



## PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Heather Johnston, Statewide Enforcement Analyst  
California Coastal Commission

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager  
Los Angeles Dept. of Recreation and Parks

P. J. Shemtoob, Deputy City Attorney  
City of Los Angeles

Jason P. Douglas, Planning Deputy, CD 11  
City of Los Angeles

*Via email to all addressees*

Re: Highlands Trailhead Bathrooms

Dear Ms. Johnson, Ms. Santo Domingo, Mr. Douglas, and Mr. Shemtoob:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Pacific Palisades Community Council, of which I am the Chair. For many years, the aforementioned bathrooms and the surrounding area have been in an abysmal state. The bathrooms are permanently closed, because the toilets are clogged to the brim with trash and other debris. The walls of the bathrooms are covered with gang graffiti, and trash is strewn throughout the fenced-in area adjacent to the bathrooms. There are cigarette butts evident throughout, which is a scary thought for an area which is adjacent to housing and a forested area, in a high fire zone. We are recovering from the recent Palisades Fire in the hillsides surrounding this Highlands area, and the alleged arsonist has been arrested.

The legal history of this property is long and complicated, but it is currently owned by a person who lives on the East Coast, who refuses to do anything to help rectify this deplorable situation. On behalf of the residents of Pacific Palisades, I strongly urge you either to take action to clean up and restore these bathrooms so they can be used by people who hike and bike in the area, or take legal action to force the owner to take such action. The current situation is dangerous and unhealthy, and should not be allowed to continue.

Very truly yours,

*David Card*

David Card  
Chair  
Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc (via email): Steve Cron, PPCC Area 2 (Highlands) Representative