



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

July 24, 2021

Hon. Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
Via email: wade.crowfoot@resources.ca.gov

Armando Quintero, Director, California Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Via email: armando.quintero@parks.ca.gov

Re: Use of Will Rogers State Beach (WRSB) Parking Lot by the City of Los Angeles for Homeless Housing

Dear Secretary Crowfoot and Director Quintero:

Following up on our letter to you of July 19, 2021, Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) appreciates the prompt action taken by the Cal Parks Planning Dept. in response to PPCC's recent request, in posting the WRSB General Plan (GP) on the Cal Parks website. The GP is now available at: https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24366.

We have reviewed the GP in detail. Attached is a Summary highlighting and commenting on relevant provisions. In short, it has become overwhelmingly evident that the purpose of WRSB is for **public enjoyment and recreation** – *i.e.*, not for habitation, homeless or otherwise.

To reiterate: The use now proposed for WRSB – housing for the unhoused – is *fundamentally inconsistent* with the GP, with the Purpose Statement for WRSB, with the documents that govern WRSB, and with all applicable Code provisions (*e.g.*, Public Resources Code Sections 5001.9 (b), 5029.56 (c), 5019.53, 30210 and 30211). It would also conflict with relevant local law (Los Angeles County Code §§17.12.232(H) and 17.12.260 – dwelling prohibited on the beach and at beach parking lots), as well as State Park Rules & Regulations, posted on the Cal Parks website (camping at any one State Park campsite limited to no more than 30 days per calendar year).

We further note: The GP discusses and expresses concern about numerous environmental and public safety issues that were present in 1986, including significant fire and geologic hazards, flooding, traffic, and pedestrian and vehicular safety. As we have previously brought to the attention of City officials, **these same issues are present today and, in some instances, will clearly be exacerbated by siting housing for the unhoused at WRSB** (*see PPCC 6/10/21 letter to the Los Angeles CAO: <http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/PPCC-Letter-to-CAO.pdf>*).

PPCC again urges you to decide, on behalf of the State, that the use of WRSB to house the unhoused is not permitted and that you immediately advise all relevant Los Angeles City and County officials of your decision. Thank you.

Executive Committee, Pacific Palisades Community Council

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Attached: Will Rogers State Beach General Plan – Summary of Relevant Provisions

cc: additional State officials, listed on p. 2, following

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cc (via email):

Hon. Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California (via **Jason Elliott**, Senior Counselor for Housing & Homelessness)

Hon. Ben Allen, State Senator, SD 26

Hon. Henry Stern, State Senator, SD 27

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