland Homeowners Association <HHA@hollywoodland.org>

Cc: Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, Tracy James <tracy.james@lacity.org>, Sarah Tanberg <Sarah.tanberg@lacity.org>, Councilmember Raman <contactcd4@lacity.org>, Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, Marshall McClain, jeremy.tramer@lacity.org, eric.villanueva@lacity.org

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Marshall McClain

Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 5:50 PM

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Chair Schwartz,
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Marshall E. McClain
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On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 1:08 PM Kate Martin

> wrote:

To the Commissioners:

I am writing to ask you allow outside clubs access to city pools.

I am a resident of Baldwin Hills and, as a member of Southern California Aquatics ("SCAQ"), have been swimming in LA City pools for over a decade. In my experience, Masters swimmers are enthusiastic and motivated members of the Los Angeles swim community and the community at large. We are all looking forward to getting back into the pool after the last year and a half. Please allow outside clubs to access the city pools as soon as possible. A thriving swim community can only boost the economy as it relates to all things swimming in Los Angeles.

Kate Martin
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> wrote:

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Thanks. Wayne jackson.

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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The CDC has published several articles stating that swimming is safe and they did so well before the FDA's Emergency Usage Approval (EUA) of COVID-19 vaccines: Quote: "...CDC is not aware of any scientific reports of the virus that causes COVID-19 spreading to people through the water in pools, hot tubs, water playgrounds, or other treated aquatic venues: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/aquatic-venues.html>

The CDC has made it clear they are worried about people indoors than outdoors: There is no evidence that COVID-19 can spread to people through recreational water. <https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/index.html>

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Please reconsider allowing teams to have access.

Dan Reese

Little Tokyo resident.

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: SCAQ at LA City Pools

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:08 AM

To: Nick Miller

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 11:50 AM Nick Miller <n > wrote:

I'd like to express my sincere disappointment that SCAQ and other club swim teams have not had their permits renewed to practice at LA City pools. I've been waiting for over a year to return to my regular workout routine at Echo Deep Pool. I hope this is only a temporary setback as you get your programs back up to speed.

Best.

Nick Miller

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Re: LA Excluding Swimmers - Dissident's Perspective

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:09 AM

To: Harley Joffe >

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 11:46 AM Harley Joffe

> wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners,

I am a young adult (30 years old) who has been swimming in the L.A. City pools for more than 5 years since moving here. I have done so through Southern California Aquatics (SCAQ). Their program has helped to keep me motivated, train for triathlons, and provide a community of friends (one of whom has introduced me to a man that I am planning to marry).

I have been informed that the City will not be renewing SCAQ's permits. I kindly request that you reconsider.

Why isn't the City renewing the SCAQ permit? Why is the City cancelling the adult masters program that so many residents have relied and depended on for many years?

It doesn't seem fair. Structured pool programs are not just not for children or teens, but should be for all.

Thank you for your time and I am looking forward to hearing your response.

Respectfully,
Harley

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Re: Swimming Pools

1 message

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Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:09 AM

To: Alicia Bartley

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 10:11 AM Alicia Bartley

> wrote:

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

I had hoped to give public comment at this morning's Commission meeting, but with the item that was taken out of order, unfortunately I had to disconnect from the meeting before public comment was taken on items not on the meeting agenda. The reason for my comment is to request that the City reconsider its current position against allowing outside clubs and permit programs from using LA City swimming pools.

I am a long time homeowner in Sherman Oaks and am fortunate to live directly across the street from VNSO. The pandemic has been especially hard on swimmers like me, and it has been frustrating to watch the public pools in other cities slowly open up while VNSO sat there closed. Being forced to drive to other cities like Santa Monica and Culver City to swim in their pools has been an inconvenience to say the least.

When the announcement finally came that VNSO was opening up, I nearly cried tears of joy! Then the hours of operation were released - 12 to 6 pm weekdays, effectively foreclosing my ability as a full time worker to use the pool at all during the week, and 1 to 5 pm on the weekends. With one swimmer per lane I can only imagine how difficult it will be to get a lane on the weekends.

Even with the frustrating announcement of hours of operation, I still had some hope. I swim with the SCAQ masters swim team and I hoped that an agreement would be reached that would allow our team to use the pool during hours that the pool is not open to the public. Then I learned that the City has rejected all outside permit programs from using the pools. This is unfair and seems unnecessary given that City programs are not using the pool during the early weekday morning times that SCAQ would have its workouts.

Please reconsider your position against outside programs. Or at the very least, please consider offering early morning hours for those of us that work full time. It has been a long 15 months and I am desperate to get back into my "home pool."

Thank you,
Alicia Bartley

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Alicia Bartley

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Re: Please reinstate aquatic groups

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:10 AM

To: Loree Bryer >

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 9:27 AM Loree Bryer

> wrote:

Dear Recreation and Parks Commissioners,

I am an LA resident, Mar Vista in particular. I am writing to ask that you reinstate the ability for all groups who previously used your pools to establish themselves again.

They and all of their swimmers, I am one of them, have been waiting patiently for this opportunity. The diversity the various groups provide will strengthen your overall aquatic impact.

Many of these programs are either loosely or tightly knit with other regional or national organizations with stellar reputations for outstanding programs.

Let's don't lose these, please.

If a group doesn't abide by the rules, eject them, but please allow them to regain their use of the aquatic resources.

Sincerely,

Loree Bryer

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Re: Pool reopening

1 message

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Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:11 AM

To: Carl Feld

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 4:24 AM Carl Feld

> wrote:

I am a lap swimmer who resides in Los Angeles. While other local cities have been opening their pools, I have been waiting for Los Angeles to do the same. I am disappointed that you have decided not to permit SCAQ to swim at the local pools and we have to continue to wait for the pools to fully reopen. I had a choice to live in LA or El Segundo when I moved into the area and didn't realize the difference it would make.

Carl Feld

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Re: Letter regarding LA City Rejection of organizations, teams and outside permit programs for LA city pools

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:12 AM

To: Tamar Saunders

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 9:23 PM Tamar Saunders <

> wrote:

Hello,

My name is Tamar Saunders and I grew up and was raised in Los Angeles. Thankfully due to a small but strong LA city parks and rec program at the formerly Celes King III pool on what is now called Obama blvd I learned to swim and even joined the parks and recs swim team and synchronized swimming team. I am super grateful for the opportunity it gave me to swim within my community and to eventually continue swimming at a more elite level with USS swimming.

I heard the city is rejecting organizations and teams outside permit programs for LA city pools and which I found very disgruntling, especially considering I would have not had the swim career I have had so far if it was not for allowing organizations like USS swimming and SCAQ to operate out of city pools in my community. I would ask the city to reconsider this option as Masters swimming opportunities like with SCAQ has been the only beneficial exercise I can get, as I have recently been diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disorder that makes on land exercise difficult and painful. Swimming is one of the few sports that I am grateful to know how to do because of the LA city swimming programs, but in order to meet the needs of all levels and types of swimmers, organizations outside the permit program should and must be considered. Thank you for your time.

Best,

Tamar

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Tamar M Saunders
Affordable Housing Developer
Princeton University, BA
UC Berkeley, MDP

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Re: Exclusion of Masters swimming from LA Pools

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:13 AM

To: Einstein Website >

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 7:46 PM Einstein Website <

wrote:

Hi I'm a 65 year old master swimmer affiliated with SCAQ. As a physician and senior citizen, I'm keenly aware of the lifelong benefits of an organized exercise program. Masters swimming is just that type of program. It is open to EVERYONE /all ages and abilities. It is a shame that you are not reinstating masters swimming at LA pools, and I urge you to reconsider.

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Thomas Einstein

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Re: Opening Pools to Outside Clubs

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:13 AM

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On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 7:36 PM Ricardo Vazquez < > wrote:
Dear Rec and Parks Commissioners,

I am a resident of Palms in Council District 5. I am an avid swimmer and long time member of the Southern California Aquatics Club. I know that the department has done a lot of great work to re-open pools to the public, and I am grateful for all of those efforts. I write to ask the commission to set a timeline for the department to open facilities to outside. These groups need a timeline and certainly so that they can successfully get people back to swimming. I also encourage the commission to set the earliest day possible for outside clubs to be able to use City facilities.

Thank you again for all of the work the department has done throughout the pandemic. I am grateful to every city worker since they all have gone above and beyond to serve the community through these difficult times.

With gratitude,

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Ricardo

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City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Why have Clubs, Organizations, and Teams outside the permit programs been rejected?



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Re: Why have Clubs, Organizations, and Teams outside the permit programs been rejected?

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:14 AM

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On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 7:20 PM luke Freeborn > wrote:

We deserve an explanation on why clubs, organizations, and teams outside the permit program have been rejected and swimmers have been excluded. Not only does it not seem fair, it also seems like an abuse of power by the municipal pool administration.

Folks have been waiting patiently and a rejection is their reward?

Hmm.

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Re: Exclusion of swim clubs from reopened pools

1 message

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Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:14 AM

To: Dean Goodman - LA >

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 7:03 PM Dean Goodman - LA <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

I am very disappointed to learn of the recent decision to continue indefinitely blocking all clubs, organizations, teams and outside permit programs from using - and paying for - city pools.

Not only does it deprive many Los Angeles residents of much-needed exercise, but it also will restrict untold numbers of people from signing up to swim after watching next month's Olympics. If we miss this opportunity, it means we have to wait until 2024 for that benefit - a total of eight years since the Brazil games.

Swimming is possibly the least sociable group sporting event. That's why I gravitated to it. It was almost tailor-made for times like this. Let's get over the "abundance of caution" and vexing intransigence, and open the city pools to the people of the city immediately.

Kind regards,
Dean Goodman

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Re: Swimming pools

1 message

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Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:15 AM

To: David Forbes >

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 6:23 PM David Forbes

wrote:

Dear Commissioners:

I have been a resident and/or worker in the City of Los Angeles most of my adult life. That includes being a homeowner for decades. So, I have been a financial contributor and a good citizen.

I swim with the swim club SCAQ and I swim in various pools depending on schedule and my location on any given day. After a long year plus of quarantine and no pools, I am disappointed to hear that you are considering shutting out all outside swim groups from our pools. I know that they have provided revenue in the past as well as great programs for the city to take advantage of.

I urge you to think about how many citizens will be hurt by the exclusion. Many of us can still swim, but not with a coaching staff of the quality of SCAQ. It makes a difference to be able to swim in Van Nuys or Westwood or other locations with your coach kicking your butt to do better. Just going for a swim is not the same. So PLEASE OPEN THE CITY UP TO GREAT PROGRAMS and include the teams and organizations that serve the community.

We love LA, but we love it more when it is inclusive.

Thanks,

David Forbes

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Re: LA CITY Swimming Pools

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:15 AM

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On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 5:41 PM Gabe Ramirez < > wrote:
Dear LARAP Commissioners,

Please open LA City pools to outside organizations as your did pre-pandemic. I routinely swam with a club group and it was vital to my physical and mental health. I have been looking forward to returning but your recent decision to make pools accessible to city run programs only is very dispiriting. It also makes no sense as the city derived revenue from outside groups. More importantly, your decision runs counter to the spirit of access to public spaces. The sooner you return access to all programs at city pools the better for everyone and I sincerely hope you come to this conclusion.

Regards,

Gabriel Ramirez
Proud Los Angeles City Resident and Swimmer

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Re: Please include swimming clubs

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:16 AM

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On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 5:13 PM Steven Nevius > wrote:

It has come to my attention that LA City has rejected all clubs, organizations, teams and outside permit programs to use the swimming pools. This unfairly restricts us from a resource that was shared pre-pandemic. Please let us come back to the pools!

Steven Nevius, ACE

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do something new.

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**Re: Open VNSO and other city swimming pools NOW!**

1 message

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Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:16 AM

To:

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On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 4:49 PM Larry Weisenberg ( wrote:

The CDC is clear: [CDC is not aware of any scientific reports of the virus that causes COVID-19 spreading to people through the water in pools, hot tubs, water playgrounds, or other treated aquatic venues.](#)

California has reopened!

- Want to require masks in the locker room and on the deck? Fine.
- Want to require proof of vaccination? Fine.

Let the science lead ... and let us swim!

Thank you.

Larry Weisenberg

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**Re: LA Public pools**

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:16 AM

To: Merideth Hillbrand &lt;

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 4:31 PM Merideth Hillbrand

wrote:

Dear Commissioner,

I wanted to write to you about the exclusion of outside swim teams at LA city pools this summer. I have been waiting for over a year to participate in my swim club, SCAQ, at Echo Park pool near my house. I just found out they are not allowed to coach at the pools for the indefinite future. This is unacceptable to me as a LA resident. The exclusion of this club and others like it is putting already strained organizations at future failure. By not allowing them to use these public resources risks their ability to function and exist. These clubs create a vibrant community, a place where I have met friends through exercise for years. The exclusion of this community at a time where the state has fully reopened is absurd. I ask you to reconsider this decision and to change the schedule to allow outside clubs like SCAQ to continue using the pool. Why exclude certain members of the community from using a public resource?

Thank you,  
Merideth Hillbrand

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## Re: Swimming

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:17 AM

To: Anne Tierney

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 4:26 PM Anne Tierney

> wrote:

I just wanted to speak out and let whoever is in charge now that it's very unfair to exclude swimmers from having outdoor permits to be able to do some thing that is healthy for them and that they haven't been able to do during this whole Covid Period. It's bad enough that we have to wear masks and offices where everyone it has been required to have a vaccination to return to work. Please stop this incompetence and do your job.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Re:**

1 message

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On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 4:24 PM

wrote:

I just learned you are still not opening public pools for lap swimming, and those that are, will exclude swim teams!? What the hell are you doing, and why aren't you more organised and prepared? You've had a year to get it together!

Atila Vass  
Pretty Army

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**Re: Denying Pool permits for non city teams**

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:18 AM

To: eduard einstein &lt;

&gt;

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On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 4:13 PM eduard einstein

&gt; wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I've been a masters swimmer in LA for the past 30 years and very disappointed that our program has been denied permits. Most LA City pools are completely under utilized and do not offer anything remotely comparable to our masters program. I would think that your primary concern would be for the well being and fitness of its citizens but instead this seems to have devolved into a political issue that does not serve your constituents at all.

Thanks for your time  
Ted Einstein

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**Re: Pools closed to paying groups**

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:18 AM

To: Corby Arthur

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 4:08 PM Corby Arthur < > wrote:  
Dear Commissioners,

From looking at the pool openings schedules, I can see that the pools are open less hours. Why not let the private groups, such as masters, pay for the guards when the pools would not be open to the public. I understand that also charge a fee on top of that. It would be a win-win for LA City Recreation and Parks, the life guards, club teams.

Club teams are not your adversaries. They can be your partners. In masters, many of us are former lifeguards and swim instructors. We know the importance of learn swim and other programs for kids and adults. We can mobilize to assist you as needed.

So, please open your pool gates to masters and other private programs.

Sincerely,  
Corby Arthur



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**Re: City Pools**

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:20 AM

To: Craig Buck &lt;&gt;

Cc: alexandria.naseef@lacity.org, Michael Shull &lt;Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org&gt;, Mayor Garcetti &lt;mayor.garcetti@lacity.org&gt;, Councilmember Raman &lt;contactCD4@lacity.org&gt;, Clay Evans

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On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 4:07 PM Craig Buck

&gt; wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners,

I am a senior citizen from Sherman Oaks ( former Neighborhood Council member, SONC Parks Committee Chairman, Mayor's Transportation Task Force member, and Ventura/Cahuenga Specific Plan Advisory Board member) who has been swimming in the L.A. City pools for more than 30 years., I have done so through Southern California Aquatics, because I need an organized adult program to keep me motivated. Since 2002, I have survived two bouts of cancer and treatment due to the shape I was in as a result of SCAQ and the City pools (VNSO and Westwood).

I am now facing another cancer fight and in July and August will begin another round of chemo and radiation. Due to the pandemic I have been unable to swim and am unsure that I am strong enough to survive this latest physical battle. I was relying on getting back into the SCAQ workouts to get back into shape. Now I understand the City will not be renewing SCAQ's permits, even though they have been a responsible partner and generous donor to the City pools for more than 35 years. I desperately request that you reconsider. For me, this may be literally a matter of life and death, and for SCAQ, whose 500 members compose the world's largest Masters Swim club, it may be a matter of survival as well.

Respectfully,

Craig Buck  
Sherman Oaks

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## Re: Let teams and clubs use our public pools!

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:20 AM

To: Michael Blanchard

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 4:04 PM Michael Blanchard

> wrote:

It's time to let teams and clubs like Southern California Aquatics use our public pools for training once again. Let's do this!

Michael Blanchard

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## Re: We oppose the closed pools!

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:21 AM

To: Vidette Lobue <

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Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 4:04 PM Vidette Lobue <

> wrote:

Ridiculous !!! We will not stand for your tyranny!!

Science is contrary and this is abuse of power!

It is still America and I for one will NOT stand for this.

Vidette Lobue

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## Re: Pools

1 message

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Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:21 AM

To: Pam Wise

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Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 4:01 PM Pam Wise <

> wrote:

PLEASE drop the COVID restrictions on the pools!

Pam wise

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**Re: Open the City Pools to Outside Orgs**

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:21 AM

To: Ash Kramer &lt;a &gt;

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 3:57 PM Ash Kramer < > wrote:

Hello!

It's time. It's time to open the pools and allow masters' swim teams to get back to swimming. You should reopen your permit programs to clubs and organizations since your own programming does not fill all the needs of our communities.

Thank you,

Ash Kramer  
Cypress Park

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## Re: Open the pools!

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:22 AM

To: Jerry McGlynn

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 3:51 PM Jerry McGlynn <

wrote:

I ask that you reconsider your ban on public pools opening. I am a lifelong swimmer participating in a US Masters swimming program for my health and have been unable to participate since the pandemic started. I understand the need in the early days, but swimming places no risk of spread.

Jerry

Sent from my iPad

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**Re: Please Open the Pools to everyone**

1 message

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Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:22 AM

To: Brennan Lindner

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 3:50 PM Brennan Lindner < > wrote:  
Clubs which provide coaching to individuals is an important part of both mental and physical health.

Please reconsider your position on this.

Brennan Lindner

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## Re: public pools

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:22 AM

To: Barnaby Levy

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 3:47 PM Barnaby Levy

wrote:

To Whom It May Concern,

For over twenty years I swam with the SCAQ masters program at the Echo Park Deep Swimming Pool at least three days a week, along with a large number of cohorts. I have heard that only city programs will be allowed into the pool. This is very disappointing. As a long time Echo Park resident and long time swimmer at this city pool, I am asking you to change this decision and allow teams and clubs back into the city pools.

Sincerely,  
Barnaby

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**Re: VNSO Pool Re-Opening for Masters Swimming**

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:24 AM

To: Gil Breakman &lt;

&gt;

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 3:43 PM Gil Breakman

&gt; wrote:

Thank you so much for reopening the LA City pools. I am excited to get back in the water.

But when I called the VNSO pool yesterday, I was informed that SCAQ is not coming back and that no alternative master swimming programs were going to be offered.

Why isn't the City renewing the SCAQ permit?

Why is the City cancelling the adult masters program that so many residents have relied and depended on for many years?

It just doesn't seem fair to the residents of the area.

Structured pool programs are not just not for children or teens, but should be for all.

Thank you for your time and I am looking forward to hearing your response.

Gil Breakman

Studio City Resident

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## Re: LA Excludes Swimmers

1 message

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Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:25 AM

To: Catherine Strauss <

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 3:42 PM Catherine Strauss

> wrote:

REALLY???? Please let us swim. Not fair to reject clubs, organizations, teams and outside permits. We all pay taxes.

UNFAIR!!

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## Re: Swim Pools

1 message

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Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:26 AM

To: Carlos Orellana <

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 3:40 PM Carlos Orellana

> wrote:

Commissioners,

Please allow all swim clubs to resume swimming in City pools.

Thank you.

Carlos A. Orellana

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**Re: Why Can't Clubs Swim?**

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:26 AM

To: Kate Gallagher &lt;

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 3:36 PM Kate Gallagher

> wrote:

I understand that the programs the parks put forth are taking precedent however the parks have no good adult swim programs. It seems unfair to not allow these programs to have any time in the pool. The parks are well maintained so why are teams and private orgs and clubs being denied especially those that serve adult swimmers who don't have options to swim in a team structure otherwise?

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## Re: Open up the pools!!!!

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:27 AM

To: Michael Stokes

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 4:01 PM Michael Stokes

> wrote:

| Outdoor pools pose no health risks! Stop this!!! Open them up!!!!

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**Re: Masters Swimming Program in our public pools**

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 9:28 AM

To: jim alles

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 2:46 PM jim alles &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Dear City Commissioners,

I have been a Masters swimmer since 1984, when I drew inspiration from the Summer Olympics that were hosted by Los Angeles that year. No organization that I have joined, and no employer that I have worked for has given me the sense of connection to my community that Masters Swimming has. It has not only provided untold health benefits, but has given me enduring friendships, allowed me access to other realms of community activism, such as Heal The Bay, and given a continuity to my life in Los Angeles. No sports activity could be more family oriented; we have always had, at any one time, three generations swimming together in our workouts. Swimming has become such a prodigious and popular means of maintaining a healthy life that its ranks have grown enormously over the years. The popularity of organized, coached swimming is itself testimony of its enduring importance to the sports and recreation community of our city.

Los Angeles is not so rich in its abundance of community that it can afford to neglect any part of it. The elimination of any group sports activity that has prospered as long as Masters Swimming tears at that very fabric of that community. Apart from the obvious health and financial benefits to the parks, it also helps provide a necessary avenue for young people to engage with each other in a constructive and life learning process. Unlike a lot of other sports activities, swimming requires very specific facilities and infrastructure. If you deprive the activity of those facilities you are, in all respects, eliminating its possibility.

Southern California is famous for its' sunshine and its' beaches. Please help keep our Masters swimmers in our public pools so that we can train to compete with each other in ocean swims and learn to care for the health and sanitation of our ocean and beaches. Keep us in our pools so that we can strengthen the health and well being of ourselves and our families. And keep us in our pools so that we can be the best example of a thriving community, in a city that puts the welfare of its' citizens above all else.

Thank you,

Jim Alles

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**Re: teams and clubs participating in LA pools**

1 message

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

Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 3:12 PM

To: Lee Burkin

&gt;

Cc: Clay Evans

Good afternoon and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners. Please note that as RAP is allowed to hire maintenance and recreation staff, pool facilities availability and permitting will be ramped up to better serve the community.

On Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 1:49 AM Lee Burkin

&gt; wrote:

Commissioner:

I think you are doing a grave disservice to the many dedicated swimmers who are on teams and clubs and have been waiting for over a year to swim with their groups.

I have swum with SCAQ and it is a tremendous organization. Swimming in an organized setting offers tremendous health benefits and great workouts. It is extremely difficult to do this on your own without a coach and a group behind you. It is a healthy, clean activity and brings great enjoyment to many people. Your actions have denied all this to us.

I urge you to reconsider and allow teams, clubs, and permits once again.

Yours truly,

Lee Burkin

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**Re: Swimming at VNSO pool**

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 25, 2021 at 11:23 AM

To: "Meyers, Judy (NBCUniversal)" &lt;

&gt;

Good Morning and thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Commissioners and with RAP staff. Please note that as RAP is able to hire recreational, construction, and maintenance staff, more aquatic amenities will be made available to better serve the community.

On Fri, Jun 25, 2021 at 6:26 AM Meyers, Judy (NBCUniversal) &lt;J

&gt; wrote:

I am writing to say that I have lived in the VNSO area for the past 20 years and have swam in a masters

Group there, also for the past 20 years. In the beginning the pool was only open in summer but around 12 years ago it stayed open year around. It is a wonderful and very important part of our community for everyone including, kids, seniors, people who can't exercise in other ways, therapeutic reasons, etc.

I don't understand how VNSO cannot operate fully with lap swimming and master/team swims while Burbank, Santa Monica, Culver City, West Hollywood, El Segundo, Long Beach, etc..has been operating with precautions, but

Fully even during the pandemic.

What needs to happen to bring VNSO back to a pool that functions for the community it serves: Lap swimming in the early morning before we go to work, master groups allowing in the early morning before we go to work and open the entire day for kids groups, seniors, etc.?

Look forward to hearing back from you and a VNSO complete opening.

Thank you!

Judy Meyers

Head of Development and Current Series



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## BUDGET &amp; FINANCE

## MOTION

The 2021-22 Adopted Budget included \$3,119,700 in the Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) financing program for the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to purchase equipment for the Bulky Item Illegal Dumping (BIID) and Homeless Encampment Cleanup crews. Cleanups of encampments and debris left at RAP facilities have reached critical levels and are causing unsanitary conditions in City of Los Angeles parks. In order to address these conditions, funding was provided in the 2021-22 Adopted Budget to form three additional BIID and Homeless Encampment Cleanup crews. In order to bring these crews into full operational status, it is necessary to expeditiously procure equipment to provide crews with the necessary equipment to perform their duties.

The issuance of Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) debt is a General Fund obligation. The issuance of MICLA for the acquisition of RAP BIID Equipment (\$2,729,700) and RAP Homeless Encampment Cleanup equipment (\$390,000) approved in the 2021-22 Adopted Budget would cause the City to borrow a total of \$3,119,700 at an approximately 5.5 percent interest rate over ten years. The total estimated debt service for the capital equipment is \$4,139,000, including interest of approximately \$1,019,000. During the life of the bonds, the estimated average annual debt service is \$414,000 over 10 years.

Actual interest rates may differ as rates are dependent on market conditions at the time of issuance.

In accordance with the City's Debt Management Policy, the City has an established debt ceiling to guide in evaluating the affordability for future debt. The debt ceiling for non-voted direct debt as a percentage of General Fund revenues is 6.0 percent. The City is currently at 3.45 percent for 2021-22. The issuance of the debt for these projects will not impact the City's debt capacity for non-voter-approved debt as the issuance of debt for the projects is already included in the debt ratio.

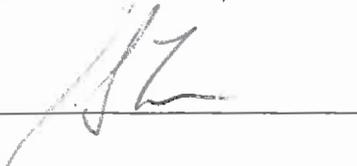
I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, approve MICLA financing in the amount of \$3,119,700 included in the 2021-22 Adopted Budget for the acquisition of equipment in support of RAP's BIID and Homeless Encampment Cleanup crews.

Presented by



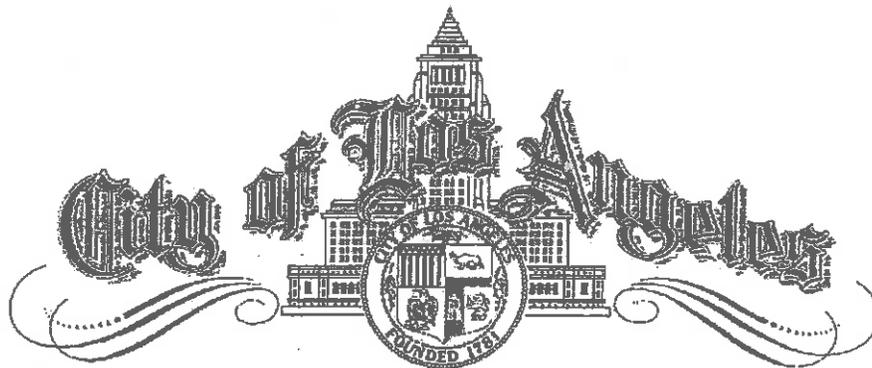
PAUL KREKORIAN  
Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Seconded by




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**MICHAEL N. FEUER**  
CITY ATTORNEY

REPORT NO. R 20 - 0 3 0 6

REPORT RE:

**OCT 26 2020**

**DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 41.18 OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO SPECIFY THE PARTICULAR TIMES AND LOCATIONS WHERE IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO SIT, LIE, OR SLEEP ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, AND AMENDING SECTION 56.11 OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALIGN SECTION 56.11 WITH SECTION 41.18 AND TO NOTE THE SUSPENSION OF TWO SUBDIVISIONS IN SECTION 56.11 PENDING THE OUTCOME OF LITIGATION RELATING TO THOSE SUBDIVISIONS**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
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Council File No. 20-1376

Honorable Members:

This Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality.<sup>1</sup> The draft ordinance would amend Section 41.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to specify the particular times and locations where it shall be unlawful for a person to sit, lie, or sleep on public property. The draft ordinance also would amend Section 56.11 of the LAMC, which deals with storage of personal property in public areas, to align Section 56.11 with Section 41.18 and to note the suspension of two subdivisions in Section 56.11 pending the outcome of litigation relating to those subdivisions.

<sup>1</sup> Council Members are referred to confidential Report No. R20-0284, dated October 15, 2020 issued by our office when considering the draft ordinance.

The determination of what conduct is subject to criminal enforcement is one of policy for the Council. In preparing the draft ordinance, based on the motion introduced by Councilmember Blumenfield, we maintained the criminal enforcement structure of the current Sections 41.18 and 56.11, except as specified herein.

#### Summary of Changes to LAMC Section 41.18

The draft ordinance would make several changes to LAMC Section 41.18. Specifically, the draft ordinance would repeal Subsections (b) and (c) and restructure and amend the remaining subsections consistent with the discussion in confidential Report No. R18-0310, dated October 10, 2018.

The amendment to LAMC Section 41.18 contains four distinct subsections:

Subsection (a) addresses obstruction of the public right-of-way by (1) banning sitting, lying, sleeping, or placing personal property on pedestrian rights-of-way in a manner that would not allow for passage under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and (2) banning sitting, lying, sleeping, or placing personal property within 10 feet of any operational and utilizable entrance, exit, driveway, or loading dock.

Subsection (b) would authorize the Council, by resolution and posting of signage, to ban sitting, lying, sleeping, or placing of personal property within up to 500 feet of a facility opened after January 1, 2018, providing housing, shelter, supportive services, safe parking, or storage to homeless persons, upon findings that the ban serves the public health, safety, or welfare.

Subsection (c) would authorize the Council, by resolution and posting of signage, to ban sitting, lying, sleeping, or placing of personal property within up to 500 feet of a freeway overpass, underpass, ramp, tunnel, or pedestrian subway, upon findings that the ban serves the public health, safety, or welfare.

Subsection (d) would allow the City to enforce a ban on sitting, lying, or sleeping in any public area -- Citywide -- provided that an offer of shelter is provided before enforcement occurs.

The Council motion requested that we address these scenarios in the replacement for Section 41.18. As Section 41.18 has always been subject to criminal enforcement, the draft ordinance provides that violations of LAMC Section 41.18 would be enforceable as provided in Section 11.00 of the LAMC, including misdemeanor prosecution, infraction or referral to an appropriate prosecutorial-led diversion program.

To ensure effective and appropriate implementation of the new version of Section 41.18, this Office recommends that a working group comprised of all involved City and other agencies be convened to define the role of each agency, assure seamless

communication and coordination among the agencies, and develop implementation and enforcement protocols that are sensitive to the specific needs and circumstances of homeless individuals. This is critical not only to advance these objectives, but to assure that the ordinance is applied in a manner that can survive judicial scrutiny.

#### Summary of Changes to LAMC Section 56.11

While Section 41.18 focuses on when and where individuals may lodge, Section 56.11 regulates where and how people may store their personal property in public spaces. The draft ordinance would amend LAMC Section 56.11 to align with the new provisions of LAMC Section 41.18. Specifically, the draft ordinance would add a new subsection (j) to ban the storage of personal property in any area where, pursuant to the new version of LAMC Section 41.18, Council bans sitting, lying or sleeping-- namely, within up to 500 feet of any designated facility serving homeless persons or a designated freeway overpass, underpass, ramp, tunnel or pedestrian subway. Former Subsection (j) (which allows the City to limit the amount of personal property stored near homeless storage facilities opened after January 1, 2018) is deleted as superfluous, given that the Council would be able to designate an area adjacent to a homeless storage facility opened after January 1, 2018, as an area where *no* personal property may be stored.

The draft ordinance also leaves intact the Bulky Item provisions, Subsections 3(i) and 10(d), but notes that enforcement of these provisions is suspended pending the outcome of the *Garcia* litigation.

Lastly, as the Council motion requested us to align Section 56.11 with the replacement version of Section 41.18, the draft ordinance provides consistency in enforcement between the two Sections. Specifically, Section 56.11 now would provide that the storage of personal property that blocks ADA passage, entrances, exits, driveways or loading docks, or the storage of personal property near a designated homeless facility or freeway infrastructure would be enforceable as provided in LAMC Section 11.00, including misdemeanor prosecution, infraction or referral to an appropriate prosecutorial-led diversion program.

#### Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Los Angeles Police Department and the Bureau of Sanitation with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Senior Assistant City Attorney Valerie Flores at (213) 978-8130. She or another member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By 

DAVID MICHAELSON  
Chief Assistant City Attorney

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Transmittal

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance amending Section 41.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to specify the particular times and locations where it shall be unlawful for a person to sit, lie, or sleep on public property, and amending Section 56.11 of the LAMC to align Section 56.11 with LAMC Section 41.18 and to note the suspension of two subdivisions in Section 56.11 pending the outcome of the judicial appeal relating to those subdivisions.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 41.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**SEC. 41.18. SITTING, LYING, AND SLEEPING IN PUBLIC AREAS.**

(a) At no time shall any person obstruct a street, sidewalk or other public right-of-way open for pedestrian travel:

(1) by sitting, lying or sleeping, or by storing, using, maintaining or placing personal property in a manner that does not allow for passage as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-336, 104 Stat. 328 (1990), as amended from time to time; or

(2) by sitting, lying or sleeping, or by storing, using, maintaining or placing personal property within ten feet of any operational or utilizable entrance, exit, driveway, or loading dock.

(b) Upon resolution adopted by the City Council and posting of signage, at no time shall any person sit, lie, sleep or store, use, maintain, or place personal property in or upon any street, sidewalk, public right-of-way, or public property within the radius specified in the resolution (up to a maximum of 500 feet) of a designated facility, opened after January 1, 2018, that provides housing shelter, supportive services, safe parking, or storage to homeless persons where the City Council determines that the public health, safety, or welfare is served by the prohibition, including without limitation by finding that public lodging and storage of personal property adjacent to the designated facility is incompatible with the best interests of the facility, its occupants or users, or neighboring uses.

(c) Upon resolution adopted by the City Council and the posting of signage, at no time shall any person sit, lie, sleep or store, use, maintain, or place personal property in or upon any street, sidewalk, public right-of-way, or public property within the radius specified in the resolution (up to a maximum of 500 feet) of a designated freeway overpass, underpass, ramp, tunnel, or pedestrian subway where the City Council determines that the public health, safety, or welfare is served by the prohibition,

including without limitation by finding that lodging unsheltered, in tents, or in makeshift shelters and storage of personal property near freeways is unsafe or incompatible with the critical route provided by the designated infrastructure.

(d) At no time shall any person who has been offered shelter sit, lie or sleep in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public right-of-way, or publicly owned property.

Violations of this section may be eligible for referral to any applicable prosecutorial-led diversion program.

Sec. 2. Subsection 56.11.3(i) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(i) No Person shall Store any Bulky Item in a Public Area. Without prior notice, the City may remove and may discard any Bulky Item, whether Attended or Unattended, Stored in a Public Area unless the Bulky Item is designed to be used as a shelter. For any Bulky Item that is designed to be used as a shelter but does not constitute a Tent as defined in Subsection 2(q), with pre-removal notice as specified in Subsection 4(a), the City may remove and discard the Bulky Item, whether Attended or Unattended. If the Bulky Item violates Subsection 3(d)-(h) herein, even if it is designed to be used as a shelter, without prior notice, the City may remove and discard the Bulky Item, whether Attended or Unattended.

**Note:** Enforcement of this subdivision is currently suspended, pending the outcome of the City's appeal of the preliminary injunction issued in the case entitled *Garcia v. City of Los Angeles*, United States District Court, Central District of California, case number 2:19-cv-06182-DSF-PLA.

Sec. 3. Subsection 3(j) of Section 56.11 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(j) No Person shall Store any Personal Property in any area designated by resolution adopted by the City Council and upon which signage has been posted pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18(b) or (c) as an area where at no time shall any person sit, lie, sleep, or Store, use, maintain, or place Personal Property in or upon any Street, Sidewalk, public right-of-way, or public property. Without the prior notice specified in Subsection 4(a), the City may impound Personal Property Stored in violation of this subsection. Post-removal notice shall be provided as set forth in Subsection 4(b), below.

Sec. 4. Subsection 10 of Section 56.11 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

## 10. Unlawful Conduct.

Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 11.00 shall not apply to violations of this section except as follows:

(a) No Person shall willfully resist, delay, or obstruct a City employee from moving, removing, impounding, or discarding Personal Property Stored in a Public Area in violation of Subsections 3(a), (b), (c), (f), (g), or (h).

(b) No Person shall refuse to take down, fold, deconstruct or put away any Tent that exists in its configured or erected state between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., in violation of Subsection 7, or willfully resist, delay, or obstruct a City employee from taking down, folding, deconstructing, putting away, moving, removing, impounding, or discarding the Tent, including by refusing to retreat from the Tent.

(c) No Person shall refuse to remove any barrier, string, wire, rope, chain, or other attachment that violates Subsection 8, or willfully resist, delay, or obstruct a City employee from deconstructing, taking down, moving, removing, impounding, or discarding the barrier, string, wire, rope chain, or other attachment, including by refusing to vacate or retreat from an obscured area created by the attachment.

(d) No Person shall willfully resist, delay or obstruct a City employee from removing or discarding a Bulky Item Stored in violation of Subsection 3(i), including by refusing to vacate or retreat from within the Bulky Item or from an obscured area created by the Bulky Item.

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(e) A violation of Subsection 3(d), prohibiting Storage of Personal Property in a manner that does not allow for passage as required by the ADA.

(f) A violation of Subsection 3(e), prohibiting Storage of Personal Property within ten feet of any operational and utilizable entrance, exit, driveway or loading dock.

(g) A violation of Subsection 3(j), prohibiting Storage of Personal Property within any area designated by City Council resolution and posting of signage as an area where the public health, safety or welfare is served by the prohibition of sitting, lying, sleeping or the Storage of Personal Property.

(h) A violation of Subsection 9, prohibiting illegal dumping.

Violations of Section 56.11 may be eligible for referral to any applicable prosecutorial-led diversion program.

**Sec. 5. Urgency Clause:** The City Council finds and declares that this ordinance is required for the immediate protection of the public peace, health, and safety for the following reasons: The City has declared a shelter emergency and a massive effort is underway to increase the availability of new housing and shelter for the City's homeless residents. In order to ensure the success of the effort to site, construct, and encourage sheltering of homeless residents and to lawfully meet the priority established by a United States District Court, the City needs to amend the laws used to help meet those goals. The City also must immediately strengthen its laws that promote accessible public rights-of-way under the Americans with Disabilities Act. For all of these reasons, the ordinance shall become effective upon publication pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 253.

Sec. 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality.

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By   
VALERIE L. FLORES  
Senior Assistant City Attorney

Date 10-26-2020

File No. 20-1376

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, by a vote of not less than three-fourths of all its members.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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Ordinance Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_



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

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

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Yovonte Robinson yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 3:00 PM

Good afternoon Yovonte,

Please see email below and advise. Thank you.

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

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

Date: Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 2:55 PM

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

To: Garcia Incareal &lt;

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 4:29 PM Garcia Incareal &gt; wrote:

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What the plans if any for that structure?

Awaiting your attentive answer.

Sincerely,

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**Yovonte Robinson** <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>  
To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jun 22, 2021 at 6:07 AM

Good morning ,

The situation will be assessed as soon as possible.

Thank you

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## VNC Resolution - Retain Weekly Street Sweeping Services Near the Boardwalk and Commercial Corridors at Venice Beach

John Baginski < > Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 5:32 PM  
 To: "pamela.perez@lacity.org" <pamela.perez@lacity.org>, "enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org" <enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org>, "ruben.hernandez@lacity.org" <ruben.hernandez@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, "Adel.Hagekhalil@lacity.org" <Adel.Hagekhalil@lacity.org>  
 Cc: Public Safety <publicsafety@venicenc.org>, Councilmember Mike Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, "mj.bonin@lacity.org" <mj.bonin@lacity.org>, "mike.bonin@lacity.org" <mike.bonin@lacity.org>, "Kristen.gordon@lacity.org" <Kristen.gordon@lacity.org>, "councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org" <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, "Jeff.jacobberger@lacity.org" <Jeff.jacobberger@lacity.org>, "Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org" <Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org>, "Gerald.gubatan@lacity.org" <Gerald.gubatan@lacity.org>, "councilmember.price@lacity.org" <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, "Sherilyn.correa@lacity.org" <Sherilyn.correa@lacity.org>, "councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>, "info@davidryu.com" <info@davidryu.com>, "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, "councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org" <councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org>, "councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org" <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, "councilmember.wesson@lacity.org" <councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, "sylvia.lacy@lacity.org" <sylvia.lacy@lacity.org>, "councilmember.Lee@lacity.org" <councilmember.Lee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, "councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org" <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>

### VNC Resolution Issued Today - Retain Weekly Street Sweeping Services Near the Boardwalk and Commercial Corridors at Venice Beach

It is time to start undoing the damage that has been done to Venice Beach. Please Clean Up Venice Beach Immediately. It is time to welcome skaters, surfers, tourists, bikers and everyone who enjoys a day at the beach back to Venice. Venice needs your help.

Please see the Venice Neighborhood Council's Resolution to Retain Weekly Street Sweeping Services Near the Boardwalk and Commercial Corridors at Venice Beach

Thank you for your immediate action.

John Baginski

On Behalf of Venice Neighborhood health and Safety Committee

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

From: Ira Koslow <

Date: Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 5:01 PM

Subject: Resolution to Retain Weekly Street Sweeping Services Near the Boardwalk and Commercial Corridors at Venice Beach

To: Councilmember Bonin <Councilmember.Bonin@lacity.org>, <mayor@lacity.org>, <adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org>

Cc: Brad Fingard <brad.fingard@lacity.org>, Alek Bartrosouf <alek.bartrosouf@lacity.org>

Dear Council Member Bonin:

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

**MOTION:**

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Therefore, be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the city to return to once-a-week street sweeping within two blocks of the Beach, the Boardwalk, commercial sections of Main Street, Rose Avenue, commercial sections of Abbot Kinney Boulevard, and commercial sections of Washington Boulevard, and

And upon passage, this Resolution shall be submitted to Mayor Eric Garcetti ([Mayor.Garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:Mayor.Garcetti@lacity.org), [Brad.Fingard@lacity.org](mailto:Brad.Fingard@lacity.org)), Councilman Mike Bonin, and General Manager of Street Services Adel Hagekhalil ([Adel.Hagekhalil@lacity.org](mailto:Adel.Hagekhalil@lacity.org)).

**ACTION:**

The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully,



Ira Koslow  
President

Venice Neighborhood Council

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April 27, 2021

**By email**

Honorable Mike Bonin [councilmember.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.bonin@lacity.org)

Mayor Garcetti [mayor@lacity.org](mailto:mayor@lacity.org)

Adel Hagekhalil, General Manager, Street Services [adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org](mailto:adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org)

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([Adel.Hagekhalil@lacity.org](mailto:Adel.Hagekhalil@lacity.org)).



## **ACTION:**

The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ira Koslow".

Ira Koslow  
President  
Venice Neighborhood Council

Cc:

Office of the Mayor:  
Brad Fingard, [brad.fingard@lacity.org](mailto:brad.fingard@lacity.org)

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