PRK CITY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS BUDGET. CHARTER AMENDMENT PRK.

Shall the City Charter be amended to increase the minimum budget allocated to the Department of Recreation and Parks, phased in over ten years until it is double the current minimum budget allocation, with exceptions for fiscal emergencies?

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR CHARTER AMENDMENT PRK

~~PRK Ballot Argument~~

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Charter Amendment PRK will keep our parks, waters, and beaches clean; repair and maintain park facilities; and keep recreation and senior centers open ~~every day~~ without raising taxes by a single penny.

LA's parks department runs over 500 parks, 123 recreation and senior centers, and 52 pools. These are ~~no-cost~~ affordable places for kids to play sports and stay safe after-school and in summer, for seniors to find services, and for families to gather. Parks and recreation centers host violence-intervention programs and provide services and shelter during wildfires and emergencies.

LA's parks dropped to 93rd of America's 100 largest cities in Trust for Public Land's 2026 ParkScore ranking. The City's parks assessment found LA funds parks two-thirds less than similar cities. Large staffing cuts mean parks are less safe and clean. Facilities need almost $3 billion in repairs, and pools, recreation, and senior centers have cut hours. Without action, more may close. One-third of Angelenos lack a park within a ten-minute walk of home.

Parks are critical services for Angelenos.

~~However,~~ Protected parks funding has not increased since 1937, and money going directly to parks was reduced further since 2009.

PRK increases parks funding over 10 years, with protections for fiscal emergencies.

PRK will clean, ~~repair,~~ and improve ~~maintain~~ parks, restrooms, pools and facilities; rebuild the parks and ranger workforce; protect beaches and coastal waters; build new parks where they're needed ~~most~~; restore natural areas; and invest in shade trees, wildfire prevention and nature-based solutions to protect our water.

It keeps pools and recreation and senior centers open and activates community school parks.

This funding requires strict fiscal accountability, and must be used only for eligible park purposes, with annual expenditure plans and reporting reviewed at public meetings and posted online.

Join community and environmental leaders to vote YES on PRK to fix parks without raising taxes.

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~~**Rebuttal to Argument Against Charter Amendment PRK**~~

Charter Amendment PRK is a responsible investment in parks, without raising taxes. Over 10 years, PRK will increase dedicated funding for parks while requiring strict accountability for every dollar spent.

Parks are a good investment.

Parks keep Angelenos healthy, active and connected. Physical inactivity accounts for 12.6% of healthcare costs. Research shows communities investing in parks have lower rates of stroke, heart disease, obesity, and diabetes. Every $1 spent on park programming lowers healthcare costs by $11.

Additionally, every $1 spent maintaining parks returns at least $3 in broader economic benefits. Tourism generated $35.1 billion in spending last year in Los Angeles, supporting over 224,000 jobs. Griffith Park and Venice Beach, both city parks, are among our biggest draws.

PRK will create good, local jobs, improve public health, maintain safe children's play areas, fully re-open recreation and senior centers, keep beaches clean, and repair restrooms citywide.

Vote YES on PRK.

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CHARTER AMENDMENT PRK
(CITY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS BUDGET)

TEXT OF THE PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE

Section 1. Section 593 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 593. Financial Support.

(a) For the financial support of the Department of Recreation and Parks, there shall be appropriated an annual sum of not less than the following percentage ~~0.0325%~~ of assessed value of all property as assessed for City taxes:~~.~~

Fiscal Years 2026-2027 and prior: 0.0325%
Fiscal Year 2027-2028: 0.03575%
Fiscal Year 2028-2029: 0.039%
Fiscal Year 2029-2030: 0.04225%
Fiscal Year 2030-2031: 0.0455%
Fiscal Year 2031-2032: 0.04875%
Fiscal Year 2032-2033: 0.052%
Fiscal Year 2033-2034: 0.05525%
Fiscal Year 2034-2035: 0.0585%
Fiscal Year 2035-2036: 0.06175%
Fiscal Years 2036-2037 and thereafter: 0.065%

(b) Additional appropriations may be made from the General Fund.

(c) All money derived from (a) or (b), plus all other sums received by the department shall be placed to the credit of the Recreation and Parks Fund.

(d) Except as provided in Section 342 with regard to funds appropriated from the General Fund to the Recreation and Parks Fund, money in the Recreation and Parks Fund shall be used only for the financial support of the Department of Recreation and Parks.

(e) In the event the City Council, by two-thirds vote, declares a fiscal emergency by resolution, the financial support required under subsection (a) may be reduced by up to thirty percent (30%) of the total amount of the stated percentage of assessed value of all property as assessed for City taxes following such declaration and such reduction may remain effective until the expiration of the fiscal emergency, provided that at no time shall such reduction decrease the total financial support otherwise required under subsection (a) to lower than 0.0325% of assessed value of all property as assessed for City taxes.

Sec. 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, clause, sentence, phrase, or application of this Charter amendment or any portion thereof is held unconstitutional or invalid by any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections, subsections, clauses, sentences, phrases, portions, or applications of this Charter amendment shall remain in full force and effect,

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and to this end the provisions of this Charter amendment are severable. In addition, the voters declare that they would have passed all sections, subsections, clauses, sentences, phrases, portions, and applications of this Charter amendment without the section, subsection, clause, sentence, phrase, portion, or application held unconstitutional or invalid.

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