

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

July 21, 2022

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS  
FROM: JIMMY KIM, Interim General Manager *Paul Denise Williams for*  
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) Eric Drachman comments regarding Glen Alla Dog Park	#9081c	Referred to General Manager
2) Francesca Padilla comments regarding Westminster Encampments	#9092o	Referred to General Manager
3) Comments regarding Westchester Park	#9136f-9136ak	Referred to General Manager
4) Brennan Lindner comments regarding Venice Beach bathrooms	#9149a	Referred to General Manager
5) Matthew Garff comments regarding Potrero Canyon	#9151b	Referred to General Manager
6) Sarajane Schwartz comments as Safety Chair on behalf of Hollywoodland HOA	#9153	Referred to General Manager
7) Jeff Swofford comments regarding Hollywoodland 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	#9153a	Referred to General Manager
8) Amar K. comments regarding restricting cars in Griffith Park	#9154	Referred to General Manager
9) Kent Conklin comments regarding making Griffith Park safer	#9154a	Referred to General Manager
10) Eric Chu comments regarding making Griffith Park car free	#9154b	Referred to General Manager





Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

**Re: Glen Alla large dog park**

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

To: Eric Drachman < >

Cc: RAP ProjectInfo <rap.projectinfo@lacity.org>, HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, Councilmember.Bonin@lacity.org

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 11:46 AM Eric Drachman < > wrote:

Dear Park Department and our representatives –

I am expanding the recipients on this email as I have not received a reply lately regarding our concerns. I am including Mayor Garcetti and Council Member Bonin as their names are both of the seemingly abandoned part of the Glen Alla dog park which touts the upcoming improvements to the park. I will summarize the issue here for the new recipients. The large dog park was slated for improvements before the pandemic. It was on hold for a while, understandably, and then the work began, closing off one side and then the other. It seems that they repaired the fence, patched up the old artificial turf on one side and started to prepare the other side for installation of turf there as well. Sadly, after months of waiting and seeing them do a tiny bit of work here and there, I took photos of the current state. There are piles of gravel, un-emptied trash cans, an abandoned shovel, miscellaneous detritus, and — a WORKING dog water fountain! Well, I believe it is work off, but they spent a great deal of time working on that from time to time, replaced it twice, poured a concrete pad around it and seemed to prepare it to finish the park. But then they just quit. I can't say why, except maybe after months and years of stalling, finances changed, but honestly, that is really not fair for all of the tax-paying dog owners who depend on the park to do with half of this small dog park for a large group of dogs.

Please finish the work. 🙏 We are there almost every day and it's so sad to look at such a mess which feels like it represents such a lack of care for all of us. Also, please let us know what you are replying to this email with some truthful information. You could also post signs that explain and apologize for how this has been handled. Would it help for us to gather hundreds of signatures to show that improvement is really important? What can we do to help move this process forward?

Please see below for photos of the current state of this dog park.

I will look forward to hearing from all of you.

Best regards,

Eric Drachman













Hello -

I have to say that the way our park "repair" was handled so far is very disappointing. We have waited for many months and the "improvement" is that our park is smaller and uglier. It's a site. There is a strong group of taxpayers who use this dog park every day and it has seemingly been abandoned in this current state. The rumor is that you ran out of money. If it had taken a longer amount of time, that likely wouldn't have been an issue. I hope and expect that you will make it a priority for our community and repair our park soon as it is an important resource for

Please update me on where you are so I don't have to rely on rumors.

Thanks,

Eric

Hello again –

I wanted to check back as you ended the last email with the fact that the plans are not finalized yet...

I see that they have pulled back the turf and it looks like progress has been made on the plumbing.

- Do you think you're still on track to have that first area completed and re-opened in 2-3 weeks? (3 weeks from this email would be April 6th.)

- And then would you be on track to get the turf in on the other side in the following 2-3 weeks?

- And finally, what's the word on the lighting? It is less of an issue right now after the time change and as the days are getting longer, but in the Fall, we will need better lighting. Checking in to see where you are on that part of the project.

- One more note. It would be really helpful if you had them work on the functionality of the gates opening and closing before this project is finished. Some don't close all the way and then stop without warning. In fact, I have a friend who got a real bump on her head when the gate stopped suddenly and she had to return home right away to ice it.

Thanks for your help and for finally getting this project moving forward! :)

All the best,

Eric

On Mar 16, 2022, at 3:48 PM, RAP ProjectInfo <[rap.projectinfo@lacity.org](mailto:rap.projectinfo@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Eric,

The latest update we have is that we are in the process of repairing the sump and piping. We are hoping to get the main area ( Center ) open in the next two / three weeks. It depends on what we find in terms of repairs).



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Re: Growing Encampment and Garbage on Main St

1 message

Francesca Padilla > Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 9:14 AM  
 To: monique contreras <38228@lapd.online>, Noah Fleishman <noah.fleishman@lacity.org>, "vishesh.anand@lacity.org" <vishesh.anand@lacity.org>  
 Cc: tyler corelitz < >, Caitlyn O'Connell < >, " >  
 < >, Heidi Roberts < >, sidsun management < >, ryan nichols < >  
 < >, Penny Deihl < >, Tom Williams < >, Cari Bielajac < >  
 < >, Nichol Carlson < >, "Salazar, Karina" < >, "Cohen, Barry" < >  
 < >, "Torrence, Felicia" < >, John Betz < >, " < >  
 " >, Rap Commissioners <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>, "eric.garcetti@lacity.org" <eric.garcetti@lacity.org>, >

Yes, a huge thank you Officer Contreras. Your involvement with our community has made all the difference these past years. When the community is heard and engaged, it helps so much for the residents of this SECZ area to actually live here. While the comprehensive clean-ups are necessary, and really the only action the city is willing to take, our small community is constantly and graphically reminded of how ineffective this strategy has unfortunately been. Every Thursday, we watch the same show: people piling back out of cars and vans, or coming out behind the banyan trees. and setting back up 5 minutes after the cleaning crews and city agents leave. Every week, we witness drug use, litter, half-naked people (at times fully nude), tent explosions, car explosions, overdoses...all within hours/days of the clean-ups. It has been over 2 years now, and one has to wonder: who is this helping? While the long-term strategy of assisting the unhoused at any cost plays out in a 10-years trajectory(if we are lucky), how are the people involved faring? Are the 500 children that go in and out of Westminster Elementary and other early education facilities in the immediate vicinities being helped by this strategy? How?

We WANT tents down at 6 AM starting now. We NEED this area to be designated as a sensitive-site now.

I don't want to have to walk my kids past this encampment to go to school any longer-it's fundamentally wrong. This district needs to start doing what's right for the mental health of its most vulnerable and impressionable citizens...otherwise the cycle continues.

Francesca

**WESTMINSTER ELEMENTARY/WESTMINSTER DOG PARK:**





Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Support for Safe Parking in Westchester

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:45 AM

To: Jason Douglas <jason.p.douglas@lacity.org>

Cc: Tara Barauskas >, "rap.publicinfo@lacity.org" <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>, "councilmember.bonin@lacity.org" <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, "

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:24 AM Jason Douglas <jason.p.douglas@lacity.org> wrote: Received. Thank you!

On Thursday, July 7, 2022, Tara Barauskas < > wrote: Dear Commissioners,

My name is Tara Barauskas, I'm a local Playa del Rey resident and voter. I am very concerned about homelessness in our area and how to help unhoused neighbors find safe, dignified housing.

I am writing to express my support for the Safe parking program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. This program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. By providing a secure place for them to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight, and access the services, this resource has helped people achieve stability and secure housing. Without this program, these individuals would be forced to park in residential or other nearby areas, or to already overcrowded nearby encampments. The presence of large encampments in the area which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers, underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded.

Please vote YES to extend the permit for this important program.

Thank you, Tara



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**Re: Opposition to Item No.: 22-188 Westchester Recreation Center – Safe Parking LA Program at Westchester Swimming Pool Lot**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Paula Gerez <paula.ncwpdr@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 8:34 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:52 AM Paula Gerez <paula.ncwpdr@gmail.com> wrote:

Greetings Honorable RAP Commissioners,

If you would kindly read and consider my Board Approved Letter from the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa in strong opposition to renewing or extending any Safe Parking at Westchester Park, specifically today, the Swimming Pool Lot.

I respectfully ask that a NO Vote be given today at your meeting on Item No.: 22-188 on Safe Parking.

Thank you kindly in advance, Paula

**Paula Gerez**

President, Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa  
Block Captain, Neighborhood Watch

*Disclaimer and Privacy Statement: While I am a member of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa, the foregoing may not represent the ratified position or views of the NCWP.*

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Office of Board of Commissioners

RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG

RE: Item No.: 22-188 Westchester Recreation Center – Safe Parking LA Program at  
Westchester Swimming Pool Lot

Honorable RAP Commissioners:

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa (NCWP) strongly opposes the granting of a permit for Safe Parking in Westchester Park. Our constituents stand in opposition as well. We have received hundreds of letters from our constituents opposing Safe Parking in Westchester Park, and we receive complaints from constituents about the Safe Parking program nearly every day. We ask that you deny the permit request for the following reasons:

The Chief Administrative Officer, in his report of August 10, 2021, determined Westchester Park is not feasible for Safe Parking because it is used by thousands of people. Westchester Park is the only park in Westchester, which has over 40,000 residents. The park also serves many people from Inglewood and other inland communities, who use and enjoy all park facilities and recreation programs. Westchester Park is one of equity and inclusion. The City of Los Angeles is “park poor”, meaning there is a shortage of park space.

The Safe Parking program near the recreation pool and ballfields uses 25 of the 50 parking spaces in that lot. Yet the fenced in Safe Parking area is nearly empty many nights, and has at most 10 cars using the fenced in lot. Vehicle dwellers who do not want to follow the rules of Safe Parking program live in their vehicles outside the fenced Safe Parking area in the same parking lot. Between Safe Parking (25 spaces) and vehicle dwellers in that lot (8 spaces), there are only about 17 parking spaces available for pool users. Later this summer, the ballfields will be open as well, and there will be a critical need for parking spaces in the park.

Just in the last two weeks, a homeless man went on to the tennis courts in the park saying the 12-year-old girls who were taking lessons on the court wanted to have sex with him. The next day, he jumped a fence onto another court where young girls were taking lessons, and talked about having sex. A homeless woman grabbed a clipboard of an elderly woman at the courts and yelled and screamed at her. Over the past couple years, there have been hundreds of incidents of homeless people indecently exposing themselves to children, harassing and attacking children in the restrooms, following children, using IV drugs in public, and more.

The safety of children and seniors is of utmost concern to the NCWP and to our community. We believe that having homeless interventions in our public park is inconsistent with public safety and poses a risk to park users. Westchester Park is the only park in the City with a Safe Parking program.

The NCWP does not oppose Safe Parking programs in general. However, we strongly oppose the use of any parking lot in Westchester Park for a Safe Parking program because it uses precious parking spaces, and it attracts homeless people who live in the park full time.

LAX will have 50 spaces of Safe Parking beginning this summer, approximately two miles from Westchester Park. The eight or so vehicle dwellers who use the Safe Parking at the park may park at LAX Safe Parking instead. We respectfully ask that you deny the permit request for Safe Parking. We ask this as compassionate elected stakeholders for the whole community and authorize the President to take the appropriate action to promote this position.

Thank you in advance,

DocuSigned by:  
*Paula Gerez*  
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Paula Gerez, President, Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa

CC:  
Councilmember Mike Bonin



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

**Re: The Safe Parking Program in Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot...**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 8:50 AM

To: Karis Campbell

Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:58 AM Karis Campbell &lt;

&gt; wrote:

My name is Karis Campbell and I am writing to express my support for the Safe Parking Program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot.

This program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors whose shelter is currently limited to the minimal square footage of their vehicles. Most of us get to comfortably tuck ourselves into bed each night, free from disturbances, mostly free from the worry of anyone doing us harm while we sleep. I think we should be doing more, not less, to provide comfort and safety for our fellow community members, many of whom have spent much of their lives in this community, in and out of traditional dwellings.

When we thoughtfully provide a secure place for the unhoused members of our community to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight, readily able to access vital services, this security and consistency help people achieve stability and ultimately, housing. I've seen this happen time and again. I think we can all agree that when we see someone struggling, we want to be able to help them access whatever resources are needed so that they can thrive. We all benefit from seeing one another flourish.

Without this program securely in place, I'm concerned that these individuals would have no other option but to park in surrounding residential areas or be pushed into already overcrowded nearby encampments, which can be problematic for a myriad of reasons.

The presence of large encampments in the area, which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers, underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded.

Please vote to extend the permit for this important program so that people can rest easy during hours when our park is not being utilized and have access to life-sustaining resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

With grace and gratitude,

Karis

Karis Campbell



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

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**Re: Please support Safe Parking options for our unhoused neighbors**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 8:50 AM

To: Christy Skura &lt;

Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 8:09 AM Christy Skura &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Dear LA Rec and Park,

I am a homeowner in Westchester and I'm writing today to express my support for the Safe parking program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. This program has allowed unhoused community members to have a stable place to stay overnight while living in their vehicles, thus avoiding them being on residential streets or in other encampments. It also helps with access to services, including moving toward more permanent housing options. Clearly there is a need for these types of programs to be expanded or improved, not ended at this time. Please vote to extend the permit for this vital program.

Thank you,

Christy Skura, Westchester resident and homeowner

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**Re: Keep the safe parking program**

1 message

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

Fri, Jul 8, 2022 at 10:56 AM

To: Sue Sywak

Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 8:54 AM Sue Sywak < > wrote:

My name is Sue Sywak, and I am writing to express my support for the Safe parking program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. This program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. By providing a secure place for them to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight, and access the services, this resource has helped people achieve stability and secure housing. Without this program, these individuals would be forced to park in residential or other nearby areas, or to already overcrowded nearby encampments. I am sure you do not want this by your home.

The presence of large encampments in the area which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers, underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded.

Please vote to extend the permit for this important program.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

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**Re: Safe Parking**

1 message

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

Fri, Jul 8, 2022 at 10:57 AM

To: Peter Hodes &lt;

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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.

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 9:05 AM Peter Hodes < > wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

I have lived in Westchester since 2014 and frequent Westchester Park often.

Recently I have brought food to those in need in various locations, including Westchester Park Safe Parking area.

It was immediately obvious to me that this Safe Parking program was a good, temporary step in the right direction to solve the housing crisis.

I listened to one person who lost their housing because of domestic abuse. Without the stability and relative safety of being able to sleep in their car by the Westchester pool, they would have been unable to keep their job delivering food for Doordash.

Please continue this program and expand it.

Peter Hodes

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**Re: Support for Westchester Pool Parking Lot Safe Parking**

1 message

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

Fri, Jul 8, 2022 at 10:57 AM

To: "Stephanie Tatro Popescu, MSW" &gt;

Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 9:32 AM Stephanie Tatro Popescu, MSW &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Hello,

My name is Stephanie Popescu, I am the co-founder of the local non-profit Grass Roots Neighbors. Our all volunteer community organization works with people in our community experiencing food and housing insecurity. I am writing to request that you vote to extend the Safe parking program located at Westchester Park Pool Parking lot.

In our community of Westchester/ Playa we have several large encampments composed mostly of people who live in their vehicles. Through our outreach work, we have found that should a safe parking resource be expanded to include more spaces, and oversized vehicles, many people would prefer to be in a safe parking program. For those who are able to secure a place in the safe parking program, it has proven to be a vital resource to provide safety, stability, and resources to achieve housing goals. The presence of so many vehicle dwellers in our community indicates the desperate need for more services like Safe parking, not fewer.

Without this program, the approximately 20 people currently enrolled would be pushed back into residential areas, or into overcrowded encampments. We want to see people continue to move forward in their housing process, and this shift would only set them back.

The success of this program has benefited both the local community and our unhoused neighbors. Please vote to extend the safe parking program.

Thank you,

Stephanie Popescu

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**Re: Comment on Safe Parking Program**

1 message

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

Fri, Jul 8, 2022 at 10:58 AM

To: Alon Krauthammer

Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org,

councilmember.bonin@lacity.org

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 10:12 AM Alon Krauthammer &lt;

&gt; wrote:

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing in to voice my support as a member of the community for the Westchester Park Safe Parking Program. I firmly believe that it is a vital lifeline for vulnerable members of our community, and that choosing not to extend the program would be a big mistake.

Thanks,  
Alon Krauthammer

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**Re: Safe Parking Program at Westchester Park**

1 message

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

Fri, Jul 8, 2022 at 10:59 AM

To: Justin Faber &lt; &gt;

Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 12:57 PM Justin Faber < > wrote:

Hello,

My name is Justin Faber and I am writing to express my support for the Safe Parking Program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. Through my volunteer organization, I regularly deliver warm food to unhoused people in the westside of LA, including Westchester Park. This parking program provides vital resources for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. This resource has helped keep people safe, gain stability and even secure housing. Without this program, these people would be forced to park in other locations, including residential areas. Please vote to extend the permit for this vital program. Thank you!

Best,  
Justin Faber

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**Re: Safe Parking Program**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: faneeza mohamed < >  
Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org,

Fri, Jul 8, 2022 at 11:00 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 3:27 PM faneeza mohamed < > wrote:

Hello,

My name is Faneeza Mohamed, and I am writing to express my support for the Safe Parking Program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. This program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. By providing a secure place for them to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight, and access the services, this resource has helped people achieve stability and secure housing. Without this program, these individuals would be forced to park in residential or other nearby areas, or to already overcrowded nearby encampments. The presence of large encampments in the area which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers, underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded.

Please vote to extend the permit for this important program.

Thank you.

**Thank You,**

**Faneeza Mohamed**

***"Learning never exhausts the mind." Leonardo da Vinci***

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## Re: Please vote "no" to the request for permit for Safe Parking in Westchester Park, 7/7 meeting

1 message

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

Mon, Jul 11, 2022 at 8:49 AM

To: Chip Mallek &lt;

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Cc: Debra Huston &lt;

&gt;, Garrett Smith &lt;

&gt;, John Logsdon

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&gt;, Lucy Han &lt;

&gt;, Paula Gerez &lt;

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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.

On Fri, Jul 8, 2022 at 4:30 PM Chip Mallek <

&gt; wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners,

I was on the call yesterday, but didn't get the chance to formally respond on the call. That being said, I wanted to voice my opinion/concerns to you.

When I review your mission statement, it appears you desire to provide a "...attractive, safe and well-maintained parks with diverse opportunities to serve and enrich every community." That is an excellent goal.

However, my concerns are with the potential approval of the "safe parking" effort in Westchester Park. While I support the concept, I have the following concerns as related to Westchester Park:

1. Westchester Park is exactly that, a park for all to enjoy, both for the resource and the "availability to access it". Its original design was only that and the limited associated parking was to allow that. When the "safe parking" was first approved by the Neighborhood Council Westchester/Playa (NCWP) it was contained in the councilman's lot and had no impact to the parking lot footprint approved for the operation.
2. At some point in time, that was expanded to include "park managed property", with park users losing 50 spots for usage during the daytime (lot secured during the day) Understanding this came at the onset of Covid19, some latitude was applied to assist with the pandemic.
3. Since that time, the park has been cleared of all the homeless encampment and major renovations have occurred (pool upgraded and opened and ball fields redone for multiple usages - baseball, soccer and football to name a few). With those improvements, it is highly anticipated the utilization of "our" park will dramatically increase and return to the vibrant recreational area we so desperately need.

So why is there so much apprehension to a effort such as "safe parking"?

Simply put: it is an excellent concept, BUT is not conducive to a "park environment". We have so little space for people to enjoy recreational activities, so why take that away for a process that can be accomplished in many other locations than that of a park's parking lot.

Couple that with the fact that the assigned location has been highly underutilized since its migration to the park managed lot AND that there is LAWA approved 50 slots on property outside of a park, why would the RAP Commissioners see this as "in line" with their Mission Statement?

Finally, the only other parking opportunity, available to park goes, is a "municipal lot", NOT controlled by RAP, and as you can see is completely mismanaged by CD11 and the city of Los Angeles and if CD11 leadership (Mr. Bonin) gets his way, he will acquire 50 more slots there for more "safe parking" and you will be committed to a lease that takes away critical parking for the park with no recourse.

I hope this does not fall on deaf or prior committed ears and you truly weigh all the factors here and the potential impact to Westchester Park, that you are spending tons on money for our community.

I am on the NCWP, but this represents ONLY my personal viewpoint, however, I do believe it represents much of the community as a whole. I have live and raised my my family here for over 34 years and have utilized the park extensively and would love to see that to continue for young families for years to come!

Thanks,

Chip Mallek

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

From: **Debra Huston** < >  
 Date: Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 7:35 PM  
 Subject: Fwd: Please vote "no" to the request for permit for Safe Parking in Westchester Park, 7/7 meeting  
 To: Chip Mallek < >, Lisa Gaines < >, Tom Brewster < >, William Manahan < >

Just sent this email to the RAP commissioners. Please, call in to the meeting tomorrow if at all possible.

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

From: **Debra Huston** < >  
 Date: Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 7:30 PM  
 Subject: Please vote "no" to the request for permit for Safe Parking in Westchester Park, 7/7 meeting  
 To: Rap Commissioners <[rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)>, Paula Gerez < >

Honorable RAP Commissioners:

Last Friday, we learned from RAP that Council Member Mike Bonin requested another permit for Safe Parking in the parking lot of Westchester Park that serves the recreation pool and the four lighted multi-plex fields. This lot includes 50 spaces, and 25 spaces are fenced off for the Safe Parking program.

Our recreation pool is open, and the ballfields will be open within three months after undergoing renovation. People line up in front of the recreation pool beginning early in the morning to sign up for swim lessons. Our ballfields serve thousands of children. The park serves children from Westchester and surrounding communities, including Inglewood. The users of the park are racially mixed, split equally among Latino, African-American, and Caucasian. It is a park of equity and inclusion.

Our youth need all 50 parking spaces in this lot. There is a shortage of parking in the park in general, with a couple hundred parking spaces serving the entire park and all the amenities a recreation center park offers. Our youth and their families cannot safely park across Lincoln (Hwy 1) or Manchester (a main artery) to access the park.

I include the photos below which I took over the past several months showing that the Safe Parking program in Westchester Park is not well used. Most nights, only a fraction of the spaces are used. I took these photos because I was informed by Sonya Young-Jimenez that Safe Park LA told me that the Safe Parking program in the park was successful and well used. That was not consistent with the observations of our community members who drive by the park at all hours while driving people to the airport, etc.

I would not dispute that people are enrolled in that program and that the City is paying for their use of the program, but they are not using it. The program is inefficient and it uses the much needed parking of park users. Those 25 parking spots are fenced all day, and no one else can use them.

We have a 50-space Safe Parking program opening at LAX this summer, just a mile or two away from the Westchester Park site.

Please do not allow the City to take parking from park users who need it. The safety of our youth, from all communities, using the ballfields and the recreation pool depends on the availability of these parking spaces.

Debra Huston



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

**Re: Bonin and Westchester Park**

1 message

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

Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 7:53 AM

To: Sue Pascoe

Cc: Joe Halper

&gt;, Sonya Young-Jimenez &lt;sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org&gt;, Darryl Ford

&lt;darryl.ford@lacity.org&gt;

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 6:33 AM Sue Pascoe &lt;

&gt; wrote:

All,

If you haven't stopped by Westchester park recently, the barbed wire that Bonin is putting around his offices to keep the homeless out is really spectacular.

I asked a worker why they were putting up barbed wire and he said, "To keep out the homeless."

I pointed to the homeless living across the parking lot in front of the senior center in the handicapped parking and asked "how about those guys? what's happening with them?" And the guy said, "don't know."

If Bonin is afraid of the homeless at Westchester Park and is taking care of himself by erecting a fence, it seems the residents should have equal protection.

My understanding is security cameras have been added and gates will only allow those with passes into the parking lot next to the Westchester building.

Sue Pascoe

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## Continue safe parking program in Westchester/Playa

1 message

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**Yesica Alvarez**

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Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 6:48 PM

To: rap.commissioners@lacity.org, rap.publicinfo@lacity.org

Cc: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org,

My name is Yesica Alvarez and I'm a member of the Westchester/ Playa Del Rey community, I'm calling to voice my support for the Safe Parking program at Westchester Park because giving people a safe place to sleep benefits both them and the community by providing a designated area to park rather than be in the residential areas. This is a vital social service that helps people find stability and housing and that needs to be expanded, not ended.

Please continue to expand this program.

Best,  
Yesica Alvarez



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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## Support for Safe Parking Program in Westchester

1 message

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**Jesús Campagna**

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Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 7:27 PM

To: rap.commissioners@lacity.org, rap.publicinfo@lacity.org

Cc: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, Grass Roots Neighbors

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Hi,

My name is Jesus Campagna, I'm a member of the Westchester/ Playa Del Rey community, I'm emailing to voice my support for the Safe Parking program at Westchester Park because giving people a safe place to sleep benefits both them and the community by providing a designated area to park rather than be in the residential areas. This is a vital social service that helps people find stability and housing and ought to be expanded, not ended.

Cheers,  
Jesus



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

## Re: Please vote "no" to the request for permit for Safe Parking in Westchester Park, 7/7 meeting

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:37 AM

To: Debra Huston &gt;

Cc: Paula Gerez &gt;

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 7:31 PM Debra Huston <

wrote:

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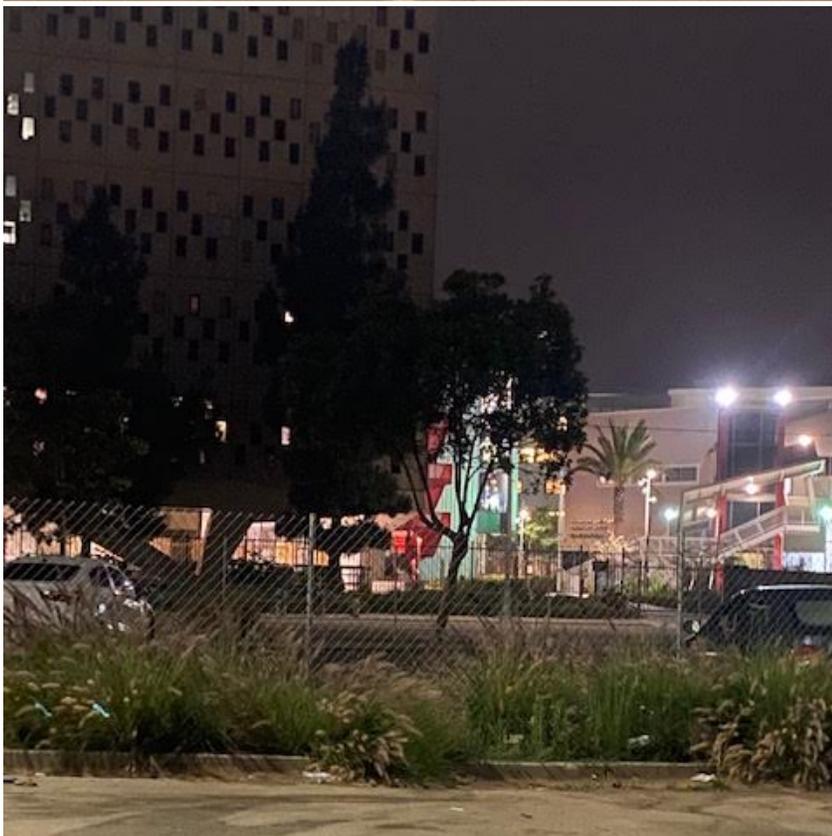
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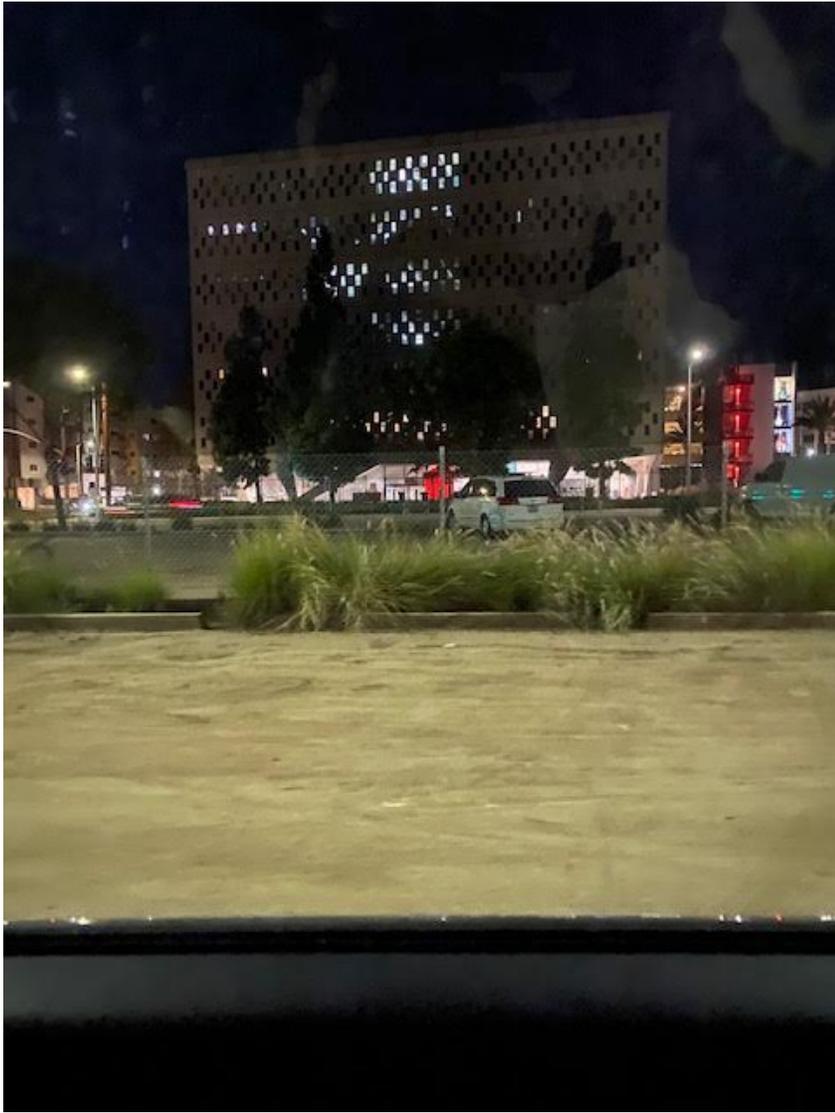
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Debra Huston



















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**Re: Safe parking program**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:38 AM

To: Wendy Zacuto &lt;

&gt;

Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org, Councilmember Mike Bonin &lt;councilmember.bonin@lacity.org&gt;,

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 8:20 PM Wendy Zacuto &lt;

&gt; wrote:

To the LA City Commissioners and Recreation and Parks Board,

We understand that a vital vote affecting our community is happening soon. We strongly ask that you extend the successful Safe Parking Program for 50 unhoused neighbors. It is our responsibility to help unhoused citizens, not just move them when it seems "untidy" for some people who are blessed to live in homes in Westchester and surrounding areas.

We, Brad and Wendy Zacuto are long-time residents of Westchester and Playa del Rey. We are writing to express our support for the Safe parking program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. This program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. By providing a secure place for them to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight, and access the services, this resource has helped people achieve stability and secure housing. Without this program, these individuals would be forced to park in residential or other nearby areas, or in already overcrowded nearby encampments. The presence of large encampments in the area which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded.

Please vote to extend the permit for this important program along with other programs needed by our unhoused citizens.

Thank you.

Brad and Wendy Zacuto

Neighborhood community members for 70 years.

Writing from the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Tongva/Gabrielino People.

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**Re: Safe Parking Program - Westchester Park**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:38 AM

To: Jennifer Buscher &lt;

Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org, Councilmember Mike Bonin &lt;councilmember.bonin@lacity.org&gt;,

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 8:50 PM Jennifer Buscher

&gt; wrote:

Hello,

My name is Jennifer Buscher and I am a resident of Westchester. I am writing to express my support for the Safe Parking Program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. This program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. By providing a secure place for them to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight, this resource has helped people achieve stability and to secure housing. Without this program, these individuals would be forced to park in residential or other nearby areas, or move into already overcrowded encampments. The presence of large encampments in the area, which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers, underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded.

Please vote to extend the permit for this important program.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Buscher

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**Re: Safe Parking program expansion is needed**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:39 AM

To: Georgia Ford &lt;

Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 8:50 PM Georgia Ford &lt;

&gt; wrote:

My name is Georgia Lee, and I am writing to express my support for the Safe parking program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. This program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. By providing a secure place for them to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight, and access the services, this resource has helped people achieve stability and secure housing. Without this program, these individuals would be forced to park in residential or other nearby areas, or to already overcrowded nearby encampments. The presence of large encampments in the area which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers, underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded.

Please vote to extend the permit for this important program.

Thank you.

Warmly,

Georgia Lee

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**Re: Safe Parking in Westchester**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:39 AM

To: John Sharpe &gt;

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 9:07 PM John Sharpe < > wrote:

My name is John Sharpe and I am writing to express my support for the Safe parking program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. This program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. By providing a secure place for them to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight, and access the services, this resource has helped people achieve stability and secure housing. Without this program, these individuals would be forced to park in residential or other nearby areas, or to already overcrowded nearby encampments. The presence of large encampments in the area which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers, underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded.

Please vote to extend the permit for this important program.

Thank you.

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John Sharpe

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**Re: Westchester Safe Parking**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Eleanor Beale <  
Cc: "rap.publicinfo@lacity.org" <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:39 AM

Good morning,

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On Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 9:09 PM Eleanor Beale < > wrote:  
For the Attention of the Board Members

My name is Eleanor and I am a resident of Westchester. I frequently visit the park and library with my young children and my husband enjoys having the golf course so close by.

I am writing to express my support for the Safe parking program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. This program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. Giving these neighbors a safe place to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight, enables them to access services, and has helped people achieve stability and secure housing.

Without this program, these individuals would have no choice but to park in residential or other nearby areas, or to move already overcrowded nearby encampments. The presence of large encampments in the area which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers, underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded.

Please vote to extend the permit for this important program.  
Thank you.  
Eleanor

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**Re: Safe Parking Program**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:39 AM

To: Dolores Palacio &lt;

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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.

On Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 9:16 PM Dolores Palacio

&gt; wrote:

My name is Dolores Palacio, I live in Playa Del Rey and I am writing to support the Safe Parking Program at Westchester Park. The parking lot is away from the grassy area for children and families, the Senior Center and library. It provides a safe place for unhoused singles and families and gives them a modicum of dignity and security away from encampments and residential neighborhoods. Please vote to extend the permit for this important program.  
Dolores Palacio

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**Re: Safe Parking Program in Westchester Park**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:40 AM

To: Jana Koppula &lt;j &gt;

Cc: "rap.publicinfo@lacity.org" &lt;rap.publicinfo@lacity.org&gt;, "councilmember.bonin@lacity.org" &lt;councilmember.bonin@lacity.org&gt;, "&lt;

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 9:34 PM Jana Koppula &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Greetings,

My name is Jana Koppula. I am a member of the Westchester/Playa Neighborhood Council, but I am sending this email as a private stakeholder living in the Westchester/Playa footprint. You may hear/see a letter coming from the Westchester/Playa Neighborhood Council expressing opposition to approving the permit for the extension of the Safe Parking program at Westchester Park today - I was one of the board members who voted AGAINST that letter. I am writing to you here to express my SUPPORT for the Safe parking program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. This program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. By providing a secure place for them to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight, and access the services, this resource has helped people achieve stability and secure housing. Without this program, these individuals would be forced to park in residential or other nearby areas, or to already overcrowded nearby encampments. The presence of large encampments in the area which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers, underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded. This program is necessary to give our unhoused neighbors in vehicles resources, dignity, security, and opportunity.

I urge you to please vote to extend the permit for this important program.

Thank you very much.

Jana Koppula

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**Re: Support for Safe Parking Program at the Westchester Rec Center Pool Parking Lot**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:40 AM

To: VLAD

Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, Grass Roots Neighbors &gt;

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 9:39 PM VLAD &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Hello,

My name is Vlad Popescu, I live in Playa del Rey, and I am writing to express my support for the Safe parking program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot.

I have frequently stopped by the parking lot in the evening and chatted with people who are in the program. People have shared their stories, and struggles, some even ask for help with app to make sure they register their presence. I believe it would be a disaster to close the program without securing housing for the people who are using this service.

This program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. By providing a secure place for them to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight, and access the services, this resource has helped people achieve stability and secure housing. Without this program, these individuals would be forced to park in residential or other nearby areas, or to already overcrowded nearby encampments. The presence of large encampments in the area which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers, underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded.

Please vote to extend the permit for this important program.

Thank you,  
Vlad Popescu

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You have never really lived until you've done something for someone who can never repay you.

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**Re: Safe Parking Program at Westchester Park**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Danica Truscott >  
Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org,

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:40 AM

Good morning,

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On Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 10:07 PM Danica Truscott > wrote:  
Dear Recreations and Parks Board Members,

Hello, my name is Danica Truscott. I'm a resident of the Westchester neighborhood writing to express my support for the Safe Parking program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. As a volunteer with a local mutual aid organization, I've had opportunities to discuss this program with its participants firsthand. I've seen how this program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. By providing a secure place for them to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight, and access the services, this resource has helped people achieve stability and secure housing.

Without this program, these individuals would be forced to park in residential or other nearby areas, or relocate to already overcrowded nearby encampments. The presence of large encampments in the area, which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers, underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded.

In light of this, please vote to extend the permit for this important program. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Danica Truscott

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**Re: Safe Parking at Westchester Park Pool Parking**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:40 AM

To: Marie Stephany-Akbas &lt;

Cc: "rap.publicinfo@lacity.org" &lt;rap.publicinfo@lacity.org&gt;, "councilmember.bonin@lacity.org"

&lt;councilmember.bonin@lacity.org&gt;, "

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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.

On Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 10:48 PM Marie Stephany-Akbas &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Dear Recreation and Parks Commissioners,

My name is Marie Stephany Akbas, and I am writing to express my support for the Safe parking program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. This program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. By providing a secure place for them to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight, and access the services, this resource has helped people achieve stability and secure housing. Without this program, these individuals would be forced to park in residential or other nearby areas, or to already overcrowded nearby encampments. The presence of large encampments in the area which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers, underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded.

Please vote to extend the permit for this important program.

Thank you.

Best regards

Marie Stephany Akbas

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**Re: I support the SAFE Parking LA program at the Westchester Park Pool parking lot**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:41 AM

To: Rick Garvey &lt;&gt;

Cc: "rap.publicinfo@lacity.org" &lt;rap.publicinfo@lacity.org&gt;, "councilmember.bonin@lacity.org" &lt;councilmember.bonin@lacity.org&gt;, &lt;&gt;

, Rick Garvey

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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.

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 1:53 AM Rick Garvey &lt;&gt; wrote:

Commissioners,

My name is Rick Garvey and I am writing to express my support for the SAFE Parking LA program located at the Westchester Park Pool parking lot.

I am a public policy researcher and have been working directly with unhoused populations in Los Angeles for over 20 years. I have seen firsthand the benefits that a safe parking program provides. During a recent study with unhoused Veterans recruited off the streets in West Los Angeles I had the opportunity to see the SAFE Parking LA program in action and was impressed. Several of the Vets in the study were able to utilize this resource and it allowed them the stability to then start addressing some of their other physical and mental health issues and transition into housing.

According to the Homeless Policy Research Institute there are over 16,500 people experiencing homelessness sleeping in vehicles in Los Angeles County but currently less than 500 Safe Parking spaces available. The existing program at the Westchester Park Pool parking lot is a community benefit that we cannot afford to lose.

This program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. By providing a secure place for them to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight, and access the services, this resource has helped people achieve stability and secure housing. Without this program, these individuals would be forced to park in residential or other nearby areas, or to already overcrowded nearby encampments. The presence of large encampments in the area which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers, underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded.

Please vote to extend the permit for this important program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rick Garvey



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**Re: Safe parking program at westchester park**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:41 AM

To: Shana Aelony &lt; &gt;

Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org, Tomo Moriwaki &lt;

&gt;, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org,

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 2:42 AM Shana Aelony &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Good morning,

I am a Westchester resident of 20 years writing to express my support for the Safe parking program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. The reality is that for those who have lost their housing but have a car, living in it is safer, protects their belongings and persons to a greater degree than living on the street. To try to move forward with your life well being on house is stressful enough without having to accumulate parking tickets and try to find places that are safe and legal to park overnight for extended periods of time.

I believe that by providing safe spaces 4 people living in their cars to park bring some stability to their situation and enables them to access resources and work towards permanent housing. No one is using the Westchester Park Pool parking lot at night and it is a community resource paid for by our tax dollars ultimately and my husband and I believe that having it being used overnight is an excellent use of this community resource.

It seems to me that this is safer for our families as well to know that there is a place where at least a few people can park that is not in front of their homes which curbs are already quite crowded. The presence of large encampments in the area which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers, underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded. Please vote to extend the permit for this important program.

Thank you.

Shana Aelony and Yoshitomo Moriwaki

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**Re: In support of SAFE Parking at Westchester Park (Board Report 22-188)**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:41 AM

To: Carey Begbie Westerfield &lt; &gt;

Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 5:15 AM Carey Begbie Westerfield

&gt; wrote:

Good morning, board members.

My name is Carey Begbie Westerfield. I am a member of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa (NCWP) but am writing to you this morning as a concerned stakeholder and not in an official capacity. I voted against the NCWP's opposition letter for the SAFE Parking LA Program at Westchester Park that will be presented to you at today's meeting.

I am a resident of Westchester and live not far from Westchester Park. And I wholeheartedly ask that the Safe Parking Program located in the swimming pool lot be allowed to continue. (This is regarding Board Report 22-188.) I greatly appreciate the Board's vote to issue the original permit and its renewal last October. I urge you to renew the permit once again as this program continues to provide a necessary and essential resource for local vehicle dwellers.

The homeless crisis in Los Angeles is far from over, as you are aware, and this program offers one reasonable option with low impact to the community to help combat this humanitarian issue. We must continue to use our resources, in all their various forms, to support our unhoused neighbors.

The SAFE Parking LA Program in one of Westchester Park's parking lots benefits both the participants and local housed residents. Participants in the program have a safe place to sleep nightly and a spot where service providers can easily locate them as they work to find more stable housing. Local housed residents should feel secure in knowing that this is an established and orderly program without which vehicle dwellers might be forced to overnight on residential streets. I believe that this program has no downside for participants, local housed residents, Westchester Park staff, and service providers supporting unhoused people which is why I support it so strongly.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter.

- Carey Begbie Westerfield

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**Re: Public Comment - Rec & Parks Commrs. Meeting 7/7/2022 - Item #6 Board Report 22-188 - Westchester Recreation Center**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:42 AM

To: Naomi Waka &lt;

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Cc: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org, councilman.bonin@lacity.org, hmitchell@bos.lacounty.gov

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 5:28 AM Naomi Waka <

&gt; wrote:

My name is Naomi Waka. I am writing to express my support for the Safe Parking LA program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. This program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. By providing a secure place for qualifying persons to sleep and park their vehicles overnight and to access services, this resource has helped individuals achieve stability and secure housing. Without this program, they'd be forced to park in residential, other nearby areas, or already overcrowded encampments nearby. The presence of large encampments in the area which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers which underscores the need for more resources like Safe Parking LA and the continuation of the program.

Please vote to extend the permit for this important program!

Thank you,

Naomi Waka

Sent from my iPad

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**Re: Please vote "no" to the request for permit for Safe Parking in Westchester Park, 7/7 meeting**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: FIONA ENGLER

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:42 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 5:51 AM FIONA ENGLER < > wrote:

Honorable RAP Commissioners:

Recently I learned that Council Member Mike Bonin requested another permit for Safe Parking in the parking lot of Westchester Park that serves the recreation pool and the four lighted multi-plex fields. This lot includes 50 spaces, and 25 spaces are fenced off for the Safe Parking program. The existing program has little usage, but Mr. Bonin wants to take remaining parking for it. The community cannot use the parking near the Senior Center due to the number of homeless living there and safety concerns. Several of them are violent enough that Mr. Bonin has fenced in his office with barbed wire and security. Why is there are quest for more spaces when the ones already there get little usage? Why not spaces in the Palisades or Brentwood? Westchester seems to be unfairly being targeted as the "go to" for Mr. Bonin because the community disagrees with his ideals. Please do not grant this request.

Thank you,

Fiona Engler- Community member

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**Re: Safe Parking**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:42 AM

To: Ahmanise Sanati &lt;

Cc: RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org,

councilmember.bonin@lacity.org

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 6:15 AM Ahmanise Sanati &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Good morning,

My name is Ahmanise Sanati and I am a local resident, mother and social worker and writing in support of the Safe parking program located at the Westchester Park Pool Parking Lot. This program provides a vital resource for our unhoused neighbors currently living in their vehicles. By providing a secure place for them to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight, and access the services, this resource has helped people achieve stability and secure housing- which is the goal and takes such care and consistency. Because of the work I do, I understand how critical programs like this are, and that without supportive options like this, residents are forced to flee into other parts of the community. The presence of large encampments in the area which are primarily made up of vehicle dwellers, is evidence of the need for more resources like Safe Parking to be expanded.

Considering the crisis we are in with the limited resources we have, I hope you will vote to extend the permit for this critical program.

Sincerely,

M. Ahmanise Sanati, LCSW, PPSC

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**Re: Oppose the Issuance of Safe Parking Program at Westchester Park in Westchester Ca 90045**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Alexandra Reynolds >

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:43 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 6:43 AM Alexandra Reynolds wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners

I am opposed to Permit issuance of Safe Parking at Westchester Park.

This program isn't successful. There is limited parking in the lot and the program has been less then successful. I am in the park early most days and have never seen more than a handful of cars in the current safe parking program.

Attached are photos from this morning at 5:45am. There were 5 cars in the lot. I have been by numerous mornings and have never seen more than 6 or 7.

Clearly, we do not need to issue another safe parking permit in the park. I was also on NCWP Community Meeting several months ago and the "Safe Parking program" presented to the community. When asked if the program was successful as far a number of people using the lot, it was stated that the number of people in the program wasn't at the level they would like. The program is good in theory but many of those that are unhoused do not sign up for the program because of rules and requirement. So while it's intent is mindful it isn't a practical program, especially as it relates to a park that is meant to service ours and surrounding communities by supporting our Athletes, sports teams and those that simply come to recreation in our park.

Alexandra Reynolds  
Residential District 3  
NCWP

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## Re: Oppose the Issuance of Safe Parking Program at Westchester Park in Westchester Ca 90045

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Alexandra Reynolds >

Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 7:44 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 6:46 AM Alexandra Reynolds > wrote:

These photos were taken this morning at 5:45am.

Only 5 cars in the lot. I have many other photos document different mornings showing this lot and the lack of cars utilizing the program.

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**Re: Unsafe conditions for kids at beach**

1 message

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

Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 9:36 AM

To: Brennan Lindner

Cc: Sonya Young-Jimenez &lt;sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org&gt;

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 8:41 AM Brennan Lindner &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Sonya - looping in the commissioners on this as well Here's a video of Rose bathrooms which is continually the center of mentally ill episodes and next to a kids surf camp.

This woman just smashed glass bottles and was screaming who raped me at 4 years old.

As always - great example of how the parks and county take care of both people and their property.

Sonya your team was on site quickly and scraped up the mess. Sorry they have to deal with this.

Brennan Lindner

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**Re: Potrero Canyon**

1 message

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

Mon, Jul 11, 2022 at 8:52 AM

To: Matthew Garff &lt;

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Cc: Wendy Garff &lt;

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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.

On Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 9:37 PM Matthew Garff <

&gt; wrote:

I am a resident of the palisades. I have followed the construction of the Potrero Canyon park for years. I live at 601 Frontera Dr, which is not far from one of the planned entrances to the park (the entrance near the tennis courts). We are concerned about the overflow parking that may occur in our neighborhood for residents wanting to use the park or access the beach. I love the idea of a park, but I am concerned about the lack of parking that exists, which could mean our quiet street being taken over by wkend parking for beachgoers and those visiting the park. What can I do to learn more about this issue and voice my concerns?

Matthew Garff

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**Re: Hollywoodland 4th of July weekend 2022**

1 message

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

Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 7:56 AM

To:  
Cc: "xanthe.scheps@lacity.org" <xanthe.scheps@lacity.org>, "helene.rotolo@lacity.org" <helene.rotolo@lacity.org>, "nithya.raman@lacity.org" <nithya.raman@lacity.org>, "stefanie.smith@lacity.org" <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, "tracy.james@lacity.org" <tracy.james@lacity.org>,

Good morning,

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

On Sat, Jul 2, 2022 at 2:59 PM < > wrote:

Dear City officials,

Report on Hollywoodland and the 4th of July weekend

You may have already been notified of the following occurrences in Hollywoodland

Yesterday July 1

**Two oversized illegal (over the weight limit) buses** drove into Hollywoodland and parked on our streets. They let off **over 50 school age passengers who walked up Ledgewood en masse blocking the street.** This continued on the other streets. This is totally unacceptable on any day much less one with particular public safety challenges.

**Last night the Hollywood Sign was lit!!**

Again, what is going on? We had no knowledge of this . Was this city approved? Again this is unacceptable on any day much less one with particular safety challenges.

**Very late at night fire works were heard and seen going off in the neighborhood.**

The extra deployments we discussed are not enough. Before something catastrophic happens **we are again requesting that you limit access to Hollywoodland over the holidays.** All of this was preventable. We are just lucky--there's that word again--that nothing worse happened.

**I want this email to be part of the public record.**

Sarajane Schwartz  
Safety Chair  
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

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

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**Re: Hollywoodland 4th of July weekend 2022**

1 message

Sat, Jul 2, 2022 at 4:12 PM

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To: sschw56079@aol.com, "xanthe.scheps@lacity.org" <xanthe.scheps@lacity.org>, "helene.rotolo@lacity.org" <helene.rotolo@lacity.org>, "nithya.raman@lacity.org" <nithya.raman@lacity.org>, "stefanie.smith@lacity.org" <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, "tracy.james@lacity.org" <tracy.james@lacity.org>, "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
Cc:

Hi Sarajane,

Dip you or anyone have a picture of the sign lit? I was out last night because there were fireworks that sounded like they were literally next door to me. I can see the sign from my house and I was up at the Vista to see if there was activity up there. I never saw the sign lit? I'm just curious what time was it lit?

Thanks for your report.

Kristina  
President - LHHA  
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Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: Hollywoodland 4th of July weekend 2022

1 message

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Sun, Jul 3, 2022 at 3:43 PM

Reply-To:

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Cc: "

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<40988@lapd.online>

Dear City Officials,

Report on Hollywoodland and the 4th of July weekend 2022

Yesterday July 2

The View Site

At approximately 3:30 I drove by and saw a crowded view site with illegally, uncited cars. **I saw no DOT at the top.** I spoke with DOT at Lake Hollywood Drive and Tahoe who said no one would be stationed there, but would be traveling. I said someone needs to be stationed there (as was in CD4's plans) and he said he would speak to supervisor.

At approximately 5:30 I returned to this area coming from the Barham side. DOT was stationed at Lake Hollywood Drive and Tahoe. I passed him and about 20 cars up I was stopped in a total traffic jam. It involved both sides of the street. **Cars were at a complete stop for over 5 minutes!!** I filmed most of it. There were approximately 100 cars at the view site with 15 involved in waiting for parking spaces or trying to get into parking spaces. **This is one of the main arteries for ingress and egress into our neighborhood.** It would have been impossible for an emergency vehicle to get through. I wish I could say this is a unique experience, but it is the opposite and happens often. This bootlegged illegal magnet (put in with no process) is out of control and dangerous. **The other DOT person was at the top at this time, and the problems were between the two of them.** The crowds are huge and maybe a minimum of 4 City employees need to be there. (This still leaves the immediate surrounding areas uncovered that also need supervision. 1) where **pedestrians keep walking between the no pedestrian signs** 2 The ever growing number of **people using Innsdale Drive a removed street as a trail in an animal habitat filled with dry brush that is a tinder box.**) This vista site location is so problematic it never would have gotten approval if a proper City process and review had occurred.

What is the capacity of this area? Indoor public places always have a capacity set by the fire department. Other outdoor areas of Griffith Park are shut down when they are "over capacity".

This area has the least infrastructure--can you imagine the gridlock of 100 additional cars on our extremely narrow, substandard streets in the midst of an emergency evacuation--yet it is never shut down.

Why is this? **At the very least a safe capacity must be set and enforced for this area.**

**Again we are requesting that you limit access to all of Hollywoodland over this holiday, and if not--at least close down this magnet. It is a danger to the entire neighborhood.**

**I want this email to be part of the public record.**

Sarajane Schwartz  
Safety Chair  
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association



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

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1 message

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Cc:

"40988@lapd.online"

&lt;40988@lapd.online&gt;

Dear City Officials

Report on Hollywoodland and the 4th of July weekend 2022

AT THIS POINT WE ARE DEMANDING THAT YOU LIMIT ACCESS TO ALL OF HOLLYWOODLAND FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE HOLIDAY.

Yesterday July 3

Ledgewood

**At 3:15 an oversize illegal camper (over our weight limits) trying to turn around blocks traffic from four different directions for 15 minutes causing a line of 28 cars just on Ledgewood, and backing on to Beachwood!**

Mulholland

**A group of 30 dirt bikes** tries to go onto dirt Mulholland, but DOT prevents them. They then take Heather to Durand to Canyon Lake Drive. Because of their numbers they are noisy, run through a stop sign, and take over the width of the street almost causing a car accident. DOT says it has been very busy with their preventing many vehicles from going past the sawhorses. DOT says the large amount of traffic is made worse and more dangerous there because **DWP has been doing a major project on Mulholland for months and the barricades in place there reduce the already limited capacity of the streets.**

The Vista

At around 5:30 it is full and I see at least **12 illegally parked cars--none of which have been cited.** I speak with the DOT person at the top. He thought another DOT person at the bottom would be taking care of it. He says he will call his supervisor.

Deronda

I see at least **5 illegally parked cars that are not cited.**

Rockliff

I speak to the DOT person there. He says he has prevented cars from going up the last leg of Deronda and it has been very quiet. He says that now it is past 6pm and many of the PPD rules expire it is getting very busy with people coming and parking. **He can see illegally parked cars but says he is not allowed to cite them!** He is only allowed to deal with the intersection at Deronda and Rockliff. **Starting at that intersection I count 16 illegally parked cars none of which have been cited! There are so many cars that it is hindering the flow of two way traffic.** I see a DOT person on Ledgewood and tell her about the illegally parked cars and their locations. She is totally unfamiliar with our streets, but says she will try to help.**(Accounts from other residents complain the illegal parking goes on for hours there with no enforcement.)**

I will try to clarify the situation in Hollywoodland once again. **EVERY PARKED CAR PREVENTS TWO WAY TRAFFIC** because our streets are so narrow. Our one hundred year old substandard infrastructure barely handles the needs of residents. While there are parking places in the street they are to be sparingly used. If many or every street parking place is occupied, two way traffic is impossible. **We do not have the capacity to be a tourist destination.** That is why we have ppd's. They mainly only go until 6 pm. In the summer that is inadequate. We are in a vhfzs, 80% surrounded with dry brush and clear traffic circulation is a matter of life and death.

Over the past few days you have had officers in our neighborhood. Time and again it has failed to adequately meet the challenges here. (These incidents are mainly examples from a one time a day random drive around. There are certainly many other incidents during the day that are not included.) **While we prefer prevention, you have not even managed to cite large amounts of illegal activity,** ( and in fact towing instead of a ticket would be a much more appropriate and safe alternative.) **Even the Hollywood Sign was illuminated!** In the end we do not have the capacity for large vehicles that get stuck or the number of cars that gridlock our streets and need parking that is dangerous when offered.

**AGAIN WE ARE NOW DEMANDING THAT YOU LIMIT ACCESS TO ALL OF HOLLYWOODLAND FOR THE DURATION OF THE HOLIDAY. SO FAR YOU HAVE NOT ACHIEVED YOUR GOALS. YOUR PLAN IS NOT WORKING. WITH CLOSURE YOU WILL USE FEWER RESOURCES WHILE ACHIEVING MUCH GREATER SAFETY. IT IS DANGEROUS HERE. CONDITIONS ARE UNACCEPTABLE. YOUR WORKERS CAN ATTEST TO THIS. JUST CLOSE DOWN OUR AREA IN THE NAME OF PUBLIC SAFETY AS OTHER PARTS OF THE PARK AND OTHER STREETS ALL OVER THE CITY ARE CLOSED EVERY DAY.**

**I WANT THIS EMAIL TO BE PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD.**

Sarajane Schwartz  
Safety Chair  
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

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

From:

To: [xanthe.scheps@lacity.org](mailto:xanthe.scheps@lacity.org) <[xanthe.scheps@lacity.org](mailto:xanthe.scheps@lacity.org)>; [helene.rotolo@lacity.org](mailto:helene.rotolo@lacity.org) <[helene.rotolo@lacity.org](mailto:helene.rotolo@lacity.org)>; [nithya.raman@lacity.org](mailto:nithya.raman@lacity.org) <[nithya.raman@lacity.org](mailto:nithya.raman@lacity.org)>; [stefanie.smith@lacity.org](mailto:stefanie.smith@lacity.org) <[stefanie.smith@lacity.org](mailto:stefanie.smith@lacity.org)>; [tracy.james@lacity.org](mailto:tracy.james@lacity.org) <[tracy.james@lacity.org](mailto:tracy.james@lacity.org)>; [rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org) <[rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)>

Cc:

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<[40988@lapd.online](mailto:40988@lapd.online)>

Sent: Sun, Jul 3, 2022 3:43 pm

Subject: Re: Hollywoodland 4th of July weekend 2022

Dear City Officials,

Report on Hollywoodland and the 4th of July weekend 2022

Yesterday July 2

The View Site

At approximately 3:30 I drove by and saw a crowded view site with illegally, uncited cars. **I saw no DOT at the top.** I spoke with DOT at Lake Hollywood Drive and Tahoe who said no one would be stationed there, but would be traveling. I



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

**Re: Hollywoodland 4th of July weekend 2022**

1 message

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

Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 8:06 AM

To: Jeff Swofford &lt;

&gt;

Cc: xanthe.scheps@lacity.org, helene.rotolo@lacity.org, nithya.raman@lacity.org, stefanie.smith@lacity.org, Tracy James &lt;tracy.james@lacity.org&gt;, 40988@lapd.online

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Jul 3, 2022 at 6:07 PM Jeff Swofford &lt;

&gt; wrote:

At about 3:15 PM, we encountered a oversized camper making a multipoint u-turn at the intersection of Belden and Ledgewood blocking traffic in all four directions. I advised one of the occupants who had exited of our 6,000 pound roadway weight limit. It ultimately took us nearly 15 minutes to pass the intersection southbound. I counted 28 uphill-bound cars queued down Ledgewood and around the corner onto Beachwood. Almost half were out of state license plates and likely rentals.

I echo Sarajane's concerns about emergency ingress/egress stemming from the significant inflow of non-local traffic.

Jeff Swofford

On Jul 3, 2022, at 5:21 PM, Linda Doe &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Thank you Sarajane for this very important update.

Sincerely,  
Linda Sollima Doe, Secretary  
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

On Sun, Jul 3, 2022, 3:43 PM &lt;

&gt; wrote:

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At approximately 5:30 I returned to this area coming from the Barham side. DOT was stationed at Lake Hollywood Drive and Tahoe. I passed him and about 20 cars up I was stopped



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**Re: Restrict cars in Griffith Park! Please continue this program!**

1 message

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

Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 8:07 AM

To: "Amar K." <

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Cc: contactCD4@lacity.org, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Jul 3, 2022 at 7:11 PM Amar K. < > wrote:

I'm a LA resident who lives 3 miles from Griffith park. Car traffic should be as limited as possible. Keep the park safe for pedestrians and cyclists.

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**Re: Making Griffith Park Safer**

1 message

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

Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 8:09 AM

To: Kent Conklin &lt;

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Cc: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, contactCD4@lacity.org

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Jul 4, 2022 at 1:27 PM Kent Conklin &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Hello,

Griffith Park is an icon for our city and the recent closure of a section of Griffith Park Dr. is a great step in protecting those who use the park for outdoor activities like cycling, running, and walking. Incidents like the killing of of the cyclist by a driver in April along one of Griffith Park roads should never happen.

We must continue to take action to make our roads safe for all users. *Please make this road closure to car traffic permanent!* Additional steps to reduce traffic and traffic speeds in all areas of our city can help reduce traffic and make our city a safer place for all. LA should be known for its beautiful weather, natural wonder, great diversity and safety, not traffic and traffic deaths.

Thank you,  
Kent Conklin

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**Re: Griffith Park - car free!**

1 message

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

Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 11:53 AM

To: Eric Chu <

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Cc: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, contactCD4@lacity.org, councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 11:38 AM Eric Chu <

wrote:

Hello,

I am a resident of 90012 and avid lover of Griffith Park; my child goes to outdoor school there!

I am fully in support of continuing to work on making parts of Griffith Park car free.

In fact, we must continue to figure out how to make LA and its residents less reliant on cars.

Thank you,

- Eric

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**Re: Pickleball**

1 message

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

Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 2:17 PM

To: Tom BREWSTER &lt;&gt;

Cc: Jimmy Kim &lt;jimmy.kim@lacity.org&gt;

Good afternoon,

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

On Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 1:41 PM Tom BREWSTER wrote:

Hello everyone,

Reaching out to you for I believe Pickleball is on your agenda for this weeks meeting.

My name is Tom Brewster and I have been running Pickleball at Westchester Park since Dec.

We did a pilot program to see what kind of response we would get.

As you probably are already aware the response has been nothing short of spectacular.

We are doing just twice a week and we are bringing 50/60 people per session playing on 8 pickleball courts / 2 tennis courts.

The players of all ages and all abilities make this a super fun event. The pickleball community is quite something to see and they are so thankful for the opportunity to have a place to play.

We bring out people who otherwise would not be using our parks.

Of course putting down tape for every sessions has been a chore.

And I'm looking forward to the near future when lines will be layed to make the courts available for dual use..

Counting on you to make that a reality.

Tom Brewster

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**Re: Dear Commissioners**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Benni Harding

Fri, Jul 8, 2022 at 11:01 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 4:10 PM Benni Harding > wrote:  
Dear Commissioners,

Please see the attached letter on behalf of Grand Hope Park regarding a safety concern.

Kind regards,



**Benni Harding**

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**From:** Gigi Gu < >  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 7, 2022 4:03 PM  
**To:** Benni Harding < >  
**Subject:** Grand Hope Park letter

Hi Benni,

Here's the letter.

Best,

Gigi Gu

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July 5, 2022

Office of Board of Commissioners  
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P.O. Box 86328  
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VIA EMAIL: [rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you in my capacity as president of the board of directors of Grand Hope Park, Inc., the non-profit organization that leases Grand Hope Park, located at 919 South Grand Avenue, in the Southpark district of Downtown Los Angeles, to request a modification of the park's operating hours.

Presently, the park is open to the public until 8:00pm during Daylight Savings Time, and 6:00pm during Pacific Standard Time. This means that for a period of time each day throughout the year, the park is operating in the dark. Over the past several months, the park has seen an uptick in criminal activity, particularly during the early evening as night approaches. While there is some lighting, Grand Hope Park is located in a uniquely urban setting directly bordering a college campus that necessarily requires additional security considerations. Having the park open after dark complicates our ability to ensure a safe and secure experience for the park's patrons.

Accordingly, the Grand Hope Park board would like to close the park one hour earlier – 7:00pm PDT / 5:00pm PST, which will make it easier for us to ensure the park is a safe and secure space for all patrons.

We hope you, as the appointed representatives of our landlord, the City of Los Angeles, will approve our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Belinda (Benni) Harding  
President  
Grand Hope Park, Inc.



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

**Re: The Penmar**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 9:20 AM

To: sean meehan &lt;

&gt;

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jul 13, 2022 at 11:23 AM sean meehan &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Hello,

I wish to lodge a complaint against the tenant at the Penmar Golf Course. I live opposite the course and every Wednesday night we are forced to endure a live music event that considerably exceeds the legal limit. Even with all our windows and doors closed the music is loud and clear. I have weekly video evidence of the violations taken with a decibel meter that have been shared with the LAPD and the ABC, both of whom have open investigations into the Penmar's conduct. The LAPD is aware of the issue with the noise because The Penmar does not have a permit to play live music. The Penmar have been issued a cease and desist from the LAPD but have ignored it. They have also been cited by the ABC but ignored that citation too.

The code on noise is abundantly clear:

**SEC. 112.01. RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES. (Amended by Ord. No. 156,363, Eff. 3/29/82.)**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person within any zone of the City to use or operate any radio, musical instrument, phonograph, television receiver, or other machine or device for the producing, reproducing or amplification of the human voice, music, or any other sound, in such a manner, as to disturb the peace, quiet, and comfort of neighbor occupants or any reasonable person residing or working in the area.

(b) Any noise level caused by such use or operation which is audible to the human ear at a distance in excess of 150 feet from the property line of the noise source, within any residential zone of the City or within 500 feet thereof, shall be a violation of the provisions of this section.

(c) Any noise level caused by such use or operation which exceeds the ambient noise level on the premises of any other occupied property, or if a condominium, apartment house, duplex, or attached business, within any adjoining unit, by more than five (5) decibels shall be a violation of the provisions of this section.

I live considerably further than 150 feet from the property line and still the noise is excessive. The residents in our area, and there are many of us, are fed up. We have been trying to draw your attention to this issue for many months and left multiple telephone messages that have gone unanswered. We request that the Commissions Task Force on Concessions include this issue on the agenda of their next board meeting, which we're told are held on the third Thursday of every month. Several of us would like the opportunity to put forth our complaints.

The Penmar can take physical steps to mitigate the noise, but they consistently choose not to.

I look forward to your response.

Thanks,  
Sean Meehan.



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

**Re: Penmar Restaurant Noise!**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: James Blanchard <

Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 9:27 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jul 13, 2022 at 6:25 PM James Blanchard &lt;

wrote:

Hello,

I'm writing to complain about the excessively loud music and yelling on the microphone going on AGAIN tonight as it does every week on Wednesday and Sunday evenings at the Penmar Restaurant.

My house is opposite Penmar Golf Course and last time I checked this was a residential neighborhood...

I'm not sure why the owner insists on playing the music so loud but from the bottom of our hill it basically sounds like a bad version of the Playboy jazz festival mixed with a country western jamboree.

I'm a music lover but this random amplification is just ridiculously disturbing the peace for us and our neighbors.

I kindly ask for your help in regulating this noisy auditory intrusion.

Thank you.

Cecile Blanchard

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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**Re: The Penmar**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Sam Somafilms < >

Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 1:11 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 10:01 AM Sam Somafilms &lt; &gt; wrote:

Hello,

I have been told to contact you regarding the new "Hollywood Bowl" at the Penmar.

The Penmar can take physical steps to mitigate the noise, but they consistently choose not to. Even the actual Hollywood Bowl makes considerably more effort to mitigate the noise and they are not in a residential area.

We live up the hill from what used to just be a golf course. We chose to move here so we could enjoy the great green space and enjoy the peace and quiet.

I am so shocked that they were issued a permit without evaluating the impact on the residents.

Our Wednesday evenings are now spent locked in our house and even with the TV up loud we can still here the music and the shrill yelling of "come on everyone make some noise"

We have been recording the decibel readings and without fail every week they exceed the noise ordinances.

The LAPD have calls weekly from residents complaining about the ongoing noise issues. Who have issued a cease and desist letter and are being ignored.

The ABC have also cited them and are also being ignored.

I'd like to remind you of the legally established code on noise:

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I'd like to request that the Commissions Task Force on Concessions include this issue on the agenda of their next board meeting.

We have been told the only way to actually stop this is by suing all the parties involved . This would be time and consuming and very costly for all involved, but we are strongly considering this option and will be following this course of action if The Penmar (your tenant) chooses not to modify their behavior.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sam McGarry

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## Re: Complaint

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Sarah Bryce Tomlin <>

Fri, Jul 15, 2022 at 7:37 AM

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Jul 15, 2022 at 5:56 AM Sarah Bryce Tomlin > wrote:

Hi there,

I'd like to lodge a complaint against The Penmar, a venue in the Penmar golf course.

The music played at the venue in the evenings is disturbing the quality of life for the surrounding neighborhood.

We have contacted the police repeatedly with no results.

The golf course should be a public good, not a nightclub that is expensive and reservation-only.

I would like to request that the music venue is shut down immediately.

Sarah Bryce

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**Re: Possible Arsonist in Debs**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 9:28 AM

To: Tom Marble &lt;

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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.

On Wed, Jul 13, 2022 at 7:23 PM Tom Marble &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Hi Bill,

We came upon a smoldering fire inside Debs Park this morning. Fortunately, the Fire Department was already there, having been summoned to log on fire closer to Griffin Avenue, then came upon this one by accident. There was a person nearby that seemed suspicious enough that the lead Firefighter threatened to call the police to arrest him for setting both fires.

My question is, why are things getting worse again? Griffin had been cleared of much of the RV parking as well as satellite drug/prostitution activity, but now all that's coming back. And pyromaniacal meth-crazed people have returned to living in the park.

What can we expect the Councilperson to accomplish here before he leaves office? Will he build the fence he promised for the park? Will he put pressure on the Rangers to spend more time here to enforce the laws? Or will we have to wait for another disaster before anything gets done here?

Tom

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Tom Marble

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## Re: Possible Arsonist in Debs

1 message

**Andrei Deocampo** <andrei.deocampo@lacity.org>

Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 3:09 PM

To: Tom Marble

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Good afternoon, Tom,

Of the 400+ parks throughout Los Angeles, there are about 150+ LA City parks and recreation centers that are located within the Metro region. As you know, since being reassigned to the Metro region in January 2022, my partner Ranger Fuentes and I have been very responsive to all the complaints we have received from different members of the Debs/Arroyo Seco community. Unfortunately, over time as we received more and more complaints from the other parks and recreation centers throughout the Metro region, we found ourselves travelling to different parks scattered over a wide area. We still don't know the outermost boundaries of the Metro region, but we have responded as far west as Poinsettia Rec, as far northeast as Eagle Rock Rec, down to Evergreen Rec to the southeast, and down to MacArthur Park to the southwest. My partner Fuentes and I are the only two Rangers assigned to the Metro region under our sergeant, Senior Ranger J. Pineda #1522. Therefore, I understand that it may appear as though we have neglected our patrols of Debs, but in truth we're simply trying our best to serve the Metro region as a whole. That could mean addressing a wide array of complaints: homeless encampments in and around Rec buildings or in VHFHSZ areas, transients threatening or assaulting staff or interrupting park programs, vandalism of park property, simple leash law violations, narco activity, brush fires, and much more. Sometimes we have community events to attend such as Kids to Park Day at MacArthur Park or the Lotus Festival at Echo Park. Other times we're stuck providing support to major events such as Summit of the Americas or 4th of July in Elysian Park. Last week we were stuck at Elysian addressing the problem of people feeding coyotes in the area of Northeast Little League Fields which resulted in a 1-1/2 year-old girl getting rushed to White Memorial Hospital after getting attacked by a coyote. The next 2 days after that we had to escort California Fish & Wildlife and a trapper from USDA as they set up traps and exterminated coyotes in the area - it wasn't pretty. My point is, overall, we just have to be available to all the communities of the Metro region. That's not to say we don't put a high priority on Debs. The more active and vocal the community is, the more Fuentes and I tend to focus on them.

Now, the last report Fuentes and I received about Debs park had to do with new encampments. So far, we were only able to locate and remove 1 of them. I asked Pae if she could provide us with more information on locating those other encampments once you guys got back from vacation. I believe you were included in that email, Tom. If you have any specific information such as GPS coordinates or What3Words, even a general idea of which trail and perhaps its distance from a trailhead or other landmark, it would be very helpful.

Although some issues we have addressed in the past are still ongoing, the only complaint we have deliberately not addressed so far is the report of alleged drug dealing from the silver Mercedes Pae sent pictures of. We haven't

observed the violations yet, but according to Bill, there was some recent history of LAPD making contact with individuals engaged in narco activity along Griffin Avenue and at least 1 firearm was found during the arrest. It makes sense to us that those engaged in narco activity have a high probability of carrying a firearm as they would otherwise make good robbery targets by other criminal elements in the area. As a result, Fuentes and I chose not to put ourselves in that situation as the community already knows, we are conducting law enforcement duties unarmed. We simply have no reasonable defense against someone with a firearm and we have expressed this before to the community.

You mentioned prostitution activity. This is the first time Fuentes and I have heard of this. If you can provide us with more information on what you observed and where, we will look into it.

As far as RVs along Griffin, we are still waiting to hear back from a City attorney regarding the impounding of vehicles being used as active dwellings.

Sandy recently emailed us some information regarding the Bridewell Armory. We plan to visit the site this week to see if we can speak to someone directly about whether or not it's an available option.

We'll continue patrolling Debs Park in addition to addressing issues from some of the other parks we have received complaints from, but I want to make it clear that Fuentes and I have always appreciated how active the Debs community has been when it comes to reporting issues throughout the area. Please continue to do so and we can assure you that we're listening, we take all your reports into consideration, and we try to handle them as best we can.

Thank you, Tom.

On Wed, Jul 13, 2022 at 7:23 PM Tom Marble < > wrote:

Hi Bill,

We came upon a smoldering fire inside Debs Park this morning. Fortunately, the Fire Department was already there, having been summoned to log on fire closer to Griffin Avenue, then came upon this one by accident. There was a person nearby that seemed suspicious enough that the lead Firefighter threatened to call the police to arrest him for setting both fires.

My question is, why are things getting worse again? Griffin had been cleared of much of the RV parking as well as satellite drug/prostitution activity, but now all that's coming back. And pyromaniacal meth-crazed people have returned to living in the park.

What can we expect the Councilperson to accomplish here before he leaves office? Will he build the fence he promised for the park? Will he put pressure on the Rangers to spend more time here to enforce the laws? Or will we have to wait for another disaster before anything gets done here?

Tom

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## SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

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**Garcia Incareal** <incareal@juno.com>

Tue, Jul 12, 2022 at 5:05 PM

To:

yovonte.robinson@lacity.org

JULY 12  
LA Park Supervisor Yovonte Robinson  
The Sycamore Grove Park has graffiti  
Attach picture  
Thank you  
Mauro Garcia  
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**Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065**

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

Wed, Jul 13, 2022 at 12:08 PM

To: Garcia Incareal >

Cc:

The job order has already been submitted.

Thank you for your patience

On Tue, Jul 12, 2022 at 5:06 PM Garcia Incareal <

> wrote:

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Thank you

Mauro Garcia

Broker-Notary

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