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**October 14th, 2025**

Ysabel Jurado  
Councilmember,  
Council District 14

VIA EMAIL

### **RE: Spring Street Park Park Gate Closure Program (PGCP)**

Councilmember Jurado:

At a regular public meeting on **October 14th, 2025**, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to provide the following comments below:

Since its construction in 2013, Downtown stakeholders have consistently raised concerns about inefficient design, insufficient capital investment, and persistent security challenges at Spring Street Park. In late September 2025, DLANC was made aware that the park may no longer be closed at night, a practice maintained through contract security since the park's opening. Although Transfer of Floor Area Rights (TFAR) funds were originally established to support contract security, successive City Council District administrations and the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) have struggled to sustain consistent funding. By 2023, this funding was exhausted, leaving Spring Street Park without resources to ensure nightly closure and without any codified mechanism for security.

As a result, daily safety issues including drug use, lewd behavior, vandalism, fires, and public defecation have severely compromised the park's functionality, appeal, and accessibility. These conditions also endanger RAP staff and nearby residents, with incidents of violent crimes and break-ins reported in adjacent buildings.

Although there are recognized challenges with the Park Gate Closure Program (PGCP) due to limited staffing capacity and resources at the LAPD Security Services Division, as outlined in

[Council File 23-0154](#), it remains critical that Spring Street Park be formally codified into the PGCP list by Council action. Doing so will ensure that, as future resources become available, the park is properly accounted for in staffing and resource management alongside other City parks under RAP and LAPD oversight.

Other Downtown parks such as Gladys Park and San Julian Park have already benefited from similar gate closures through existing city resources, resulting in improved safety and park experience for users. Spring Street Park deserves the same protections to ensure equitable treatment of open space across all Downtown Los Angeles communities.

Therefore, DLANC requests that a **Council motion be introduced** to include the following:

1. **Instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Los Angeles Police Department to include Spring Street Park in the Park Gate Closure Program list**, ensuring it receives the same protections as comparable Downtown parks.
2. **Request the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Recreation and Parks, to prepare and present an Ordinance to amend [LAMC Sec. 63.44.B.14\(c\)](#) to include Spring Street Park closure from sunset and reopened at sunrise**, consistent with best practices for urban park safety.
3. **Direct that the \$100,000 previously transferred by [Council File 24-1366](#) into the Department of Recreation and Parks, Fund No. 302-89-89814M, Sub Account "Spring Street Park Security," be allocated to either the LAPD Security Services Division or the RAP's Park Ranger Division** to facilitate on-site contract security to address ongoing public safety concerns at this park.

Spring Street Park remains a vital green space for the Historic Core community and Downtown as a whole. By formally including it in the PGCP aligns with public safety needs, and dedicating appropriate funding, we can collectively ensure this public amenity remains safe, accessible, and sustainable for all Angelenos.

Sincerely,

**\*SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY DLANC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON [October 14th, 2025](#)\***

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Los Angeles Police Department, Security Services Division (via email)

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