

Peninsula Community Planning Board
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TO: Todd Gloria, Mayor San Diego
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INFO: Andrew Field, Director San Diego Park and Recreation
Mike Hansen, Director of Planning

RE: Letter of Support for Parks and Recreation Coalition (PARC)

The Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) is in support of the Parks and Recreation Coalition (PARC) recommendation to the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation advocating to support the improvements to the Parks Master Plan and Recreation Element recommended by PARC. We request that the Mayor and the city council direct city staff to work with Community Planning Groups, Recreation Advisory Groups, and PARC for input.

The motion to support was approved with a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Further, the Peninsula Community Planning Board specifically opposes the proposed point rating system for parks. It would prevent Point Loma ever qualifying for new or expanded parks. Worse, it would allow money specifically allocated for Point Loma to be spent in other parts of the city.

Point Loma has two proposed parks that can be added relatively inexpensively. We encourage the Park and Recreation Department and the City Council to pursue adding these parks:

One, a pocket park on City-owned land at the end of Avenida de Portugal (Canon Street Park under the City's working title), This three-quarters acre site has been approved unanimously at every level including the Park Board. It has been fully designed and is ready to go to bid.

Two, five acres of open space – Famosa Canyon – at Famosa and Nimitz boulevards has been de facto open space/parkland for the past 40 years. The San Diego Housing Commission is proposing to “sell” the land for \$800,000 to a San Francisco organization, then “loan back” \$900,000 of taxpayer money. The community overwhelming favors keeping the site as open space. The Peninsula Community Planning Board asks that the matter be placed on the agenda or referred to committee.

Thank you for your support and time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



Frederick W. Kosmo, Jr.
PCPB-Chair