



September 7, 2013

Kevin Regan, Assistant General Manager
Dept. of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles
221 N. Figueroa St. #1550
Los Angeles 90012

RE: Department plans for San Julian Park

Dear Mr. Regan,

At our regularly held public meeting on October 8th, 2013, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to support this letter, pursuant to the motion passed on September 24th, 2013 by DLANC's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Committee (PROS).

With the dissolution of the CRA, Councilman José Huizar of CD14 has stated that the City of Los Angeles is in the process of transferring operations and maintenance of San Julian Park to the Los Angeles Rec and Parks Department.

We would like to thank the Los Angeles Rec and Parks Department for agreeing to take control of this valuable green space. Our committee seeks to become engaged with the ongoing operations of this Park so that we can advise and assist with any and all improvement efforts.

Since the beginning of 2013, Councilman Huizar has held monthly gatherings comprised of residents of the Skid Row community and various City Department spokespeople, called the *CD14 Working Group*. This group has facilitated the deployment of over 15 new trash cans along 5th and San Julian Streets that are now being regularly serviced by the Bureau of Sanitation. Other things this group is working on are increased access to public restrooms and improved street lighting. San Julian Park sits in the very heart of this community. A gathering space for social life and a resting space for many- things like chess playing and musical concerts are regular occurrences here. With the recent focus on parks in general for downtown Los Angeles, and a new and growing neighborhood pride emanating from Skid Row, we hope that our committee can be a helpful and valuable partner to your Department as we work together to determine San Julian Park's future.

We request that you please keep the DLANC Parks, Recreation and Open Space Committee informed as to the specifics of this handover process and advised as to how we can help both during and after this process.

Sincerely,

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