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Summary: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 20-0190, allowing the arming of Los Angeles RAP Park Rangers.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 20-0190: Title, Armed While on Duty / Park Rangers / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Section 63.41 / Amendment. The Department of Recreation and Parks, Park Ranger Division, is a law enforcement agency with full police powers to detain, arrest, book criminal violators, and conduct investigations into criminal activity. RAP park rangers are considered full law enforcement officers under California Penal Code (CPC) Section 830.1 and have full police powers throughout the State of California. For the protection of the public and for the safety of all law enforcement officers in the City, it is necessary to amend LAMC Section 63.41, to allow park rangers to be armed while on duty, as authorized by CPC Section 830.31(b), which states: "A person designated by a local agency as a park ranger, who is regularly employed and paid in that capacity, and whose primary duty is the protection of parks, may be armed by their employing agency." Approximately 70% of a park ranger's duties involve law enforcement activities. Given the areas they patrol, the increase in criminal activity, and the dangers they face, they need the necessary tools to protect themselves and the public they serve. For that reason, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority officers are armed, and so should RAP rangers.

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