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Summary: Dear Council members the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports Council member Joe Buscaino's motion that park rangers can have the full ability to utilize all law enforcement tools and equipment to ensure the safety and security of the public under all circumstances. The park rangers go through the same six months armed training as LAPD officers. Park rangers are the first law enforcement officers to respond to park incidents. Due to dangerous encounters, they should be allowed the ability to carry a firearm, along with body cameras. Park rangers can encounter armed individuals at any given time. Given the changes in California laws, felonies have been reduced to misdemeanors, formerly imprisoned individuals have been released without a safety net. There is a potential for higher criminal activity, as there are no protections for law-abiding members of the public because of laws like (The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act - Proposition 47 (2014), and the early prison release program (Assembly Bill I09 2011). The last five years there have been 267 rapes, 1844 assaults with deadly weapons, and 1050 robberies in parks. Given the forementioned and the rise in crime in neighborhood parks, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports Council File 20-0190.