






Date: November 18, 2008

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Council Member Gary DeLong, Third District 
Council Member Patrick O'Donnell, Fourth District 
Council Member Tonia Reyes Uranga, Seventh District 

Subject: **Preservation of Open Space and Active Recreational Opportunities**

On Wednesday, November 11, 2008 the City announced a plan that advances a worthy goal of increasing open space and moving a significant portion of the Los Cerritos Wetlands from the private sector to the public domain. As part of this plan, it is appropriate that active park space be developed in the geographically isolated areas west of the I-710 freeway.

We request the city manager explore and come back with a report regarding all of the following:

1. The feasibility of the purchase and development of a site situated west of the I-710 freeway and north of the 405 freeway.
2. The feasibility of "active" playing fields (soccer primarily but also baseball and football) on the remaining city owned 18-acre plot of the Sports Park or Hilltop area.
3. The feasibility of "active" playing fields on the Wrigley Heights area which should be considered with the input from the neighborhood.
4. The feasibility of expediting park and recreation improvements in the West Long Beach area in order ease the over crowding.

These steps shall be part of the wetlands transaction that is currently being developed.

Suggested Action: Approve Recommendation



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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: November 11, 2008

To: Larry Herrera, City Clerk

From: Council Member Tonia Reyes Uranga
Council Member Patrick O'Donnell
Council Member Gary DeLong

Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Meeting of November 18, 2008.

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
7	Tonia Reyes Uranga	See memorandum
5	Patrick O'Donnell	See memorandum
9	Gary DeLong	See memorandum