



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

March 23, 2022

Recreation and Parks (RAP) Commissioners
Michael A. Shull, General Manager, RAP
Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, RAP
Darryl Ford, Planning Supervisor, RAP

Via email to all recipients

Re: George Wolfberg Park (Park) at Potrero Canyon

City officials:

The Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) Executive Committee understands (from reports at recent RAP Commission meetings) that January storms caused extensive damage to Potrero Canyon; that costs of necessary repairs have depleted or exhausted funds available for Park landscaping; that Park completion has been delayed; that funding is not available and/or there are still issues with Caltrans permission for the trail from the mouth of the Canyon to Temescal Canyon Blvd. (Lateral Trail); and that funding for the proposed pedestrian bridge/PCH over-crossing (Bridge) may be insufficient due to inflation.

PPCC supports completion of the Park and construction of the Bridge. In its 2004 motion which jumpstarted work on the project, PPCC called for a "walk bridge" from the mouth of the canyon over PCH to "beach parking"; this position has never changed.

In the interest of transparency, we respectfully request that knowledgeable RAP officials attend our next PPCC board meeting on April 14, 2022 (6pm via Zoom) to present information to the community and to answer questions related to the status of repairs to the Canyon; costs of repairs; status of funding and anticipated schedule for Park completion; status of funding and Caltrans issues regarding the Lateral Trail; status of funding for the Bridge; and what sources of additional funding, if any, the City is seeking for Park completion, the Lateral Trail and the Bridge (including whether the City has applied or will apply for a federal "community projects funding" grant). See: <https://lieu.house.gov/helping-you/community-project-funding-requests>.¹

If April 14th is not an available date, please let us know if there are other dates in the next few weeks when RAP officials would be able to attend and present information to PPCC and the Palisades community.

We also continue to request that City officials provide answers to the additional specific questions posed by the PPCC Executive Committee in our letters of March 7 and March 15, 2022.

¹ Congressman Ted Lieu's Deputy District Director Janet Turner (a former PPCC Chair) has brought this program to the attention of PPCC. Ms. Turner also recently indicated at a board meeting of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils that the deadline to apply (previously 3/18) has now been extended to "mid-April;" she encourages applications for such funding to be brought in the next few weeks.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee, Pacific Palisades Community Council

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