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**Subject:** Prioritizing Efforts of the Bluff Park Historic Lamppost Project in the 2023 Fiscal Year City Budget

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Councilwoman Allen,

To follow the letter last week from the **Bluff Park Neighborhood Association** is attached and [linked \(click here\)](#) a newly updated larger list of supporters kindly seeking the City Council's ongoing support and prioritization of the efforts of the *Bluff Park Historic Lamppost Project* in the 2023 City Budget.

Many thanks for all that you and your colleagues are doing and for the consideration of this project benefitting the entire city.

Sincerely,  
-jeff

**Jeffrey Mallin**  
President  
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# Bluff Park Neighborhood Association

August 15, 2022

Councilwoman Cindy Allen  
City of Long Beach 2<sup>nd</sup> Council District  
411 West Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, California 90802

**RE: Prioritizing Efforts of the *Bluff Park Historic Lamppost Project* in the 2023 City Budget**

Dear Councilwoman Allen:

To follow our letter last week, the Bluff Park Neighborhood Association (BPNA) Board of Directors has substantially added to the large list of those who have expressed their desire, support, and gratitude to you, the Mayor, and the entire City Council for prioritizing funding in the City Budget for the *Bluff Park Historic Lamppost Project* – a historic preservation project that benefits the entire city.

Enclosed here is an updated list of supporters whom we have been able to verify for this letter just in these several days since the proposed City Budget was announced.

Our prior cover letter is included as a reminder of the *Project's* ambitious vision, efforts, and accomplishments in grassroots fundraising, volunteerism, collaboration, education, and community building.

Thank you again for the kind consideration in *BRINGING LAMPPOST HISTORY BACK*.

Sincerely,

**Jeffrey Mallin**

BPNA President & *Project* Co-Lead

Enclosures: Previous letter dated August 8, 2022  
Updated list of supporters

Cc via email: Mary Zendejas, Councilwoman, 1<sup>st</sup> District, City of Long Beach  
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Daryl Supernaw, Councilman, 4<sup>th</sup> District, City of Long Beach  
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August 8, 2022

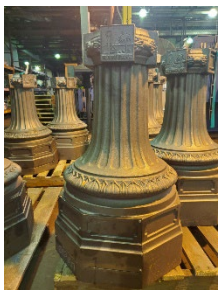
Councilwoman Cindy Allen  
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## RE: Prioritizing Efforts of the *Bluff Park Historic Lamppost Project* in the 2023 City Budget

Dear Councilwoman Allen:

The Bluff Park Neighborhood Association (BPNA) Board of Directors thanks you, the Mayor, and the entire City Council for kindly providing past budgetary support of the *Bluff Park Historic Lamppost Project*. To further advance the progress of this grassroots, community-based initiative with broad-based benefit, we are honored and grateful for additional support as part of next year's City budget and future budget considerations over time in fulfillment of the entire *Project*.

Enclosed is a **list of supporters**, composed of residents and leaders, in favor of this budgetary prioritization. Collected quickly over just the last few days since the City Budget was revealed last week, these individuals have been among the first to respond as we continue to hear from more within our neighborhood and far beyond. We see enthusiasm for the *Project* growing with each passing year and with each successful milestone and phase.



Lampposts create **charm, cohesion, nostalgia and a sense of place and time**. We are fortunate to live in a city with old ornamental lampposts in some public streets, parks, and neighborhoods. Like many beautifying environmental elements, people may not readily notice them, yet their impact is real and significant. Such decorative street lights can help enhance public safety, walkability, desirability, ambiance and tourism. The late-1920's lampposts which have existed along E. 1st Street in the Bluff Park Historic District are unique in the city and symbolic.

The *Project's* **vision** is to remove uncharacteristic modern street lights in the Historic District and install poles matching the look and pattern of E. 1st Street, something residents citywide have wanted for decades. After finding an old sketch of the E. 1st Street lights, we reached out to the original manufacturer still in-business today. Now the same company is making the *Project's* lampposts from the same old specifications.

The **Inaugural Phase** was installed in 2019. **Phase 2** was installed in 2021. And **Phase 3** is funded and expected to be completed in early 2023. These achievements have been met through collaboration, community engagement, volunteerism, patience, perseverance and fundraising from numerous individual charitable donations, grants, and creative fundraiser events that have netted over \$180,000 in the last 6 years – not including City funds. The 3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilwoman Suzie Price and Mayor Robert Garcia nurtured the initial vision and passion. Now we are most grateful to have your support in carrying the mantle, so to speak, being newly part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council District.



The *Project* serves to **benefit and enhance the City of Long Beach** for generations to come. Partnering with the City of Long Beach Public Works and Union Metal Industries Corporation and helped by Long Beach Heritage, the Historical

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Society of Long Beach, historic preservation leaders and experts, and other neighborhood associations and leaders, the BPNA is working towards the next phases in fulfillment of the entire District.



Receiving the City's financial support would be especially impactful and timely. This year the *Project* was honorably selected through a competitive application process for a most prestigious and sizeable grant from the **Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association**. The **Port of Long Beach** continues to be a regular sponsor of our unique, fun fundraisers over the years. And we are excited to have been selected for a second year to participate in **Long Beach Gives** campaign, after a record-breaking, award-winning, successful showing last year.

Our efforts and diligence are ongoing, as we realize success incrementally and honor the many who make it come to light. Engraved name **plaques** affixed to the bases of newly installed lampposts recognize scores of **major donors and supporters**, giving them an opportunity to recognize, memorialize, and celebrate their loved ones. You can find many of **your own names** who in 2020 were on the City Council which helped secure the final piece of funding for Phase 2 along Temple Avenue. Please come by and stroll or drive the street day or night to see what we mean. For more information, our latest **e-newsletter** can be found [here](#).



2022 marks a **dual anniversary**: namely, **50 years** as an organization, originally known as Beach Area Concerned Citizens, and **40 years** as the City's second designated historic landmark neighborhood, the Bluff Park Historic District.

The BPNA is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity representing the collective voice of those who live, own, and rent in the Bluff Park Historic District, which roughly runs from E. Ocean Boulevard to E. Broadway and from Junipero Avenue to Loma Avenue, located in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council District. Our residential neighborhood with its distinctive architectural styles is a destination for tourists and city residents near and far. The association's mission is to protect, promote, educate, and foster a sense of collaboration, unity, civic engagement, and goodwill in the city.

Thank you so very much for the consideration in helping fund the next phases of the *Bluff Park Historic Lamppost Project*. Together, we are **BRINGING LAMPPOST HISTORY BACK**.

Sincerely,

**Jeffrey Mallin**

BPNA President & *Project* Co-Lead

Enclosure

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Updated List of Supporters, Page 1 of 3

**Support for this letter in consideration of prioritizing the *Bluff Park Historic Lamppost Project* in the FY23 City Budget has been expressly received from the following:**

Larry Acree *	Bradley J. Dechter *
Rhiannon Acree *	Sherie Dechter *
Jeff Anderson	Kayte Deima
Gabriel Antolinez *	Councilmember Gary DeLong (Ret)
Lee Apel ^	Amanda Parsons DeRosier *
Michelle Arend-Eckhoff ^	Zenith DeRosier *
Brooke Byers Asplin *	Jim DiBella *
Robert Asplin *	Jimmy Dower *
Renee Barot	Linda Dragga
Megan Barry *	Sam Dragga
Dave Barry *	John Eckhoff
Gail Billings-Beck *	Sam Elias *
Reba Birmingham *	Gabriel Estrada *
John Biroc *	Sam Fandrich ^
Penny Biroc *	Johnny Ferguson *
Celeste Bonyuet	Isabella Fletcher
Sally Boyne	Sal Flocca *
Kathleen Brady ^	Karole Foreman
Dan Brinkman *	Josh Freese *
Karen Brinkman*	Nicole Freese *
Commissioner Alan Burks (Former)	Michele Fricke * ^
Chris Byrne *	Roger Fricke *
Kim Campanelli *	Andreas Gerogiannis *
Torey Carrick	Jessica Gillette *
Kevin T. Carroll	Marcus Gillette *
Boris Chang *	Lori Gilmore *
Fernando Chavez *	Melodie Grace *
Barry Christman *	Kathryn Green *
Ketty Citterio *	Wendy Harn * ^
David Clark *	Kimberly Hartwig
Jane Claus *	Cheri Hawks *
Dwight Cook *	Karen Hayes *
Dan Corrado *	Karen Highberger ^
Ashley Craig *	Kate Fultz Hollis *
Robert Craig *	Chris Horan *
Debbie Davis ^	Tom Horan *

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Kelly Hyman \*  
Ted Hyman \*  
Louise Ivers  
Jeff Jeannette  
Roberta Jeannette  
Marilyn Jefreys ^  
Brandon Jelks  
J'Tamera Johnson \*  
Michael Kelley \* ^  
Stacy Kelso \* ^  
Frank Keshishian \*  
Elizabeth Kiely \*  
Dolores Kneece \*  
Elizabeth Kuehne \* ^  
Maria Kootsikis ^  
J. Christopher Launi  
Alyce LaViolette \*  
Joe Lazo \*  
Gibson Lee \*  
Marcia Lee \*  
Loretta Archuleta Leos \*  
Allison Levy  
Nick Lisica \*  
Shannon Lisica \*  
A. Stephanie Loftin \*  
Sergio Macias \* ^  
Karen Macphee  
Marietta Malan \*  
Mark Malan \*  
Jeffrey Mallin \* ^  
Dante Marinelli \*  
Marla Marinelli \*  
Mary Lou Martin \* ^  
Jessa Mauer \*  
Jacquelyn McColgan \*  
John McCrackin \*  
Tracy McCrackin \*  
Kelly Sutherlin McLeod  
Kristin Mercado \*

Robert Mercado \*  
Gary Michovich \*  
Anton Mlikotic \*  
Kellie Moffatt  
Paul Montalbano  
Patty Moore \*  
Theresa Murphy \*  
Michelle Murray \* ^  
Pat Murray \*  
Marsha Naify \*  
Maureen Neeley ^  
Ron Nelson  
Barbara Newell ^  
David Newell  
Julie Noggle  
Tim Noggle  
Sara O'Conner  
Dicky Ong \*  
Aynee Osborn \*  
Elizabeth O'Shea \* ^  
Timothy O'Shea \* ^  
Rachel Van Ost \*  
Gary Ostrowski  
Cheryl Perry ^  
Andy Pesich \*  
Marco Pizzo \* ^  
Danielle Potter ^  
Patricia F. Powers \*  
James Proper \*  
Karina Ramirez \*  
Ruth Rawlings \*  
Gina Redican ^  
Linda Renner \*  
Mark Rodriguez \*  
Roberto Rodriguez \*  
Trevor Rodriguez \*  
Christy Roeber \*  
John Romundstad \*  
Rose Park Neighborhood Association Board ^

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Robin Rosin \*  
Ronald Ryan \*  
Sharon Ryan \*  
Christine Saavedra \*  
Patricia Sandberg \*  
Carolyn Sato \*  
Loree Scarborough  
Neil Schneider \* ^  
John Louis Schwartz \*  
Niraj Sharma \*  
David Schnur  
Bradley Seeley \*  
Richard D. Seeley \*  
Helena Segelhorst \* ^  
Jean Shapen \*  
Greg Shaw \*  
Doug Shiels \*  
Marnie Shiels \*  
Serge Shubin \*  
Donna Sievers ^  
Harold Simmons \*  
Dennis Snyder ^  
Sam Stamoulis \*

Teresa Stamoulis \* ^  
Susan Steel \*  
Victor Sun \*  
Dianne Sunstrom ^  
Kathryn Ansite Strong \*  
Trenton Strong \*  
Lisa Parkin Sweet  
Parastou Teharani  
John Thomas ^  
Anh Tran \*  
Ron Trowbridge \* ^  
Geneve Villacres \*  
Elizabeth Westbrook \*  
Steven Westbrook \* ^  
Richard Wherry ^  
Brenna White \*  
David White \*  
Tracy White \*  
Henri Winters \*  
Sasha Witte \* ^  
Jim Yandell \*  
Antoinette Zate \*  
Peter Zokosky

### **KEY:**

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^ Leader of a neighborhood association (current or former)

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**Subject:** City Council Item 14 for 8/16/2022 meeting - Concerns over LBPd Response times in closing the Ranger station

**-EXTERNAL-**

I am asking the city clerk to add this to line 14 of today's city council meeting:

I ask the city repeal the proposal to remove the Ranger Station in El Dorado Park or Provide a plan to maintain or improve the current response time and security For El Dorado Parks and particularly the Frontier train operator.

To All:

I am writing regarding Item 14, using this item to address the Parks & Recreation presentation last week. Residents and the train operator are concerned the proposal to remove the officer (s) in the ranger/police station in El Dorado Park 2 off spring street North will result in slower response times to support the Frontier Train Operator who has been operating with the city for 30 years and invest considerable money in the attraction in spite of having been robbed twice. With the increasing intrusion of the homeless that borders the riverbed where violent crime is becoming increasingly common, residents are concerned homeless will set up more camps within the parks, commit more crimes. . Efforts have been made to contact Police Chief Wally Hebeish, Councilman Daryl Supernaw and East Division Commander Michael Richens (all people the Mayor's office asked me to contact), but they have not replied. Residents and the train owners are looking for a solution from LBPd & Parks, that residents in CD4 & 5 have already paid taxes for, to maintain security of our parks and neighborhood.

Conflicting information:

While the Parks Director has stated that the decision to remove police from El Dorado 2 was entirely that of the police and that the addition of ambassadors was the result of an increased budget. Residents have been cast in a state of doubt and confusion as the power point presentation made by the Parks Director links the LEOs two together with safety ambassadors. When asked, the Parks Directors did not know why he included that with his power point presentation.

Additional Safety Concerns:

Another concern is that in the last week, it was reported 2 bodies were found: one off the Duckpond off Studebaker and other in El Dorado Park 2. Prior to that, number police were involved with helicopters tracking an armed person in the riverbed who threatened residents. Residents have also expressed concerns during community meeting with the City that the building of a bike lane off Spring Street is now going to allow unsheltered people an artery from the most violent parts of the riverbed into the parks and their neighborhoods. Their transportation of choice are bikes. All this has come within the past 4 weeks or so. Homeless camps are setting up more frequently in CD4 parks, fires are being set. Residents want to know why the station is being removed and for the decision can be taken off the

table of a solution to improve response time can be proposed as we want more, not less police presence in our parks.

Park Operators:

We are concerned if parks lose the train operator, one that has been there for 30 years, there will be no chance of another operator coming in to replace because of the past reputation parks and city has in supporting businesses. We don't know why the police/parks would chose to reduce support for the train operator that brings revenue to the park. Residents are concerned that if response time in El Dorado Park for the Frontier train and patrols diminish beyond what they are currently, the well see a 30 year institution leave the city. The risk reward in having need park security is worth the our taxpayers dollars spent especially if it means keeping the train and warning off increasing crime from unsheltered people growing in numbers in the area.

Warmest Regards,

Raman Vasishth

Neighborhood Leadership Project, 2019