

**Stacy & James McDaniel**

June 12, 2018

Long Beach City Council  
c/o City Clerk  
333 West Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90802

RE: Councilperson Austin's Motion to Find All Non-Earmarked Funds for Park Preservation

Honorable Mayor Garcia and Esteemed Councilmembers:

We are writing in support of the above-referenced Agenda Item pertaining to the desperate need for the City to fund ongoing maintenance and watering of the City's parks.

As elected officials in our City, each of you are charged with the responsibility to maintain the City's assets and capital improvements. In the case of Los Cerritos Park, the City has failed miserably in this charge. The condition of the park is deplorable, with the grass nearly dead and gopher holes proliferating. This has happened for several years in a row, and is unacceptable to the residents and visitors to this park. The park receives heavy year-round use, and is a jewel in the City's park system. As residents, we cannot understand why this City has not connected this park to the city-wide recycled water lines (the "purple pipes"), particularly in light of the extension of those lines to Virginia Country Club recently. It is really hard to understand why the City's golf courses have enjoyed these benefits, while our children are forced to play on dead and dusty turf!

Kudos to the City for its successful lawn to garden program to reduce turf areas in the City needing water. But now that many of us have answered the call to conserve water by getting rid of our lawns, there is now more need than ever to conserve public turf areas! Please keep our parks green and extend the purple lines to those parks!

We thank you for your consideration of our requests.

Very truly yours,

Stacy W. McDaniel & James B. McDaniel