

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

**06/17/2019**  
**Item 10**

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Duncan Sinclair <duncan\_sinclair@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 10:30 AM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Cc:** De La Cuba, Vannia  
**Subject:** Budget allocations for Washington Park safety

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Dear Councilmembers,

I urge the Council to approve funding for more Park Safety Officers. Washington Park especially needs a stronger police presence. I was doing some volunteer gardening there once when some underage teens were smoking pot in the park. It was unpleasant for me, and harmful for them.

The City Manager's recommendation to maintain the status quo is ill-advised.

Thank you.

Duncan Sinclair  
E Mountain St, Pasadena

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Mindy Pfeiffer <mindypfeiffer@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 9:24 AM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Pasadena City Budget

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Attention Mark Jomsky:

I am writing to urge you to include enough funding in the City Budget to fund the necessary improvements to Washington Park in District 5. I have lived two blocks from the park since 1980, and although I have seen improvement over the years, we still have a ways to go. A lot of work has been put into planning ways to make the park more "user friendly", such as new bathrooms, a community room, and more security. Please be sure to take all of this into consideration and allocate the money that is needed.

Thank you,  
Mindy Pfeiffer  
Co-President WSNA

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Ralph Frammolino <ralphframmolino@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 3:56 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Park Safety Officers - City Budget

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Dear Mayor and City Council

As a resident of District 5, and someone who lives down the street from Washington Park, I am writing to urge the Council to increase the number of full-time Park Safety Officers from 6 to 9.

This is absolutely essential to make Washington Park, as well as the city's other parks, safe for families to use and enjoy. Last year, police were called 600 times to Washington Park, which unlike other open spaces has steep slopes and vegetation that allows less desirable characters to loiter, congregate, sell drugs, etc. I myself have witnessed such a person relieve himself on a tree; when I told him he should use the bathrooms, a companion shouted menacingly to me. I know of parents of young children who are afraid to deal with this kind of harassment, and thus stay away from Washington Park.

The city needs to put more safety officers in Washington Park and other green spaces to discourage the kind of illegal and unsavory behavior that currently is doing on. This would be a very wise use of city funds.

Sincerely,

Ralph Frammolino

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Victor Gonzalez, Ed.D. <vgonzalezedd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 2:39 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Cc:** De La Cuba, Vannia  
**Subject:** INCREASE the number of Park Safety Officers at Washington Park

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I wish to add my voice supporting an INCREASE of the number of Park Safety Officers from 6 officers to a minimum of 9. We heard from Commander Jason Clawson at the District 5 Town Hall Meeting that there were over 600 calls for service at Washington Park over the past 12 months. We need to keep our neighborhood parks both safe and welcoming for our families. In addition a Full Time Recreation Coordinator at Washington Park is needed to provide programming.

Sincerely,  
Victor Gonzalez, Ed.D.  
1184 N. Mentor Ave  
Pasadena CA 91104  
626-817-2582

**Jomsky, Mark**

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**Subject:** FW: June 12 Special Jt Mtg of Finance Committee and City Council, correspondence

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

From: B Sword <bjsword@earthlink.net>

Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 2:53 PM

To: Jomsky, Mark <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>

Cc: Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>; De La Cuba, Vannia <VDeLaCuba@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: June 12 Special Jt Mtg of Finance Committee and City Council, correspondence

Mark,

Please distribute the following to the Council members and City Manager.

Thanks.

Sorry for the lateness of this.

Betty Sword

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RE: 2020 Budget, June 12th Special Joint Meeting of Finance Committee and/or City Council, Police Budget

Mayor Tornek and Council Members:

I would like to reiterate the need for more safety patrols in Washington Park expressed by myself and NUMEROUS neighbors during the budget hearing for the Police Department.

The number of calls for service reported on page 14 of the response to Council members' questions (43 since November 2018) perhaps reflects the calls from residents, but I feel safe to say that for every call completed, there are 10 or more that don't get made. People either don't have the police number handy, are afraid to call, or don't believe a response will get there in time.

More park safety officers doing more regular, periodic patrols, would make Washington Park, and other City parks, safer places for all of us.

Sincerely,

Betty Sword

Friends of Washington Park

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**Subject:** FW: Increase Park Safety Officers

**From:** Topher Mathers <[tophermathers@gmail.com](mailto:tophermathers@gmail.com)>

**Date:** June 12, 2019 at 3:36:10 PM PDT

**To:** [MJomsky@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:MJomsky@cityofpasadena.net), "Gordo, Victor" <[vgordo@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:vgordo@cityofpasadena.net)>, "De La Cuba, Vannia" <[vdelacuba@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:vdelacuba@cityofpasadena.net)>

**Subject:** Increase Park Safety Officers

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Dear Mayor, council and city manager

I would like to show my support for increasing the number of Park Safety Officers in the city to 9 in order to cover our existing 32 parks. Our city parks are public space and public space should be cherished and protected. Increasing the number Public Safety Officers will ensure that our parks are safe and welcoming to the community.

Sincerely,  
Topher Mathers

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** barbara Lamprecht <bmlamprecht@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 13, 2019 8:41 AM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Cc:** Gordo, Victor; cdhernandez1928; clark-schnuelle cindy; Hampton, Tyron  
**Subject:** Washington Park safety - increase the number of Park Safety Officers

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Dear City Council Members,

I live close to Washington Park. When I bought a house in Orange Heights in 1986, no one dared use it because of all the crime, drugs, etc., all activities fueled by lack of good lighting, care, and supervision. It was a scary place.

Since then, I have seen the park slowly reclaim its long-lost identity as a beloved bit of green is well used by families, handball lovers, tennis and basketball players, picnic goers, dog walkers, toddlers, and anybody who needed a bit of instant hit of nature, such as the senior citizens living across the street in a retirement home. This has been because of the work of the City and Friends of Washington Park among other groups, who care about the remarkable place in Pasadena history the Park has.

Designed in 1922 by the extraordinary team of landscape architect Ralph Cornell and native plant specialist Theodore Payne, nationally known legends, the Park is unique because of the variety of what it offers within really varied terrain, with its ravines and trees that provide interest and variety and beautiful, timeless Arroyo stone work and bridges over its stream bed.

However, now the Park is getting scary again, with many more instances of crime, just as it is becoming clear that parks and trees are vital to well-being. We need to increase the number of Park Safety officers, and urge you to do so.

Thank you,

Dr. Barbara Lamprecht

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## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** rob doumitt <robdoumitt@me.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 10:03 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Washington Park Safety

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Dear Mr Jomsky,

Please enter these comments into the record in the conversation regarding budget allocations for Washington Park..

We moved into the Washington Park neighborhood 8 years ago and we were initially attracted to the recreational facilities that the park offered. We quickly discovered however that the park was not as attractive for our recreational purposes as we had thought. We have witnessed public drunkenness, fights, drug use near the children's playground, homeless camping, and vagrancy. We are also aware of violent incidents involving firearms that have occurred there and have firsthand knowledge of shootings that have taken place in the immediate surroundings of Washington Park, including on our street. We often laugh that it is a very attractive park with lots of well landscaped areas for people to hide out. We no longer go there at all and take our children to Victory, Macdonald or Brookside Parks to play. And Washington Park is less than a block away!

We ask the City Council to approve funding for additional Park Safety Officers that will help change the current environment at Washington Park and make it safe for our children to use again.

Sincerely,

Rob and Annissa Doumitt  
490 Prescott St.  
213.952.8243