INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

October 17, 2024

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager

SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

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

	Action Taken
	Referred to General Manager
#9741	Referred to General Manager
#9742	Referred to General Manager
#9743	Referred to General Manager
#9744	Referred to General Manager
#9745	Referred to General Manager
#9746	Referred to General Manager
	#9742 #9743 #9744 #9745

7) Violeta Gari comments regarding City Codes for Parking Restrictions in Los Angeles	#9747	Referred to General Manager
8) Clara Solis comments regarding San Pascual Park Clean-Up Being a Success	#9748	Referred to General Manager
9) Jacob Wasserman comments regarding repair and expansion of sidewalks (Council File Number: 21-1469-S1)	#9749	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Rosa Cartagena, RAP Commission Office



Re: New business model at Griffith Park

1 message

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

Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 1:45 PM Christina Ku < > wrote: Hello,

As a businesswoman and attorney in Los Angeles, I strongly urge our great city to decide on a new model that matches our international appeal.

Any use of animals for profit is antiquated, backwards, subject to more liabilities, expense and prosecution of violations of animal cruelty, in 2024.

Residents can visit dozens of animal rescue sanctuaries in LA County. The access to see and care for horses is absolutely available.

We need to maximize the space for a professional and profitable business. Many creative, sustainable and efficient ideas were proposed to you. Ideas that promote humans and nature are ideal such as botanical gardens, community gardens, outdoor learning and exercise centers to name a few.

Please decide a new model and attract not only residents but outside visitors as well.

Thank you.

Chris Ku

Sent from my iPhone



Re: Please don't bring back pony rides

1 message

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

Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 11:59 AM

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 11:43 AM Patty Shenker <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners-

I am sorry I cannot make the meeting tomorrow morning. I have spoke at several meetings and I called in during Covid, urging you to not bring back the pony rides but instead bring in something new & creative & more fun.

One of the issues I have spoken about is climate change and the heat that California has been subjected to.

It is October 2, 2024 in Los Angeles

and it is going to be 104° here today and is expected for the next week. Bringing back pony rides would be so wrong for this reason alone!

If you bring back the pony rides, you can expect the rides be shut down for at least 3 to 4 months, due to our Southern California heat.

Researchers determined that horses and ponies succumb to heat stress 3 to 10 times faster than two legged animals because they use a higher percentage of active muscles during exercise.

Veterinarian David Ramey said-

"People interested in riding the poor hot critters then take the added step of covering up the body surface pad, which further reduces the area from which heat can be lost."

So there is no question that it would be unacceptable animal cruelty to force these ponies to work in extreme heat! I think people want fun, updated activities for their kids that is both mentally and physically stimulating to them. I have continuously suggested Funbox.com and I hope that you have looked into this wonderful activity for kids of all ages.

Los Angeles is the entertainment capital of the country and the world

so it is important that we show our City of Angels as the progressive, creative and compassionate city that it is and choose one of the many fun, modern activities available, many of which have been suggested, and reject bringing back the outdated, boring, dangerous & cruel pony rides!

Thank you for your time and attention.

Patty Shenker

Sent from my iPhone



Re: Pony Rides

1 message

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

Wed, Oct 2, 2024 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 Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 7:33 PM <

> wrote:

I am trusting the commissioners not to allow the city to have pony rides and its parks. Children arrive no benefit from the brutalization of ponies, has been a lot of study and many other resources that would provide children, better, entertainment, and learning experiences, than pony rides. Don't go back with the city move forward.

Marlene Goodman



Re: Lincoln Park Ms Louie Merritt

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Sep 30, 2024 at 7:53 AM

To: Jet Olivia

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Cc: Miranda Lincoln Park Lara <miranda.lara@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 Fri, Sep 27, 2024 at 3:05 PM Jet Olivia <

> wrote:

Commissioners,

I'm writing regarding the status of the investigation for Ms Louise Merritt at Lincoln Park on the east side. Can you provide any update to this process? Our kids are asking for her to come back. They went through the entire summer without her.

Miranda and others have stepped up to make everything happen, but there's been cars parked on the grass, a cheer team taking over a field weekly and refusing to pay for a park permit and insurance despite Miranda requiring them to do so. Louise would never allow these things. I've always felt welcome. The park is for all. Rules more enforced in general to each the same way make it feel that way. It's a special and remarkably historic park. Before Louise left, this advisory board was talking about how to increase sports engagement, inclusive community events, and safer pathways and lighting. Our home park has been in a holding pattern while this 4th investigation drags on. We have been patient. And we would like to get back to work.

With respect for the process and gratitude for the due diligence of the investigators, thank you.

My son wrote a letter asking for her back. Many other families have as well. If you have not received pls advise thank you

Ms Jet Olivia Lincoln Park Board member Community member After school, sports, camp parent

Stay rad & Be kind Support Independent Artists



Re: Urgent Safety Issue Next to Lanark Park

1 message

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

Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 7:38 AM

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 4:20 PM Kristina Maglic <

> wrote:

Dear Whomever may be able to help with this matter,

I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out in hopes that you can assist in ensuring the safety of my family and other families in our area. I reside at . Officer Guillen (badge number) suggested that I bring a pressing issue to your attention.

I live in a townhome complex near Lanark Park, and I am concerned about a group of homeless individuals congregating behind my complex and directly in front of my door, where my young children play. One particular individual, whose photo I have included in this email, was recently apprehended by LAPD in possession of fentanyl and methamphetamine. Throughout the day, I witness numerous individuals visiting the area, likely engaging in drug transactions. This activity occurs less than 30 feet from my front door and deck, posing a significant risk to my children.

In addition to the drug-related activities, I have experienced verbal threats from these individuals when they notice me observing them. They have yelled threatening comments, stating intentions to climb over the wall to reach me. On many weekends, groups of men gather to consume alcohol, often discarding beer bottles into our yard where our children and dogs play. I am extremely concerned that they may discard more dangerous items, such as drugs, that my children or pets could accidentally pick up.

Recently, I observed an alarming incident in which these individuals were watching explicit (pornography) content in their car outside my child's window. When I noticed and looked out, they responded with threats. Additionally, they frequently expose themselves in the area directly outside our deck, where my young children play, and I have witnessed them urinating openly on the sidewalk, visible from my son's window. Despite multiple calls to the police—over five occasions—the situation has only worsened in the past six months. More individuals are moving into the area, and the drug use and dealing have made our neighborhood increasingly unsafe. Furthermore, I have heard what sounded like gunshots in the vicinity, adding to my fears for my family's safety.

Lastly, they also operate a makeshift business where they work on cars. I am uncertain whether the parts used are stolen, but their activities often result in the release of smoke and fumes into the air.

I kindly ask for your assistance in addressing this issue. These individuals are also living less than a block from Lanark Park, where families frequently park their cars to take their children to play.

I have included photos of the main individual involved, and I believe you can verify his recent ticketing. They reside on the sidewalk at the intersection of Arminta and Vassar, directly behind unit 21 of our complex. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to reply to this email or call me at

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I appreciate your help in keeping our community safe.

Sincerely, Kristina Maglic (

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Re: We want full access to St. Andrews Recreation Center equipment, especially the swings

1 message

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

Mon, Sep 30, 2024 at 10:55 AM

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Sep 30, 2024 at 9:39 AM Vanessa Bailey <

> wrote:

We're writing with concerns about the neglect and lack of equipment for children at St. Andrews Recreation Center 8701 St. Andrews Place, LA., Ca. 90047.

There are no swings. Our group meets at the center on Sundays from 2pm-3:30pm. Our young people need full access and we'd like to use all the facilities. We still love to swing.

Vanessa Bailev

https://www.doubledutchtherapy.org/



Sent from my iPhone



Fwd: We want full access to St. Andrews Recreation Center equipment, especially the swings

1 message

Deanne Dedmon <deanne.dedmon@lacity.org>

Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 12:08 PM

To

Cc: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Michael Harrison <mike.harrison@lacity.org>, Yessica Famoso <yessica.famoso@lacity.org>

Good morning Ms Bailey!

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. We understand how important it is for the youth of ALL AGES in our communities to play! And your group to have access to a fully functional playground at St. Andrews Recreation Center, and we appreciate your passion for making the most of the facilities.

Regarding the absence of the playground and swings, we are currently awaiting a final permit for the installation of a shade structure as part of the playground upgrades. Once the structure is approved and installed, we will be able to open the playground to the public. Unfortunately, there is no timeframe for us to hear back from the permitting process, but it has been taking about 6 weeks for us to receive confirmations.

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding as we work through this process. Please be assured that we are doing everything possible to expedite the completion of the project and provide a safe, enjoyable space for everyone.

If you have any further questions or concerns, feel free to reach out.

AND!!!

Thanks for the photo! I looked at your website!! We'd love to connect and get you out to some of our recreation programs if you're able during the week!

Deanne A. Dedmon
Pacific Region Superintendent
City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks
1670 Palos Verdes Drive North, Harbor City, CA 90710
Office: (310) 548-7643 · Email: Deanne.Dedmon@lacity.org

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

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

Date: Mon, Sep 30, 2024 at 11:07 AM

Subject: Fwd: We want full access to St. Andrews Recreation Center equipment, especially the swings

To: Deanne Dedmon <deanne.dedmon@lacity.org>, Michael Harrison <mike.harrison@lacity.org>, Yessica Famoso

<yessica.famoso@lacity.org>



Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0602

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 12:03 PM

To:

Cc: ethics.policy@lacity.org, commission@empowerla.org

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 11:54 AM LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com> wrote:

A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enable by the to Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or rResolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Councils rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: West Hills

Name: Vinura Kotuwelle

Email:

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(7) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(8) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/05/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information Date: 10/02/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Ethics Commission, Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, Board of Neighborhood

Commissioners

Council File Number: 24-0602 City Planning Number:

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Agenda Date: 09/05/2024

Item Number: Summary:

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Re: Woodbridge Park - Restrooms

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 1:56 PM

To: Sachin <

Cc: Kiran Kamboj <

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 1:01 PM Sachin < Hi RAP Commissioners,

> wrote:

I hope this email finds you well.

I'm a resident of Toluca Lake and I have a 2 year old son who loves going to Woodbridge Park. My parents, his grandparents, primarily take him there on an almost daily basis because they find the activities and play area are best for him.

The challenge they are finding, as well as other parents and caregivers, is the lack of restroom facilities on the property. Is there a plan to add some? How can we push this?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks, Sachin Kamboj



Re: ***PETITION FOR FUNDING*** YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL***

1 message

Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at 12:23 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at 8:56 AM Semaj <

> wrote:

SEMAJ KENNEDY

OCTOBER 2, 2024

To: Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you to formally request government funding for the Slauson Park Youth Flag Football League. My name is Semaj Kennedy, and I am an employee through a third-party organization, the YMCA. I am currently participating in a youth work experience program and am advocating on behalf of my team, including Nicole Griffin, the Park Supervisor.

Slauson Park, located at **5300 Slauson Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90056**, has long been a valuable resource for our community, providing a safe and engaging environment for youth to learn and participate in sports. The establishment of a youth flag football league at Slauson Park would not only foster teamwork and physical fitness among participants but also contribute to the overall well-being of our youth.

To bring this initiative to fruition, we seek government funding to support equipment, uniforms, and facility enhancements necessary for the league's success. Your support in this endeavor will have a lasting positive impact on the community and its young athletes.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your favorable response and the opportunity to provide our youth with a rewarding sports experience.

Sincerely,

Semaj Kennedy Youth Work Experience Program, YMCA



Re: City Codes for Parking Restrictions in Los Angeles

1 message

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

Wed, Oct 9, 2024 at 9:12 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. You could try this link for information: https://myla311.lacity.org

On Mon, Oct 7, 2024 at 12:32 PM Violeta Gari < Hello,

> wrote:

Will sm1 please contact me at 1 ? I can't find the municipal code to implement parking restrictions, i.e., no overnight parking by the L.A. River on Valleyheart Drive 12000 W between Laurel Canyon Blvd. and Radford 4100. RVs are using this area to park without moving for the last six weeks. CD4 tells me any area by the L.A. River is categorized as a recreational area/city park. This is why I figure a city municipal code can help me to speed up the process as opposed to collecting 75% of signatures and a hearing. I've tried to research myself but can't find it.

Thank you all very much.

-Violeta



	Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org></rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
Re: San Pascual Park Clean-Up was a great success.	
Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Clara Solis <</rap.commissioners@lacity.org>	
Good morning,	
Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, yo	ur email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.
On Mon, Oct 7, 2024 at 3:38 PM < wrote:	
Dear RAP Commissioners:	
We had approximately 40 community participants at the event. It was clear how impose	ortant our San Pascual Park (including the east side) is to our Highland Park community. Many of our v
Here is a photo of the volunteers who took a break:	





Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 21-1469-S1

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Oct 10, 2024 at 3:08 PM

Good afternoon,

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: North Westwood

Name: Jacob Wasserman

Email:

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/08/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information Date: 10/10/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 21-1469-S1

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date: Item Number:

Summary: The sidewalks in our city and our district are in a sorry state, in urgent need of repair and expansion. Cracked sidewalks, lack of curb ramps, tree root protrusions, streets lacking sidewalks altogether, and other issues threaten the safety of our stakeholders; make our streets inaccessible for many, including those with disabilities; hurt businesses; make the City liable; and imperil the success of the coming Olympics in our area. NWWNC supports the following proposed ideas: Invest more funds in sidewalk repair and construction. The Willits settlement is not enough to get our sidewalks in shape at the speed needed. Funds should support not just sidewalks and curb cuts but also other sidewalk elements, including (non-sidewalk-disrupting) tree planting, shelters, lights, benches, etc., as well as the construction of sidewalks missing altogether. Conduct sidewalk repair and construction in needed spots for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Westwood Village and North Westwood will serve as an Olympics hub, and prioritizing sidewalk repair and construction here is necessary to make the games safe and accessible. Implement a "pay-on-exit" system for adjacent property owners. This will allow property owners to fulfill their obligation under law to improve the sidewalk in front of their property but defer payment until sale of their property. This would avoid sudden burdens while also speeding up repairs. Consolidate sidewalk repair and management as much as possible within City departments. Define roles in the Departments of Public Works and Transportation regarding sidewalks and create a Public Works Director position. Make long-term sidewalk repair and construction plans part of a Capital Infrastructure Plan. Conduct a pilot to identify the needs, technologies, and costs for a citywide inventory and assessment of pedestrian facilities. Audit the sidewalk program, act on recommendations in prior reviews, and calculate liability costs.

Ref:MSG11243767



- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Summary:

The sidewalks in our city and our district are in a sorry state, in urgent need of repair and expansion. Cracked sidewalks, lack of curb ramps, tree root protrusions, streets lacking sidewalks altogether, and other issues threaten the safety of our stakeholders; make our streets inaccessible for many, including but not only those with mobility disabilities; hurt businesses; make the City liable; and imperil the success of the coming Olympics in our area.

The North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) supports the following proposed ideas, as developed further by <u>Investing in Place</u> and <u>UCLA Urban Planning</u> <u>Professor Emeritus and former NWWNC Board Member Donald Shoup</u>:

- Invest more funds in sidewalk repair and construction. The slow and cumbersome process of the Willits settlement is not enough to get our sidewalks in shape at the speed needed. Funds should support not just sidewalks and curb cuts but also other sidewalk elements, including (non-sidewalk-disrupting) tree planting, shelters, lights, benches, etc., as well as the construction of sidewalks missing altogether
- Conduct sidewalk repair and construction in needed spots for the 2028
 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Westwood Village and North Westwood will
 serve as an Olympics hub, and prioritizing sidewalk repair and construction here
 is necessary to make the games safe and accessible to local spectators and
 visitors from around the world. Some examples our Council has supported
 recently are sidewalk and crossing improvements and additions at Westwood
 Park and on Gayley Avenue in the North Village.
- Implement a "pay-on-exit" system for adjacent property owners. Such a system will allow property owners to fulfill their obligation under state law to improve the sidewalk in front of their property but defer payment until sale of their property. This would avoid sudden burdens while also speeding up repairs and firming up currently laxly enforced private responsibilities over adjacent sidewalks.
- Consolidate sidewalk repair and management as much as possible within City departments. The current state of affairs, where sidewalk management is spread across dozens of City units, leads to inefficiencies, opaqueness, and waste

(See NWWNC Community Impact Statements for Council Files <u>23-0918</u> and <u>18-0458</u>).

- Define roles in the Departments of Public Works and Transportation regarding sidewalks and create a Public Works Director position. In the short term, this would clarify the chain of command and responsibilities for sidewalk management, a necessary first step.
- Make long-term sidewalk repair and construction plans part of a Capital Infrastructure Plan. Los Angeles is a glaring, singular outlier among peer cities for not having a long-term capital plan. Such a plan for sidewalks would lead to better budgeting, prioritization, and transparency (See NWWNC Community Impact Statements for Council Files 23-0919, 21-0039, and 13-1384).
- Conduct a pilot to identify the needs, technologies, and costs to perform a citywide inventory and assessment of pedestrian facilities.
- Audit the City's sidewalk program, act on the recommendations in prior reviews of the program, and calculate and publicize City liability costs from sidewalks, lighting, and other street furniture.

Council File: 21-1469-S1

Title: Pilot Pedestrian Facility Inventory and Assessment Program / Scope and Methodology

Position: For

Council File: 15-0989-S29

Title: 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (LA 2028) / Street and Sidewalk Improvement and Maintenance Plan

Position: For

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Council File: 14-0163-S4

Title: Comprehensive City Sidewalk Repair Program / Regular Program for Improvements (Identify, Prioritize and Budget)

Position: For

Council File: 14-0163-S5

Title: Implementation of a Survey of Damaged Sidewalks / As-Needed Sidewalk Repairs

/ Status Report

Position: For

Council File: 14-0163-S7

Title: Sidewalk Repairs Programs / Report Back

Position: For

Council File: 14-0420

Title: Sidewalk Repair Strategy / Obligations / Americans with Disabilities Act / State

Law and City Ordinances

Position: For

Council File: 14-0420-S1

Title: Sidewalk Repair Strategy / Addressing Pending Litigations

Position: For

Council File: 21-1469

Title: Sidewalk Maintenance and Repair Program / Curb Cuts / Backlog / Mobility /

Safety

Position: For

Council File: 21-1367

Title: Repairing Los Angeles Broken Sidewalk Strategy / Sidewalk Repair Program /

Accessible Sidewalks / Controller

Position: For

Council File: 24-1101

Title: Liability Payouts / Structural Deficit / Unmaintained Infrastructure

Position: For