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RE: Columbus Park

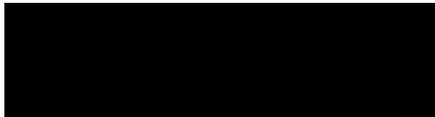
Dear Mayor Liccardo:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, I would like to formally state our enthusiastic support for the redesign and reconstruction of Columbus Park on West Taylor Street in the Guadalupe Gardens. Our mission is to support activation of all of the parks within the Guadalupe River Park and Guadalupe Gardens. We applaud the City in redeveloping an existing under-utilized facility for future community enjoyment and use.

As you know, Columbus Park has seen a gradual decline over the years including the inability to utilize the fields due to ground squirrel burrows and an increase in homeless encampments in the area as a result. Redeveloping the park with soccer fields with softball overlays while relocating the existing restrooms, basketball courts, and horseshoe pits is very desired and will serve to provide sports uses in an area of the City with few of these types of park resources.

PRNS staff, especially Nicolle Burnham, have attended our Master Plan committee and Board meetings to keep us apprised of the design alternatives throughout this initial planning process. We appreciate their support and inclusive nature and look forward to our continued involvement as we all move together through the implementation process.

Sincerely,



President, Board of Directors



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