October 22, 2019

Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
221 N Figueroa Street Suite 350
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Safety Issues at Harbor Highlands Park

Dear Representatives of the Department of Recreation and Parks:

We are writing about several safety issues at Harbor Highlands Park on Capitol Drive in San Pedro, CA. In monitoring improvements at the park, we continue to be deeply concerned about heavy park usage, primarily on weekends. Large parties which by actual count are far in excess of permitted use continue to set-up in the park, and often fail to respect the hours of usage. Park hours and maximum sizes of parties need to be enforced by the Department.

But our immediate current concern is about the number of vehicles which enter the park by cutting locks on the vertical stanchions to offload party supplies, and which show no regard for community concerns or for safety. They succeed in tearing up turf and are a clear danger, for which the city and taxpayers would be found primarily liable in case of an accident.

We urge the department to install a permanent, locked swinging gate at the Gatun Street entrance to the park and reinforced, non-removable stanchions at the other entrances, which would allow for people, tricycles, and wheelchairs, but no other motorized vehicles.

This was one of the major features mentioned by the public in considering improvements using funds allotted for the Park through Harbor Highlands Homes development funds.

It is time for action to secure the park from intruding vehicles and the hazards they present. Please advise your next course of action by November 7, 2019.

Thank you for your shared concern.

Yours very truly,

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

(This letter was approved by the board on Oct. 14, 2019)
cc: Councilman Joe Buscaino