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Subject: Letter of Support Saro Council Item #31, 4/5/2022

-EXTERNAL-

Please accept the attached letter with 50 names in support of moving forward Item 31, MLK Park Visioning & Improvement Plan, brought forth by Councilwoman Suley Saro.

Thank you
Sharon Diggs-Jackson



April 3, 2022

RE: Dr. MLK Jr. Park Vision Plan - Support Agenda Item 31 – April 5, 2022 Agenda

Dear Honorable Long Beach Mayor and City Councilmembers,

We are writing in support of District 6 Councilwoman Suely Saro's Agenda Item 31 to identify funding and begin pre-planning efforts to develop a park vision plan for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

Martin Luther King Jr. Park offers green space, community programs such as the community Peace Garden, and is a source of cultural and historical significance to the Black/African-American community. The statue of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a civil rights leader who advocated for human rights, stands in the park, and every year the community comes together to host a festival following the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. parade.

This park has significant meaning to the Black/African- American community. As children we grew up playing at the park, it was a safe haven for us all. Additionally, the after school and summer programs gave us a safe space to learn, be creative and participate in competitive sports.

The park has not seen improvements or renovations in over a decade. A vision plan for the Dr. MLK Jr. Park is needed to revitalize and upgrade our resources to improve the health and wellbeing of the residents in our community while honoring Dr. King's legacy.

I, along with the 48 Long Beach residents listed below, urge you to support this item by voting yes on Agenda Item 31 to identify funding and begin pre-planning efforts to develop a park vision plan for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

Sincerely,

Sharon Diggs-Jackson
LB Resident
Director, Black Resource Center
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See attached list of additional supporters of the MLK Improvement project.

	Name	
1	Dr Sandra Hardy	LB Business Owner
2	Orlando Hardy	Retired LBUSD
3	Jackie Kaigler	LB Resident
4	Lazette Bowens	LB Resident
5	Barbara Croom	6 th District Resident
6	Rose Scott	6 th District Resident
7	Luke Scott	6 th District Resident
8	Mary Humphrey	6 th District Resident
9	Willie Fowlkes	6 th District Resident
10	Mariah Fowlkes	6 th District Resident
11	Christi Robinson	6 th District Resident
12	Ahmed Saafir	6 th District Business Owner
13	Erroll Parker	LB Resident
14	Dr. J. David Jackson	LB Resident
15	Rebecca Jackson	LB Resident
16	Zoe Beard	LB Resident
17	Zana Kidd	LB Resident
18	Sarah Crowell	6 th District Resident
19	Tyronne Crowell	6 th District Resident
20	Stanley Croom	6 th District Property Owner
21	Julie Croom	6 th District Property Owner
22	Jasmine Croom	LB Resident
23	George Lang	6 th District Resident
24	Bobbie Lang	6 th District Resident
25	Gregory Sanders	LB Resident
26	Traci Maxwell	LB Resident
27	Cassandra Sanders	6 th District Resident
28	Rodney Croom	6 th District Property Owner
29	St Mark Baptist Church	6 th District
30	Shelton Diggs	LB Resident
31	Sopheap Pream Diggs	LB Resident
32	Dawn Swanson	6 th District Resident
33	Ellis Myles	6 th District Resident
34	Nikki Strickland	LB Resident
35	Joe Strickland	LB Resident
36	Violet McClay	LB Resident
37	Lisa Meeks	6 th District Resident
38	Tracee Croom	6 th District Resident
39	Kevin Croom	6 th District Resident
40	Carolyn Bell (Now Faith Church)	LB Based
41	Karen Mayer	LB Resident
42	Sheba Gillis	6 th District Resident
43	Willie Mae Osborne	6 th District Resident
44	Edward Osborne	6 th District Resident
45	Percy Daggs	LB Resident
46	Lorene Parks	6 th District Resident
47	Ginger Moore	6 th District Employee

48	Brandon Moore	LB Resident