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**Subject:** City Council review of Parks Department; please forward to Council

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### Parks Department

Dear Council Members:

The Parks Department has lost most of its staff recently and the City Manager proposes now to make it more efficient.

But the proposal offers nothing to make it better. It could be better if in addition to the constant talk of concern for the environment and our natural resource treasures and efficient maintenance there were a commitment to retain in a permanent position a respected environmentalist or naturalist. Cleaning up trash is important, but more important is nurturing and enhancing our natural resources based on expertly informed judgment.

I ask that you add to the current proposal a requirement to retain such expertise.

Respectfully,

John Favre  
530 S. Arroyo Blvd.

Sent from my iPad

**Martinez, Ruben**

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**Subject:** FW: REORGANIZATION OF HUMAN SERVICES AND RECREATION AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS

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Mark, please forward to City Council Members and City Manager

This letter is in reference to the transfer of the parks and Arroyo Seco maintenance to the Recreation and Human Services Department. We are generally in support of uniting park maintenance and recreation services, however, we are concerned about the on-going support and nurturance of our natural habitat throughout the City. There needs to be someone with direct authority to implement park and natural habitat maintenance. Will this be the Parks and Recreation Administrator? To whom will this position report? What opportunity will there be for citizen input for the job description, candidate selection, and to the on-going work of the Parks and Recreation Administrator? What autonomy will this administrator have to implement whatever means are necessary for quality maintenance? Who will provide the expertise for the natural habitat in the lower and upper arroyo areas? Who will provide the expertise to maintain the appropriate permits and operation of the low flow streams and fish habitat areas? Who will be responsible for oversight of the forestry division of the City?

These are critical questions and issues which must be addressed in depth prior to implementing such a dramatic change. It is our hope the Council will address these questions at the meeting tonight.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Seifert and Dianne Philibosian, Ph.D.