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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 19-099 Revised

DATE: June 5, 2019

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SUBJECT: SERRANIA PARK – APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE HOURS OF OPERATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Concur with the motion presented by Councilmember Bob Blumenfield of Council District 3 which is attached to this Report as Attachment 1 regarding setting the operating hours for Serrania Park to close at sunset and open at sunrise, seven days a week (Motion); and
2. Request the City Attorney prepare a draft Ordinance adding Serrania Park to the list of parks closing at sunset and opening at sunrise, seven days a week, as specified in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Section 63.44(B)(14)(c) and present such draft Ordinance to the City Council for approval.

SUMMARY

On May 29, 2019, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield of Council District 3 presented a Motion (Council File No. 19-0565) which requested that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) set the operating hours for Serrania Park to open at sunrise and close at sunset every day of the year. This motion also requested that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) concur with the recommended operation hours change and also requested the City Attorney prepare an ordinance that would add Serrania Park to the list of parks that open at sunrise and close at sunset every day of the year. RAP staff requests that the Board concur with the Motion, request the City Attorney prepare a draft Ordinance consistent with the Motion, and have the City Attorney present such Ordinance to the City Council for approval.

Serrania Park is located at the junction of Serrania Avenue and Wells Drive in Woodland Hills in Council District 3 and is further identified with Assessor Parcel Numbers 2166046901, 2174011900, and 2174011904. Residents of the neighborhood surrounding the park have

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expressed concerns about illegal activity that appears to be taking place in the park after dark since the park lacks evening lighting.

The Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Topanga Division and surrounding community are supportive of this ordinance change and strongly believe this will allow LAPD to adequately curb illegal activities.

TREES AND SHADE

The Board's approval of modifying the operating hours at Serrania Park will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Serrania Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Board's approval of modifying the operating hours at Serrania Park will have no environmental impact to Serrania Park.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The approval of this Report will have no significant impact on the Department of Recreation and Park's General Fund, only a minimal cost of creating and installing new signs.

This Report was prepared by Charles Singer, Superintendent of Recreation Services, Valley-Shoreline Region.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. CD3 Motion Regarding Serrania Park (Council File No. 19-0565)

MOTION

Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 63.44 B.14(a) states that all parks shall have the operating hours of 5:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. with the exception of the parks listed in LAMC Section Code 63.44 B.14(c). Parks in this Section close at various times and include parks that open at Sunrise and close at Sunset (Sunrise to Sunset Operating Hours). The operating hours for Serrania Park located at 20865 Wells Drive in Council District 3 should be changed to have Sunrise to Sunset Operating Hours.

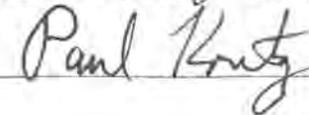
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to set the operating hours for Serrania Park located at 20865 Wells Drive Woodland Hills, CA 91364 in Council District 3 to open at Sunrise and close at Sunset.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be instructed to prominently post the hours at the park listed above.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an Ordinance to add the park listed above to the list of parks closed at various times as specified in Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to concur with the above recommendations and to instruct the Park Rangers to enforce the new operating hours at the park listed above seven days a week.

PRESENTED BY: 
BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY: 

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