

From: Raman Vasishth [<mailto:RamanV@Charter.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 5:44 PM
To: 'Tom Modica'; 'Stacy Mungo'; 'CityClerk'
Cc: 'Council District 5'; 'Council District 1'; 'Council District 2'; 'Council District 3'; 'Council District 4'; 'Council District 6'; 'Council District 7'; 'Council District 8'; 'Council District 9'; 'Mayor'; 'Summer Smith'
Subject: Against Agenda Item 32 in todays City Council Meeting - I and nearly all district residents are against

Hello City Clerk,

I would appreciate your help in adding this e-mail to item 32 of today's city agenda meeting

I have reviewed my Councilmember and the City Managers rationale for continuing pursuit of the this measure and do NOT support this effort. As of this moment, per the linked on line petition, there are literally 15,538 CD 5 residents that oppose this. When our Councilwoman tried clearing up what she and the City Manager perceived as a public misunderstanding, the signing of the petition against it actually accelerated. In looking at the way the petition is worded, I can see no difference in what the city is trying to do verse what the petition says. https://www.change.org/p/save-el-dorado-park?recruiter=758567191&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=psf_combo_share_abi&utm_term=psf_combo_share_abi&recruited_by_id=7b729890-811a-11e7-9aa0-3d6b3847b1f0&utm_content=fht-20203466-en-us%3Av10 . In looking at the public comments, it seems they know what is being proposed.

Remember what Rex said with the library renaming? That was only 800 I sent. This opposition is about 20 times that! This resident reaction appears similar to all the other measure our Councilwoman Flannigan has offered in her past. Artificial turf in El Dorado Park, Heartwell Park removal of natural grass, Library Renaming, bollards, bike barriers of Spring Street, renaming parks after the highest bidder. The current volume of people against this measure is contains literally 2.5 times the number of people that actually voted for her. I have spoken to many residents who agree, our City needs to concentrate on other things. At this time I wish to inform you that El Dorado Park already has a concession stand. We do thank the Councilwoman for the neighborhood land mark she is helping us with.

If any of you would like to have a meeting with residents to discuss our CD5 parks, just ask. I think I can bring a ton of residents, but providing you're willing to open the books and be transparent.

From: Tom Modica [<mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 7:02 AM
To: Stacy Mungo; Raman Vasishth
Cc: CityClerk; Council District 5; Council District 1; Council District 2; Council District 3; Council District 4; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 9; Mayor; Summer Smith
Subject: RE: 7,700 CD5 Residents (in 4 days) voice their Concerns over City (District 5 Office) Handling of El Dorado Park

Raman,

There has been some misinformation communicated online over the last few days about the possibility for concessions at El Dorado Park. To clear some things up, please know that the City is looking to enhance the park experience by offering food and beverage concessions at existing underutilized park

facilities, and not expand into important green space. The goal is to provide additional options to enhance the experience at the park using existing vacant buildings that are in the park. Any consideration of alcohol sales in the park still requires a special event permit. City staff have asked for vendor proposals to utilize the small existing spaces, and though it is early in the process, any recommendation from staff would go to City Council for review and consideration, and the item would be open to public comment.

I hope this helps provide some context on the issue and clarify any misinformation.

-Tom

From: Stacy Mungo

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 8:55 PM

To: Raman Vasishth <ramanv@charter.net>

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The thing people are against isn't even being considered. Thanks Raman.

-Stacy

On Feb 12, 2020, at 8:08 PM, Raman Vasishth <ramanv@charter.net> wrote:

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Hello Stacy, District 5, Staff and Elected officials;

I'm writing to advise you that at the time of this writing over 7,700 CD5 residents have signed a petition against what you are trying to do at El Dorado Park again. I believe that's about 1,000 more than the amount of people that physically voted for you in either election. The petition was started 4 days ago. As a Neighborhood Leadership Program, class of 2019, I'm offering my help in trying to bring residents and the city together in an effort to avoid what could be another ugly confrontation between city and residents regarding the future of El Dorado Parks. I'm not trying to judge, but it appears El Dorado and Heartwell Parks have been the center point of resident friction since Councilwoman Mungo began her tenure. Perhaps opening regular and open meetings with the public maybe necessary gain confidence, helping to implement new process to promote greater transparency regarding city parks may help. It also appears people that were part of your election campaign are part the petition. Residents have

been promised outreaches regarding parks for 4 years and have not received any effort along this lines. Perhaps this can be added as a future topic of discussion.

Warmest Regards,

Raman Vasishth
El Dorado Park Ambassador
Ranchos Neighborhood Association Member
Neighborhood Leadership Program, 2019
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBBJP4RS4VE>