

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

Jomsky, Mark

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

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

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

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

CITY CLERK
MAY 06 10:05AM

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

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:

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KIM R. GUNDLACH
1139 HEATHER SQUARE
PASADENA, CA
May 6, 2019

CITY CLERK

19 MAY 06 10:35AM

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



CITY CLERK
MAY 06 04:56 PM

WASHINGTON SQUARE
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May 6th, 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

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

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
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Jomsky, Mark

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