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**From:** Marcelline Solway <marci\_solway@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 15, 2016 8:33 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Fwd: New Park

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**From:** Marcelline Solway <marci\_solway@icloud.com>

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**Date:** May 15, 2016 at 8:22:13 PM PDT

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I am asking all of you to just copy and send this email or write your own to Mark Jomsky.

Thanks, Marci Solway

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**From:** tperk1211@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 6:25 AM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Cc:** marci\_solway@icloud.com  
**Subject:** New Park along Arroyo

To whom it may concern,

Homelessness is a persistent and pervasive problem, and of course solutions are neither simple nor easy. But on the issue of the design and policy of public spaces, it is important to keep a view of what principles guide our decision making, and what alternative principles may also warrant consideration.

With regards to the new park going up along Arroyo, the principle of discouraging loiterers by design is crucial. Especially since the recent break in by a homeless person into the gated community of Vista Del Arroyo. According to a May 2008 article in "Security Management", an award-winning publication for security professionals, which also makes vital security information understandable to a greater business audience, states, "Washrooms accessible to the public present an inviting environment for homeless persons".

As a property owner of Vista Del Arroyo, I vehemently oppose the installation of a restroom. Please see the enclosed picture below. If we are already addressing the issue of homeless individuals trespassing on our property, I ask you why would anyone, with sound mind, contemplate the erection of a building that encourages an already impending issue? I also ask yourself, if Vista Del Arroyo were your residence would you want to compromise your investment and safety for a restroom in a 3.5 acre neighborhood park? Neighborhood park implies a park for those living in the neighborhood. If a restroom were to be of urgent need they could most certainly go home.

If the City of Pasadena, chooses to neglecting move forward with a restroom in the new park, what homeless-deterrent technology does the city plan on implementing? Again, according to the article in "Security Management", "To prevent the inviting environment of a washroom for homeless individuals, restrooms should be equipped with card readers or punch-code locks". Is this something the City of Pasadena wants to implement and manage? Wouldn't it be more cost effective, safer and more simple just to have the 'neighborhood' individual go back home if the need arises?

Today is Monday, May 16. As a taxpayer in the City of Pasadena, I would appreciate an answer to the above questions.

Thank you for your time and attention,

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Tracey Perkins  
44 Arroyo Dr.



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**From:** Paula <mpjkl@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 10:59 AM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Bathroom in new park  
**Attachments:** IMG\_1255.JPG; ATT00001.txt

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**From:** Josh Donner <josh.donner@barcouniforms.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 11:05 AM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** New Park  
**Attachments:** IMG\_0944.jpg; IMG\_3329.JPG; IMG\_3330.JPG

Dear Mr. Jomsky,

As a homeowner of the 44 Arroyo Bungalows (unit 104), I wanted to share my personal concern for the safety of myself, family and neighboring home owners related to the Park construction adjacent to our complex. As is my understanding the park is intended as a community park for local residents and the installation of restrooms poses a higher risk of safety and security to our community. In fact, this past week, on May 11<sup>th</sup>, the person, identified in the first image, was captured sleeping in front of my front door and managed to break into another home in our complex and proceeded to lock the door, smoked cigarettes, locked herself into a bedroom and was in bed, dog and belongings when discovered by the homeowner. Police were called and she was arrested! Safety should come first for the taxpayers and residents of Pasadena. It should come as no shock or surprise why the collective homeowners are opposed to a Bathroom in the park!

In addition, as I understand it, the construction of the park will also not provide open access to parking. This again is a safety concern as there is no place for vehicles to park or stop (Emergency, Fedex, UPS, USPO, Trash, Moving Vans). As witnessed yesterday with a potential bridge jumper, emergency vehicles utilized the current parking area to support the rescue. According to Pasadena Star News there were 12 attempted suicides in 2015...5-6 died on scene and the others were talked down. The fire department puts their ladders up to the Bridge from the area near 44 and places inflatables under the Bridge. Not keeping this area open prevents Fire department from talking down some of these people.

We would greatly appreciate your consideration and support in providing our community the basic safety and security requirements necessary for my family and neighboring home owners.

Sincerely,

Concerned Homeowner

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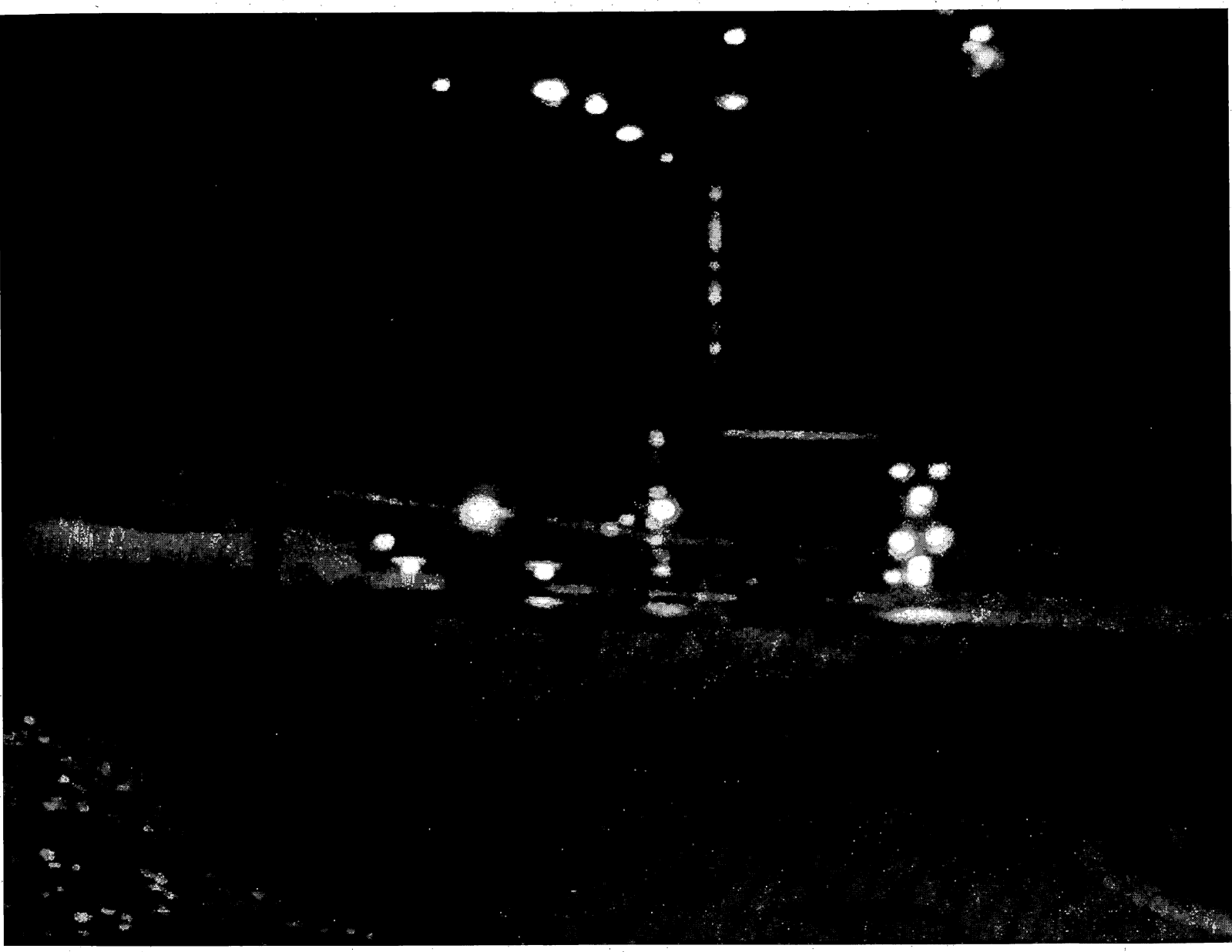


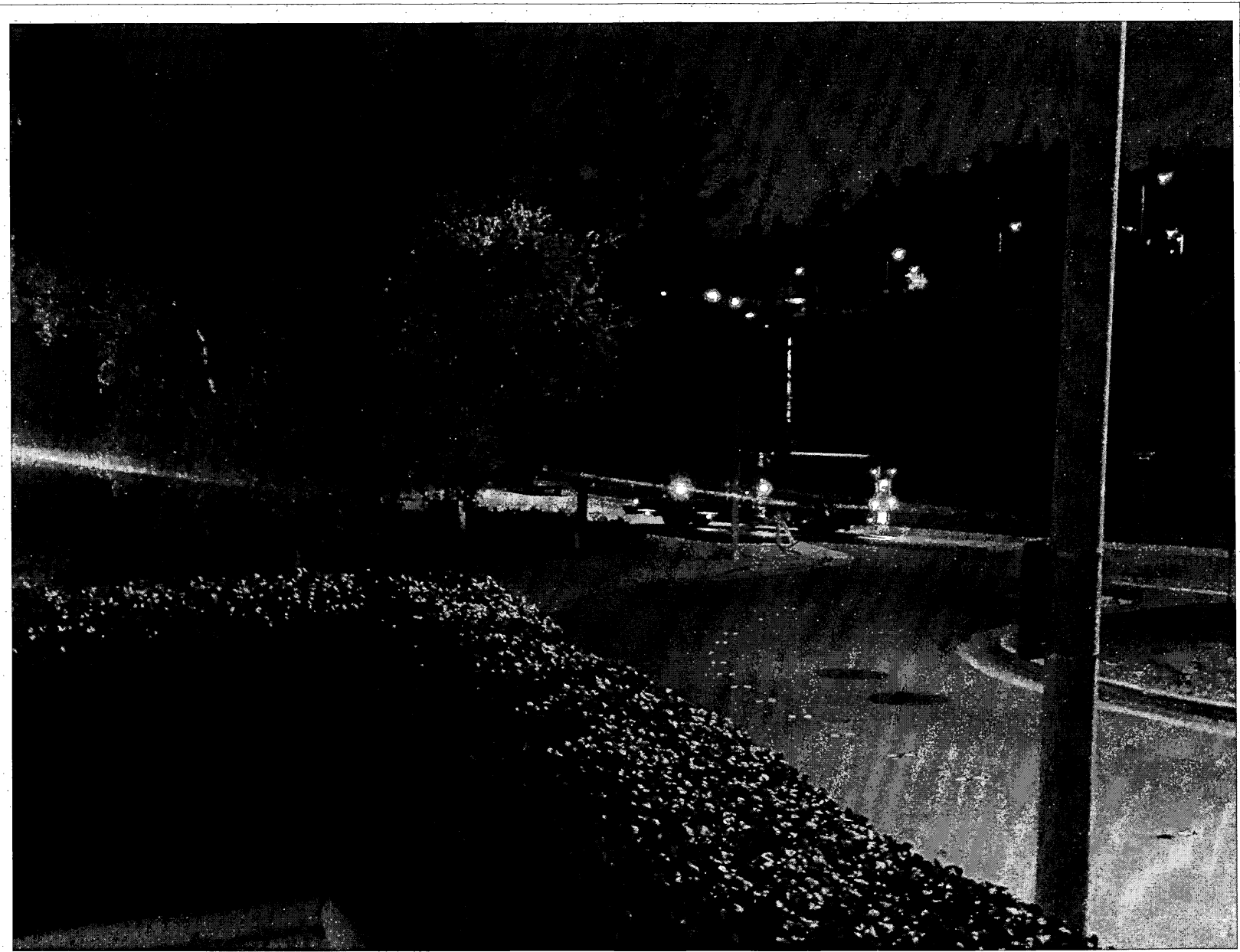
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**From:** Mike <bigwampum@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 10:32 AM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Desederio Park

Dear sir, it has come to my attention that the city has decided to fast track a bathroom into the park . When we had attended the meeting it appeared that while approved, money for this was sometime in the future. It now appears your are going to do it. There are a number of neighborhood parks in Pasadena that don't have bathrooms, why this one? Will it be locked and supervised by the city? Will it become another Central Park that houses homeless and is used for showering and congregation ? Not to mention the crime ? There have been a number of homeless people living under the bridge, and this will just make the park a destination for them!!!! Please know that our safety and beauty of the arroyo will no doubt be compromised if you approve this, please vote NO on the bathroom, regards M. Davis , neighbor and pasadena city taxpayer.

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: FW: New Park

**From:** Dominick Ranalli [mailto:Dominick@lcslab.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 2:51 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** FW: New Park

**Reference: NEW ARROYO PARK RESTROOMS AND PARKING (“SAFETY FIRST”)**

**Please see pictures and emails attached to this email below....**

**Mr. Mark Jomsky,**

My name is **Dominick Ranalli** and I reside at 44 Arroyo Dr. #302 with my wife **Denise Ranalli** and also own the property at 40 Arroyo Dr. #102. Both properties are effected by the new Arroyo Park decisions being voted on tonight at the City Council meeting....(**“Parking and Restroom Issues”**)

With so many people opposing the “Parking” issues and “Restrooms” (**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED EMAILS**) why is the City Council going forward with a project that is clearly **not wanted** and over Budget. With the **“Habitat”** the restrooms will clearly cause a **“Safety”** issue to the owners and children living at the Habitat and playing at the park....We all know...including the City Council that restrooms on the property will draw homeless to the park to use the restrooms day and night. We already have **serious** issues today....**Please see the picture and email attached below.**

As stated below we have many beautiful parks in Pasadena without Restrooms. Furthermore, no parking at Arroyo Condos and no parking in the street will create a nightmare for Emergency vehicles and deliveries including our visitors to the 40 & 44 Arroyo property. At this time I’m asking you to reconsider the parking problems that will exist in the 40 & 44 Arroyo Dr. area if the Council moves forward without considering any changes requested.

**With that said...This is a total waste of Tax Payers money. As a “Pasadena Tax Payer” Resident and Business Owner....I strongly oppose to any restrooms being constructed at the New Arroyo Park including unnecessary expenditures (\$1,000,000) associated with the property. I’m also asking the Council to reconsider minor changes to the parking problems for the VDA property. This is a small request considering all the information attached.**

Mr. Jomsky, please help me and other Pasadena Tax Payers in keeping the new park a "Pasadena Landmark" we will all be proud of for many years and not another homeless shelter.

The issues being considered and reviewed will "devalue" the said property. Please vote "NO" tonight on the restrooms and reconsider our proposal towards VDA parking.

Thank you.....Sincerely,

Dominick Ranalli



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FW: City Council Meeting MONDAY, MAY 16th 2016

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**From:** Stacey Fortner [<mailto:sfortner@me.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 3:25 PM

**To:** Jomsky, Mark

**Subject:** City Council Meeting MONDAY, MAY 16th 2016

Dear Mark Jomsky,

I am a member of the Villa Del Arroyo community residing at 40 Arroyo Drive.

I am writing to express my **EXTREME OPPOSITION** to the inclusion of **ANY RESTROOM FACILITIES** in the new park, which is currently under construction just south of our community. I am completely perplexed as to why the city would **EVER** want to have restroom facilities in a park of this nature? This is a well traveled street in Pasadena with many people coming and going on a normal weekend/weekday. Not to mention the proximity to the Rose Bowl and the traffic (**by foot and car!**) that brings during football games, concerts, charity walks and runs, triathlons... the list goes on. What purpose does a restroom facility in this park serve other than attracting more traffic and congestion? And lets not forget about the homeless! The following photo was taken just last week in front of our building. This woman came into our community and made herself at home. Imagine if there were restroom facilities a stones throw away! She and others like her would come back nightly!!



The proposed restroom is extremely concerning not to mention outrageously expensive... 1 million dollars paid for by taxpayers. And it's not in the best interest of these taxpayers or the neighborhoods in which they reside! Nor do the taxpayers/neighbors in the Arroyo support the proposed restrooms in the new park. **WHY WOULD THE CITY BE "SPEARHEADING" A RESTROOM WITH SO MUCH PUBLIC OPPOSITION!**

Also of grave concern is the parking lot to the south of our community. It is my understanding that there will be no dedicated spots allowed for our community? This is outrageous! The current lot is used **DAILY** by FedEx, UPS, USPS, other delivery companies, moving vans, guests ETC. **WE HAVE NO STREET PARKING AVAILABLE TO OUR COMMUNITY!** We have one guest parking spot **PER BUILDING** for 40 and 44

Arroyo Drive. The major delivery trucks and the postal service alone will cause undue congestion and traffic issues as they will have to park temporarily on Arroyo Drive or Arroyo Blvd to take care of their business within our community. On streets where "No Stopping ANYTIME" signs are posted everywhere and for good reason as they are two lane roads with no room for parking. I suppose you could change that and then we would not need our parking spots in the current lot south of our community, but of course that opens a whole new can of worms and a whole host of safety issues! Bottom line is this... **The City of Pasadena approved our community. You cannot leave us out of the equation at this point and remove all of our guest/extra parking!**

Thank you,  
Stacey A Fortner



Iraheta, Alba

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**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** RE: Desiderio Park decisions

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**From:** Sonja L. Yates [mailto:ed@sgvhabitat.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 2:47 PM  
**To:** Mermell, Steve  
**Subject:** Desiderio Park decisions  
**Importance:** High

Hi Steve,

I've just learned today that there will be discussion and potential decision-making this evening at the Council meeting regarding Desiderio Park. I have a prior commitment and am unable to attend tonight's meeting.

My understanding has been that, due to budget issues, the park would be constructed without a restroom and the need would be monitored as the park opens and operates.

This plan seems to have more merit than installing a restroom now when safety concerns for immediate neighbors are increasing.

FYI, there will be 22 young children living in the Desiderio Homes immediately upon completion of Habitat's nine bungalows.

Thanks for your consideration,

*Sonja L. Yates*  
Executive Director  
San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity  
626-387-6899 x13  
(c) 626-487-0155

Iraheta, Alba

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**Subject:** FW:

**From:** [tperk1211@aol.com](mailto:tperk1211@aol.com) [mailto:tperk1211@aol.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 4:50 PM

**To:** Pluth, Loren

**Cc:** Jomsky, Mark

**Subject:**

This was published in the September 2013 issue of Pasadena Now. You were quoted as saying,

"Pluth said there would be no bathrooms and described the future park as "highly passive," meaning that it would not be available for sports or events."

Why the change?

Tracey Perkins

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**From:** jeffmichael@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 6:10 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Cc:** Suzuki, Takako; Madison, Steve; Jeff Michael  
**Subject:** Desiderio Park

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Mark Jomsky  
Pasadena City Clerk  
100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S228  
Pasadena, CA 91109

Dear Mr. Jomsky,

Please include this email in any and all pertinent discussion regarding the development of the Desiderio Park.

I have two concerns.

**First**, I join my concerned fellow property owners in objecting to a bathroom being installed in the planned park because of, but not limited to the following reasons:

- \*The park is a neighborhood park and not intended as a destination park as is the Rose Bowl.
- \*A restroom will only add incentive to homeless people to use the park as a place to stay. **THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE.** Last week a homeless person broke into my neighbor's home and had to be removed.
- \*A restroom is not within the budget of the park.
- \*The Recreation and Parks Commission has repeatedly gone on record objecting to council members seeking to appropriate funds from unrelated budgets; a move that raises ethical if not legal concerns. As stated in the Council Agenda for the 5/16/16 meeting the commission wishes to, "... Express the Commission's deep concern that the Installation of Restroom Building at Desiderio Park project is bifurcated from the Desiderio Park – Development of New Park project."

**Second**, I join with other property owners in emphasizing the need to retain parking, not only for visitors but for commercial vehicles that service our homes at 40 & 44 Arroyo Dr. Plumbers, electricians, contractors, FedEx trucks and many other vehicles are daily visitors to our community. Removing that parking would force these people and others to illegally park.

To this point, I ask that street parking on Arroyo Blvd., which exists for our neighbors to the south, be extended north to the corner of Arroyo Drive. The **ONLY** reason parking was disallowed in the past was because the property was occupied by a federal government installation, not because of the width of the road. The road is the same width in front of the planned park as in front of homes to the south. **We have every bit as much right to street parking as do our neighbors.** The only cost would be to re-stripe the street to match the striping to the south.

Thank you for registering my concerns.

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Sincerely,

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