

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good morning Councilmembers, As a school nurse, I strongly support the ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE report regarding the Mar Vista Gardens Child Care and Recreation Center and the approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Proposition K Grant Agreement. This youth center, serving children ages 6–18, is much more than a childcare facility—it is a health-promoting environment. The classrooms and tutoring spaces will strengthen academic outcomes, the technology center will expand digital equity, and the teen music rooms will nurture social-emotional well-being. Just as importantly, the recreation areas will promote daily physical activity, which we know is essential to preventing chronic health conditions, supporting mental health, and improving overall learning outcomes. From a school nursing perspective, access to safe, supportive spaces like this is a powerful extension of the work we do in schools to care for the whole child. It creates continuity between school and community by addressing students' academic, physical, and emotional needs in one place. By approving reimbursement for labor and materials, the Council is helping ensure that this vital project moves forward with integrity and fairness, while placing no additional burden on the General Fund. Proposition K funds were created to enhance opportunities for children and youth, and this project is a clear example of that mission. Importantly, it will move forward without any additional impact on the General Fund. I respectfully urge your approval so the Mar Vista Gardens Child Care and Recreation Center can provide the youth of our city with the health-promoting opportunities they deserve. Thank you for supporting the well-being of children and adolescents in Los Angeles.