

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning Council Members, My name is April, I work as a school nurse and would like to make a public comment to advocate for improvements to Garvanza Park in the Highland Park community that directly supports the health, safety, and wellbeing of our students, families, and neighbors. Garvanza Park is a vital green space for this community and functions as an extension of the outdoor environment for students at nearby Luther Burbank Middle School. Many students and families rely on this park and recreation center after school and on weekends, making its condition a genuine public health and safety concern. First, the addition of shaded areas on the playground is essential. Children are especially vulnerable to heat-related illness and sun exposure, particularly during warmer months in Los Angeles. Public health agencies recognize that shade structures are a key strategy for preventing dehydration, heat exhaustion, and sunburn. Providing adequate shade allows children and families to use the park safely and comfortably, encouraging physical activity and social connection throughout the day. Second, improved lighting throughout the park and surrounding pedestrian pathways is critical for community safety. Families and students travel through this area during early morning and evening hours. With the recent addition of a Ross store and a new apartment building near the middle school, foot and vehicle traffic has increased. Improved lighting enhances visibility, reduces the risk of accidents, and helps deter unsafe activity, creating a greater sense of security for those walking to and from school, work, and recreational spaces. Third, proper maintenance of grass and park grounds plays an important role in injury prevention and overall wellbeing. Uneven or poorly maintained surfaces can lead to preventable injuries such as falls and sprains. Well-maintained green spaces provide safe areas for play, exercise, and relaxation, supporting both physical and mental health. Access to safe, clean, and welcoming parks is linked to increased physical activity, reduced stress, improved mental health, and stronger community connections. For students living in dense urban areas, nearby green spaces are essential outlets for movement, socialization, and emotional regulation. For adults and seniors, these spaces support daily exercise and quality of life. Investing in Garvanza Park is not just about park maintenance — it is an investment in public

health, injury prevention, and community safety. I respectfully urge the Los Angeles City Council to prioritize improvements to shade, lighting, and landscaping so this park can better serve the students of Luther Burbank Middle School and the entire Highland Park community. Thank you for your time and consideration!

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