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**Subject:** Feb-04 Council "Consent Item" #3 > Desiderio Park

Dear Mayor Bogaard, Pasadena City Council Members and City Staff-

I am unable to attend tonight's Council meeting because of a scheduling conflict but would like to raise a nuanced concern about the proposed use of Residential Impact Fees for Desiderio Park.

- First and foremost, please register my enthusiastic support for the addition of dedicated parklands to our community!!!
- However, from my review of the staff report, it seems that Desiderio will be considered a "Neighborhood Park" rather than a "City-wide Park" and the distinction is very important, for it has direct implications on the ultimate funding source
  - "City-wide Parks" receive 10% of all Residential Impact Fees (RIFs) generated across the City of Pasadena - and include such areas as Lower Arroyo Park and Brookside
  - "Neighborhood Parks" draw their funds (90% of all RIFs) from activity in their respective Park District - and include such parks as Robinson Park and Singer Park
- Since the spirit and intent of the Residential Impact Fee is to support the creation of parks that are proximate to the neighborhoods which generated those fees, I encourage Council to classify Desiderio as a City-wide Park:
  - The fact that this park is located within the Arroyo, and within a chain of parkland that is already deemed "City-wide" makes the "City-wide" designation very logical
  - I believe that the needs of the West Impact Park District (including the Central District and Northwest Pasadena) are better served by the development, enhancement and maintenance of parks already located within the neighborhoods where we live
- What's more, in retrospect, I believe it is generally viewed as "awkward" that the great opportunity to purchase Annandale Canyon parkland was facilitated using funds generated by the burgeoning growth of a Downtown Pasadena residential population (while these Central District citizens remain park-starved and cannot access those recreational resources without travelling by automobile)
  - It strikes me that this would be an extension of that injustice if fees predominantly generated by recent housing development within the West Impact Park District (such as the Westgate projects and the current extensive construction at Pasadena Avenue and Green) were again used to directly fund projects in the Arroyo that generally require automobile access for most Central District residents

I apologize in advance if I have misunderstood any of the operational details behind this proposal, but if my analysis is correct, I respectfully ask Council to treat the important Desiderio parkland addition as a "City-wide" resource for the reasons noted above.

Thank you very much,  
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