

**CORRESPONDENCE  
FROM  
MAY 6, 2019  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Carl Selkin <cselkin@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 05, 2019 5:19 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Cc:** De La Cuba, Vannia; Josh Finn  
**Subject:** Site Coordinator, Washington Park

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Honorable Mayor Tornek, Members of the City Council and Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of the proposed Recreation Site Coordinator for Washington Park. Washington Park has an uneven history as a major benefit to the neighborhoods around the park and as a problem area for activity inconsistent with a family recreation resource. I am proud that the history of the last number of years has seen positive developments due to Pasadena's investment in landscaping, playground equipment, and programs. The neighbors have been very actively involved in maintaining the vibrant native plants that help enhance the park as a community space.

Nonetheless, there are ongoing and emerging needs to protect these investments and the people who make use of the park. The location of the park at the intersection of Washington Boulevard and El Molino means that the Park can all too easily fall victim to renewed vandalism, public drinking and drug use, and potentially more serious crimes, by people taking opportunistic advantage of the location.

I urge that the expenditure be approved and moved forward as an approved budget item.

Thank you.

Carl Selkin

779 Belvidere Street  
Pasadena, CA 91104

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** DrAlex Schmidt <dralexschmidt3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 05, 2019 4:31 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Washington square park

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Hi, my husband and I live in Washington Square with our little daughter. Please, please vote for more park patrol/security officers for Washington Square Park, they are desperately needed. Due to the high number of homeless people and frequent drug deals that we have witnessed in the park, we now avoid it completely. We would love to be able to visit it without fear or hesitation.

Thanks,  
Alex Schmidt

Sent from my iPhone

**Jomsky, Mark**

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**From:** Duncan Sinclair <duncan\_sinclair@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 05, 2019 4:27 PM  
**To:** Gordo, Victor  
**Cc:** De La Cuba, Vannia; Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** May 6 FY 2020 Operating Budget, Police Department

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Dear Mr Gordo,

I would like to express my support for an increased police presence in Pasadena's parks. We need them to keep our parks safe and healthy.

I remember doing some volunteer gardening in Washington Park a couple of years ago on a weekend morning, and some school kids were smoking marijuana in the middle of the park. It wasn't good for them, and the smell was not pleasant for me either.

Please support a budget for increased police staff, thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Duncan Sinclair  
812 E Mountain St  
Pasadena

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Carolyn <clg708@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 05, 2019 10:19 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Cc:** Gordo, Victor; De La Cuba, Vannia; Joshua Finn  
**Subject:** More Park Safety officers

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I am writing to let you all know that I fully support the request for MORE Park Safety Officers. Washington Park is a large park and needs more supervision, not less. It has a unique and lovely setting but that beauty can encourage unwanted activities.

As a grandmother, I take my two small grandsons (3 & 5) there to play. I want to feel safe when I take them there.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Garner-Reagan  
708 E. Claremont St.  
Pasadena, CA 904

Sent from my iPad

Date: May 6, 2019

TO: Mayor Tornek and the City Council  
CC: Mark Jomsky <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>  
RE: 2020 Proposed Operating Budget, Police Department

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Washington Park is beautiful with many amenities, but as parents our children's safety is our primary concern. We have all had experiences in Washington Park that have discouraged us from taking our children there on a regular basis.

We, as residents and parents in the Washington Square Neighborhood, request that the City increase funding for Park Safety Officers from the current number of five to a number adequate for the City's close to two dozen parks.

Sincerely, the undersigned:

Name	Address
RYAN MACKAY	1165 HEATHER SQ PASADENA CA 91104
Elisha Mackey	1165 " " " " "
Maythee Rojas	1167 Palm Terrace Pasadena CA 91104
Patrick Ortiveros	1167 Palm Terrace, Pasadena, CA 91104
Joshua Finn	1135 Heather Sq Pasadena CA 91104
Steve Ambuhl	1130 Palm Ter, 91104
Emily Ambuhl	1130 Palm Terrace, CA 91104
Hillary Carter-Liggett	1140 Palm Terrace, Ca 91104
Daniel Hartigan	1140 Palm Terrace, CA 91104
Thomas Riley	1180 Palm Terrace, Ca 91104
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Tamara Kohnke	1131 Palm Terrace, CA 91104
Joseph Kohnke	1131 PALM TERRACE CA 91104
Jason Arkin	685 Belvidere St. 91104
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KIM R. GUNDLACH  
1139 HEATHER SQUARE  
PASADENA, CA  
May 6, 2019

CITY CLERK

19 MAY 06 10:55AM

To the Members of the Pasadena City Council:

I am unable to attend the Pasadena City Council meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019. I request that this letter be a part of the public forum that is on tonight's agenda regarding the issue of hiring additional public safety officers for the parks in Pasadena.

I have been a resident of the Pasadena Historical Landmark District, Washington Square, for almost thirty years. When I first moved in, most neighbors did not use Washington Park because of the issues of drug dealing and crime.

As the City Council knows, Washington Park was designed by landscape architects Ralph Cornell and Theodore Payne. With the help of various resources that Washington Park has received over the years, a vital transformation has occurred, which is spectacular. Washington Park is a welcoming place for families and neighbors of Washington Square, but also to others in surrounding neighborhoods.

It is particularly important that the City Council consider adding more public safety officers to safeguard and protect this restored park as well as the other parks in Pasadena. Washington Park is now a safe and inviting place for neighbors to relax, picnic, and exercise. In the summertime, we have also had movies in the park. In order for Washington Park to be a continued safe place to visit and enjoy, it is vital that the City Council vote to add more public safety officers for Washington Park as well as the other parks in the City of Pasadena.

Very truly yours,

Kim R. Gundlach

Kim R. Gundlach





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19 MAY 06 01:50PM

WASHINGTON SQUARE  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

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May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Mayor and Council

On behalf of the Washington Square Neighborhood Association, this letter summarizes our support for additional priority funding for park safety officers for the city of Pasadena. This is including for our local Washington Park.

Public Safety is an important issue for our neighbors. Currently there are only 5 park safety officers to cover over 2 dozen parks throughout the city. This dramatically affects our current safety officers' abilities to keep parks safe and for all to enjoy.

We urge you to please approve the additional funding for park safety officers.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua finn

Co-Vice President

The Washington Square Neighborhood Association

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** michele ferrone <mferrone@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2019 1:46 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Cc:** Betty Sword  
**Subject:** Additional Park Safety Officers needed

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I would like to express my support for more Park Safety Officers for our parks. I have recently learned that there are only 5 Park Safety Officers to cover over 2 dozen parks. This is clearly not enough coverage to protect our families, many of whom no longer allow their children to enjoy the local parks due to the uptick in crime.

Thank you for your attention to this important concern shared by many in our community.

Michele Ferrone  
1163 Heather Square  
Pasadena 91104

Sent from my iPad

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Tim Wendler <timwendler89@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2019 1:17 PM  
**To:** Tornek, Terry; Hampton, Tyron; McAustin, Margaret; Kennedy, John; Masuda, Gene; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Wilson, Andy  
**Cc:** Jomsky, Mark; Joshua Finn  
**Subject:** Park Safety Officers for parks; including Washington Park

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Mayor Tornek and Members of the City Council -

I am writing in support of adding additional park safety officer support. As I understand it, we currently only have five park safety officers to cover over two dozen parks. Our parks are an important resource to our community for the physical, mental and spiritual health of our neighbors, many of whom live in dense developments without open space of their own to enjoy. Washington Park had fallen under the domination of drug dealers and other bad actors in the 1980s, and it was only through great efforts of the neighbors and the City that this park was reclaimed for our community. Let's give this and other parks the protection they need to remain positive resources in our community.

-Tim Wendler  
951 N Hudson Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104  
626-221-7222

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Phil Blum <520phil@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2019 2:32 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark; Kennedy, John  
**Cc:** Gordo, Victor  
**Subject:** Park Safety

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Greetings,

I just learned there will be a budget meeting of the city council today.

I am writing to support proposals for increasing the number of park security officers, particularly for Washington Park.

Thank you,

Phil Blum  
President, Craftsman Heights Neighborhood Association

**CORRESPONDENCE  
FROM  
04/29/2019  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Jazmine De La Torre <jazmine@godayone.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2019 2:48 PM  
**To:** Hampton, Tyron; McAustin, Margaret; Kennedy, John; Masuda, Gene; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Wilson, Andy; Tornek, Terry  
**Cc:** Maloyan, Ara; Dock, Fred; Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Item #13, City Council Agenda for April 29, 2019  
**Attachments:** TAC CIP Recommendation Letter 04 03 2019.pdf

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Mayor and Council,

The Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition supports the Transportation Advisory Commission's letter, dated April 3, 2019, requesting additional funding to expedite completion of bicycle improvements related to the Pasadena Bicycle Program, Project #75075 as described in the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). We agree that priority should be given to projects that can be simply and quickly implemented, including completion of the Roseways network, updating the City Bicycle Map, and education efforts.

On June 10th, a Special Joint Meeting of the Finance Committee and the City Council will convene to discuss the CIP for Transportation. In preparation for that meeting, the Complete Streets Coalition has invited all of the Council members, in addition to staff from the Department of Transportation and Public Works, to "Ride the Roseways" with us on Saturday, May 4th, to experience first hand the benefits of a network of low stress streets, and to identify locations for better connections and signage.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jazmine De La Torre  
On behalf of the Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition

***Healthy Communities Initiative Program Coordinator,***

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**Item 13**



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## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

April 3, 2019

Honorable Mayor Terry Tornek  
and City Council of Pasadena  
Pasadena City Hall  
100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S228  
Pasadena, California 91101

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council:

**Subject: FY 2019-2023 CIP – Recommendation to Increase Funding for Pasadena Bicycle Program FY2016-2020 (Project #75075)**

On behalf of the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC), this letter summarizes our support for additional priority funding to expedite completion of bicycle improvements related to The Pasadena Bicycle Program, Project #75075 (Project) as described in the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). TAC requests that the Mayor and City Council consider and approve TAC's recommendations provided in this letter.

At its meeting of 28 March 2019, TAC voted unanimously to support a request from the Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition (Coalition) to increase funding for the Project. The Coalition made several recommendations to support and prioritize the Project, including:

- Increase funding for FY 2020 by 200% to \$360,000 from \$120,000;
- Extend implementation of the Project in FY 2021 and 2022; and,
- Involve bicycle and other active transportation users in the design and implementation of the Project.

TAC agrees that implementation of improvements that support bicycle and other non-motorized forms of transportation use should be a funding priority for the CIP and supports the proposed increase in funding. TAC acknowledges that the Project is listed as the #1 priority list in the Transportation section of the current CIP, however, this top priority is receiving only \$120,000 in funding for FY2020. TAC supports additional funding for the Project and is requesting that an additional \$240,000 in funding be allocated for FY2020.

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The delay in the Orange Grove Complete Streets project may be a source of “freed-up funding” that could be re-directed to additional funding for the Project.

With recent community concern about implementation of larger and more costly Complete Streets projects, such as the Orange Grove project, TAC feels that further priority should be given to projects that can be more simply and quickly implemented and without major disruption to existing neighborhoods. Based on this, the type of bicycle-related striping, signage and education efforts proposed by the Project represent excellent opportunities.

Specifically, TAC suggests that the following areas be prioritized with the increased funding to more completely and more quickly implement the following:

- Achieve 100% completion of Roseway network by the end of FY2021, including complete signage and street markings.
- Prioritize completion of “through routes” over scattered implementation of selective, but incomplete, improvements on all routes.
- Update City Bicycle Map (both hard copy and online), to improve clarity and usability of bicycle network information and bring draft map to TAC for review prior to publishing.
- Include proposed Interactive Bike Map information into Open Streets data initiative (or similar) so that third-party route planning software can prioritize routes for bicycle.
- Prioritize education efforts to improve resident awareness of the creation of a City-wide bicycle network. TAC is a resource to assist DOT with community-facing education efforts that involve bicycle and other non-motorized forms of transportation users.

Lastly, TAC understands that DOT staff will soon be preparing the next five (5) year implementation program for the Bicycle Transportation Action Plan. TAC supports this direction and encourages that drafting of the next implementation program include a vigorous community outreach process, including representatives from the bicycle user community and neighborhoods served by proposed routes. TAC requests that it be involved in reviewing and commenting on the process for updating the Plan, including a role for TAC in assisting the City with outreach.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Sincerely,



James De Pietro  
Chair, Transportation Advisory Commission

c: Pasadena TAC members  
Pasadena Transportation Staff