May 14, 2019

Councilman Joe Buscaino
200 N. Spring Street, Room 410
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Request for Funding for Peck Park Pool Renovation

Dear Councilman Buscaino:

On May 13, 2019, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) unanimously passed a motion requesting funding for the Peck Park Pool in San Pedro.

The NSPNC has written you previously about our belief in the necessity to rebuild the Peck Park Pool as expeditiously as possible. The lack of a pool at the park because of the degradation of the 60-year-old facility there has left a terrible figurative and literal hole in the community.

At our April 24 Community Issues Committee meeting, an excellent representative of the Department of Recreation and Parks explained much about the process in the development of a capital project such as the pool.

Most importantly, he explained that the $10-$12 million cost of a new pool is unlikely to be included in any one budget cycle. But he indicated that an important step in making such a project come about is to set aside sufficient funds, in this case upwards of $1 million, for designing and planning of the facility by City staff. As he said, once the project is drawn and engineered, it moves up in priority. He did not use the term “shovel-ready”, but the inference was clear.

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council asks you and your colleagues in City Council to budget $1-1.2 million dollars for the purpose of that design and planning.

Let us begin the process to replace this valuable City asset as soon as possible.

Thank you for your shared concern.

Yours very truly,

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

Cc: Department of Recreation and Parks