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Subject: Re: Christensen Science Center and adjoining property

Dear Representatives:

On April 8, 2019, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council passed a motion regarding the Christensen Science Center and the adjoining property, from the Issues Committee.

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is monitoring the decision-making process involving the Los Angeles Unified School District property in San Pedro which includes the Vic and Bonnie Christensen Science Center. The number one priority for the property must be to maintain the Science Center and reinvigorate it to continue to serve its purpose, providing a natural experience and a place for students and teachers to study, appreciate, and learn from both flora and fauna. Other uses for the balance of the property will come through a scoping process by the School District, and should be arrived at with input from educators, citizens in the neighborhood and community, and the Neighborhood Council for the area.

The NWSPNC understands that at least one of its members will be appointed to the group being assembled by LAUSD. Based on area Supt. Romero’s comments at our February board meeting, the announcement of that group should be coming forth in the next few weeks. We believe there is no higher or better use for this land, than to maintain the Science Center.
Other important uses for the balance of the property can be arrived at through an open discussion between the district and its constituents.

We await word from Supt. Romero and the district as to the formation of the working group. Our Neighborhood Council continues to stand ready to work with the District and the Community to honor this important piece of property and to maintain the Christensen Science Center.

Sincerely yours,

Ray Regalado, President
On behalf of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board