

Communication from Public

Name: Alix Kalaher

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 07:45 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose arming park rangers. Weapons only cost us lives, taxpayer money, and our peace of mind.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 07:48 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: It is absolutely ludicrous for the City Council to even consider arming rangers with firearms. It will only lead to an increased cost to the taxpayers, without addressing any of the underlying causes that leads the Council to think arming park rangers is necessary. It's a waste of valuable tax dollars that should instead be directed towards solutions that provide a valuable and tangible benefit to the citizens of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriel

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:04 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park rangers should not be armed. Our communities should be able to enjoy nature without fear of a rangers carrying deadly weapons. It is irresponsible of city leadership to propose such measures.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelsey DiLaura

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:05 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, arming park rangers seems like a very bad idea that will only lead to them killing people. The idea of them walking around with guns makes me feel way less safe in parks. And when they inevitably shoot people there will be lawsuits and they will be expensive and trigger happy rangers don't pay for that, WE DO.

Communication from Public

Name: Lizzy Shramko
Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:08 AM
Council File No: 20-0190
Comments for Public Posting: Park rangers should NOT be carrying guns. It is unnecessary, harmful, hostile, and contributes to the militarization of our cities.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:08 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Absolutely not. Why the fuck does a park ranger need a gun?

Communication from Public

Name: Kelsey Maki

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:08 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose arming park rangers with guns. It will add unnecessary danger to interactions with residents, and will likely result in more injury and death and less safety, not more. The continual militarization of local authorities (and the uncalled for use of these weapons) contributes to mistrust in the community and in no way serves to address the greater healthcare, housing, and safety needs of LA residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Anonymous

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:10 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I STRONGLY oppose arming park rangers. It is extremely disappointing to see the council, in the year 2021, think that more guns are the solution to any problem. Arming these rangers will only give them license to terrorize and murder innocent people in the name of “self defense.”

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:11 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: We need less guns on the street, not more. Police abuse the power their weapons provide, and are NOT trained correctly in deescalation, which means they are now the ones escalating situations. The last thing we need is for park rangers to have the same access to violence as LAPD, who have killed at least 30 people this year. No reason to bring that into our beautiful parks. Arming park rangers is not a substitute for providing long-term housing for those in need. We don't need more deranged gun-toting cops clearing out encampments. We need REAL solutions.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose arming park rangers. That is dangerous, unnecessary, and expensive.

Communication from Public

Name: Josh James

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:13 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: C'mon people. This is just another way for you to cancel the unhoused community. Why don't you come up with ways to HELP them. Be Austin Powers, not Doctor Evil...

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:14 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I'm strongly opposed to arming park rangers. This is a dangerous, reckless, and immoral proposal that if passed will result in the assault and murder of the poor, unhoused, and mentally ill on our streets. It does nothing to solve the fundamental problem, which is a lack of public, subsidized, and affordable housing, and a lack of mental and other health services.

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Name: Taylor
Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 05:08 AM
Council File No: 20-0190
Comments for Public Posting: No

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Benson Forer

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 05:47 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: * LACity Park Rangers are being used to displace and keep unhoused people from city parks. They already can call the police if they feel its needed. * Existing armed law enforcement agents are already well known for disproportionately shooting people of color and unhoused people. * We don't need armed LACity Park Rangers shooting them also. * State Park Rangers are often dealing with things like armed illegal pot grows in remote areas. It does not make sense to arm LACity Park Rangers, in urban areas. Bringing LACity Park Rangers in line with the State makes no sense. * The last thing we need are park rangers or more law enforcement with guns. * This motion should be a part of recent efforts to reimagine public safety.

Communication from Public

Name: Math

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:26 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park rangers should not be armed. This will only increase the likelihood of them harming someone. They do not need guns to do their job.

Communication from Public

Name: Asha

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:27 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park rangers have long had an adversarial relationship with the unhoused community. There have been instances in which park rangers needlessly escalate, leading to violence and brutality against unhoused community members. Arming park rangers will lead to potential violence and in the worst case scenario, death. Park rangers should be showing people interesting trees and telling them what turtles eat, not killing people who don't have homes.

Communication from Public

Name: Grace

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:06 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Why are we arming more city employees? Why? Who is asking for this? This notion is absurd! Give them harm reduction training. Show them how to do outreach, how to improve accessibility, how to make parks more clean and beautiful. The absolute last thing they need is a gun.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:09 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park rangers should not be carrying guns! It is unnecessary, hostile, and contributes to the militarization of our cities. No guns.

Communication from Public

Name: Lu

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:12 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I'm submitting comment because I believe arming park rangers will undoubtedly cause more suffering, harm, and outrage. It will not make anyone safer. What makes us feel safe in parks? Having other people around, having Lighting, open bathrooms, no fences, no guards. Park rangers have long had an adversarial relationship with the unhoused community. There have been instances in which park rangers needlessly escalate, leading to violence and brutality against unhoused community members. Arming park rangers will lead to potential violence and in the worst case scenario, death.

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Tattersfield

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion is ridiculous. Park Rangers do not need guns. I remember being chased out of a public park by an aggressive park ranger as a teenager, I can only imagine how much less safe it would be for these people to carry guns. Park rangers should not be allowed to shoot people, that's NOT why they exist.

Communication from Public

Name: Moira Mackesey-Green

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:14 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I strongly oppose the arming of park rangers. Park rangers carrying guns will not make the parks safer, it will only create a more hostile environment and put the public, especially the unhoused community, in greater danger. I implore you not to further militarize this city under the guise of public safety—guns are not a solution.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:23 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park rangers should not have guns. Guns will escalate interactions between park rangers and the public, and create a hostile and militarized environment at parks. As someone who frequents parks in Los Angeles, knowing park rangers are armed will make me feel less safe. There is no need to introduce opportunities for park rangers to carry out violence or death by arming them with guns.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Rubinstein

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:28 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of CD5, I strongly oppose giving rangers weapons. We do not need more guns in LA. Guns will escalate problems and lead to more harm in our communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Brent Armendinger

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:30 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I wholeheartedly oppose this motion to arm park rangers. It will only serve to further intimidate and terrorize unhoused people. We have seen time and time again how armed officials make "mistakes" that turn out deadly - no guns in our public parks!

Communication from Public

Name: Janet Sarbanes

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:30 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I'm shocked that my city council member would think this is a good idea. We do not need to militarize park rangers. Any and every injury or death of a houseless person at the hands of an armed park ranger will be blood on Gil Cedillo's hands. Think it through, there are many alternatives.

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Dickerson
Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:30 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: In the past, councilmember O'Farrell has spoken eloquently about the violence caused by our gun culture. He is correct that more guns don't make LA safer. This is why I am imploring him, and the rest of council, to oppose this motion, which will make our parks more dangerous. The threats cited as the reason for this motion are imaginary. Park Rangers do not face imminent threats to their safety that require firearms with any regularity. Moreover, this motion essentially militarizes a department that should be focused on maintaining parks as open spaces for all. Adding guns will make many of our neighbors (self included) feel less safe and less welcome in our parks, due to the added danger of loaded weapons. This motion would be supported by Donald Trump and the entire republican party. As a council of mostly democratic officials, I hope you will reject this right-wing nonsense.

Communication from Public

Name: M

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:38 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident and frequent park visitor I strongly oppose park rangers being armed. Literally nothing good can come from it, and will definitely raise costs to me as a tax payer.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha L

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:38 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would very much rather park rangers pick up trash or something actually beneficial to the park than waste money to arm them at which has potential for harm

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:46 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park rangers simply do not require guns. We do not need to continue increasing the likelihood of violent encounters by arming public servants who do not require weapons.

Communication from Public

Name: Adam Palermo

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:53 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: There is absolutely no reason why park rangers should be armed. The militarization of our police has only created an epidemic of police gangs and murderous police. We don't need this seeping into our parks as well. Defund and disarm the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:56 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles I am strongly against arming our park rangers. There is no reason for park rangers to have guns. Several better uses of taxpayer dollars include: having park rangers pick up litter, clean public facilities, or help the unhoused who may live there.

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Clune

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 10:09 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Arming Park Rangers is a terrible idea. The last thing we need are more guns in our parks and around Los Angeles. It is shameful that motions like this are pushed forward recklessly while unarmed traffic enforcement is mired in the development of "pilot programs." Los Angeles should be working to REDUCE the number of murders committed by city employees not doing whatever they can to increase them. People will die and despite whatever contorted justification for the shootings to come you CC members come up with, the simple fact is that the blood will be on your hands.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 10:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: What we absolutely do not need is more armed personnel under the guise of public safety. Guns do not belong in parks and personally would only make me feel more unsafe as a young woman. The money would be better spent helping people who have been left to live on the streets/in the parks. Almost 5% of LAUSD kids are homeless and you want to spend money on guns??

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:37 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I am asking that you do not arm park rangers. This will only lead to unnecessary violence and death, particularly towards the unhoused community. If there is ever a situation where park rangers need a gun, they can call the cops.

Communication from Public

Name: David Kagen

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:55 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles and live near EPL. We should NOT arm park rangers. This is outrageous. It is dangerous to public safety to have armed park rangers in our parks. I can't wait until all the council members who support arming park rangers are voted out of office.

Communication from Public

Name: Perry Radford

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:56 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Do not give park rangers access to lethal weapons like guns. This will lead to more death of our vulnerable populations. It will not increase safety for anyone. This is a dangerous idea that continues to criminalize and threaten unhoused people.

Communication from Public

Name: Mirabel Armstrong

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:57 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: This will NOT make the public feel safer. This action will only create more violence and cause unneeded strife with unhorsed and POC communities. Absolutely NOT!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Adam Faruqi

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:58 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I vehemently OPPOSE the arming of park rangers with deadly weapons. This does Not make anyone at the park feel safer, actively endangers the lives and wellbeing of the unhoused and POC, who already face enormous levels of discrimination from armed personnell (LAPD mostly), and it's a blatant waste of taxpayer dollars. Arm them with a garbage-grabbing pole if you must arm them with something.

Communication from Public

Name: Erin

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to remind you elected officials that you WORK FOR US, THE CITIZENS OF LA. And that includes all of us, even the unhoused citizens of LA that you continuously paint as a threat for no good reason. Arming park rangers is not going to solve anything and it only endangers the lives of those unhoused people who dare to use the city's public parks that you all keep trying to say aren't actually for the entire public. Invest your time and money into something that is actually productive, like social workers as first responders, social service programs, and affordable housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 10:19 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I am adamantly against arming our city's park rangers. It's a completely unnecessary threat to public safety, particularly targeting the unhoused community, putting all of us at risk of danger and death.

Communication from Public

Name: Erin M

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 10:29 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Do not arm park rangers! This will only lead to more violence and state sanctioned murders. The police are already armed and making our communities MORE dangerous, arming park rangers will exacerbate this horrendous pattern. Please vote against this horrible motion!

Communication from Public

Name: Brendan Coates

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 10:33 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a resident of CD13 and I would feel much less safe in a public park if the park rangers were armed. There are two parks near me with non-concrete paths which I am using to rehabilitate my back in preparation to return to camping/ hiking in the wilderness; if I knew I might have to deal with armed park rangers, I wouldn't go there so often. Which would impact both my recovery from an injury and also my mental health as someone who likes to be outdoors, with nature, away from deadly firearms. I feel like the rangers' access to the trigger-happy LAPD (who also patrol our parks), and omnipresent surveillance apparatus (35 cameras in EPL) are more than enough for what you're trying to accomplish. We get it, you hate poor people, you don't want to see them in the parks. Like I can't believe I have to type "please don't make guns part of another public servant's job description" but I guess you all would deputize a leaf blower if you thought it would disappear the poverty that your policies create. This motion is reckless and will lead to a bunch of senseless death, don't arm the park rangers.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniela Bustamante

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 10:42 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the motion to have park rangers carry firearms. We need to move away from any potentially lethal methods of intervention by any sort of law enforcement and I do not want my tax money to pay for the training and costs of weapons, or for lawsuits relating to injury. I recommend the council consider other alternatives to use of firearms in city parks.

Communication from Public

Name: Christian

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 10:43 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose giving LA park rangers guns. Giving these park rangers guns would cause me to feel unsafe and uncomfortable in a space I come to for fun. This decision would only cause harm and do nothing positive for the community. WHY would we need this?

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 10:53 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I am a Los Angeles resident, and I am highly against arming park rangers. I believe it may cause more dangerous situations and park rangers may abuse the power of having a gun

Communication from Public

Name: Sierra Marcelius

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 11:15 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I am a voting resident of Los Angeles and live in the West Lake area a couple blocks from MacArthur Park, in Councilmember Cedillo's district. I am writing to express my strong disagreement with this proposal and urge the committee to vote no on this agenda item. Arming park rangers with firearms will have deadly consequences for our community members, especially our most vulnerable community members like people with mental or developmental disabilities and people who are unhoused. I would personally not feel safer using my local parks if park rangers were armed, and would actually feel more unsafe. Further, it would undoubtedly be costly to arm and train the park rangers, and pay out the lawsuits that would undoubtedly ensue when a park ranger kills someone. Please, I urge you, do not pass this measure - keep firearms out of the hands of park rangers for the sake of our community.

Communication from Public

Name: Katie Aymar

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 11:28 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose arming park rangers as it is an expensive and ineffective means to deal with issues of public safety and one that puts taxpayers on the hook for wrongful death lawsuits. No one feels safer in the presence of more guns! It signals danger and heightens the risk of escalating conflicts to serious injury or death. There is broad public support for investing in social welfare and divesting from punitive/carceral solutions, arming rangers is an insultingly bad proposal.

Communication from Public

Name: Tim Berg

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 11:31 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park Rangers carrying guns will only cause more shootings. Park Rangers should be trained to recognize threats and de-escalate situations. Arming Park Rangers will only result in more violence and potential deaths. Do not arm Park Rangers!

Communication from Public

Name: T Guerra

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 11:37 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I do not agree with Park Rangers being armed. This is a terribly and deadly proposal that would result in harm to LA's Black, brown, and poor communities at the hands of Park Rangers. I am very concerned that this is even being proposed. Please vote no on this proposal.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 11:40 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I live within Councilmember Buscaino's district and am in complete opposition to the arming of park rangers. Free and open public space is a vital community resource. It is a safe haven for all ages and walks of life, and the thought of armed rangers patrolling it is terrifying. We need the potential for lethal force out of parks, just as we need it out of libraries and schools.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Adery

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 11:41 AM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: We absolutely do not need park rangers to carry guns in our park. This would be hostile and lead to unnecessary violence and injury we we see plainly from all initiatives to increase militarization of the city in places that should be natural havens for all.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 12:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposal to arm park rangers. More guns do not make anyone safer, and it's a waste of tax payer funds.

Communication from Public

Name: Ary

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 12:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly discouraging you from arming park rangers. This is a deeply disturbing proposal for which there is absolutely no need. You are turning Los Angeles' public parks into a frightening military zone rather than a place for public enjoyment. Stop terrorizing our unhoused neighbors and start taking action to protect our most vulnerable, keep people in their homes, and make Los Angeles a safe and welcoming place for all its residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph Ledbetter

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 12:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Armed rangers is a terrible idea. Guns will bring danger to our peaceful places of reflection and recreation.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 12:47 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of LA, I find this entire thing ridiculous. Arming park rangers, when a massive portion of city residents want to defund or outright abolish LAPD and LASD, is clearly not for our benefit. It's going to be used to justify the increased harassment and murder of unhoused Angelenos and an increase in the police state as a whole. Vile and shameful.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 12:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: The idea of putting MORE guns on our street is maddening. Especially in the hands of law enforcement, who have been shown to use their weapons inappropriately and mostly against unhoused, disabled, and BIPOC residents. NO to arming park rangers!

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew G

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 12:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park rangers do not need guns. Guns do not keep us safe. The money proposed to use on guns for rangers should be reappropriated to educate them on de-escalation techniques and how to handle crisis situations. Do not bring more guns into our communities, they do not keep us safe. Community keeps us safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Dintzis

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 12:31 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose park rangers being able to carry guns. This is not a good idea and will only cause more violent altercations, and death. This is not necessary for public safety in parks. No one will be safe if there are guns involved, the people in the park or the rangers. Please instead help people that are unhoused.

Communication from Public

Name: Arutyun Ambartsumyan

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 12:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Do NOT arm Park Rangers. This is extremely dangerous to POC, the unhoused and all of society. The vast majority are fighting to defend the police NOT give them more guns and power to needlessly kill unarmed people with no accountability or consequences.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 01:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I live in CD1 represented by Gil Cedillo. I strongly oppose arming park rangers. I frequently visit the parks in our area and would feel less safe if I knew that there were armed rangers roaming around. I just want to safely walk my dog and enjoy LA's native habitats that have been luckily preserved by the city and county. It would be much better use of taxpayer money to teach rangers deescalation skills than to hand them guns.

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Ryavec

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 01:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Speaking on behalf of Venice residents, I urge the city council and Mayor to empower the city's park rangers to carry weapons. The current environment in city parks is extremely dangerous and the rangers should be allowed to carry weapons to protect themselves and the public from those who would harm them. Mark Ryavec, President, Venice Stakeholders Association, 1615 Andalusia Avenue, Venice, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Aisha Conner-Gaten

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 02:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles and specifically on the borders of Echo Park and MacArthur Park, I do not support Park rangers carrying guns or any weapons of any kind. This proposal is dangerous to the public and will not solve any issues we have as a city.

Communication from Public

Name: Manda Robinson

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 02:39 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park rangers should NOT be armed with guns. This increases the risk for inappropriate violence and escalation.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 02:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Do NOT arm park rangers! This motion should not be approved. By arming park rangers, you'd be increasing police presence, especially in low-income communities of color, and putting people's lives at risk. You'd be putting unhoused residents lives at risk the most. There are many accounts of police officers and sheriffs abusing their power and accounts of park rangers already using violence towards unhoused residents. This motion is just another attempt to criminalize poor people and it's absolutely disgusting. Prioritize resources, not criminalization.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 03:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in strongly against the arming of park rangers. Parks are supposed to be safe public spaces, not dangerous zones where a park goer could end up dead. Guns don't make our community safer.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Rossington

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 03:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I was born in Los Angeles and have lived here all of my life. I am 100% opposed to arming park rangers. We have too many police at our parks already. People are treated rudely by park staff, and guns would just make things worse. We do not need more guns or more law enforcement in our daily public spaces. The city was almost bankrupted after the Rampart Scandal with law suits. Now we have almost 9,000 law enforcement officers, both Sheriffs and the LAPD, as well as many other mini-city police departments and it is just too much. Park Rangers do not need to be and should not be armed, we have already had too many shootings by law enforcement. Parks should have caring staff who are not armed and not afraid to engage with the public.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 04:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the motion from arming Park rangers as I believe it does more harm than good. Please reject this policy and invest in making public spaces more welcoming for the public instead of more authoritarian.

Communication from Public

Name: Theo DeMarco

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 04:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Do Not arm park rangers. Angelinos are united in calls to defund this city's violent and abusive police and sheriff's departments, and this body responds with a proposal to arm even more bloodthirsty bullies to brutalize and kill poor people. We don't need more traumatized families of our neighbors crying on the news while politicians do nothing but cover for the killers. We don't need multi-million-dollar payouts of taxpayer money to rangers' inevitable future victims, who statistics show will be disproportionately Black/brown/queer/disabled. Any money that would be allocated for guns and arms training for rangers should instead be used for systems of care, to secure real permanent housing and supportive services for unhoused and housing-insecure Angelinos. Stop dumping money into policing and oppressing the people, and start funneling those funds into housing, healthcare, and other material support. PS. google "LASD Gangs"

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 04:24 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I am a constituent living in CD3. My ZIP code is 91303. I am writing to oppose the arming of park rangers.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 04:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I'm horrified at the thought of arming park rangers. The police and sheriffs kill enough people every year. We don't need a new group unqualified and undertrained people carrying weapons. The murder of Mona Rodriguez should be a wake up call to all of us. Stop giving these people guns.

Communication from Public

Name: Charley Casler

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 04:50 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park rangers have long had an adversarial relationship with the unhoused community. There have been instances in which park rangers needlessly escalate, leading to violence and brutality against unhoused community members. Arming park rangers will lead to potential violence and in the worst case scenario, death.

Communication from Public

Name: Cecelia Luis

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 05:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Joe Losorelli and his staff are hostile to poor and vulnerable people who depend upon the public parks. Having them carry weapons would be a dangerous breach of public safety. Losorelli has been known to use excessive displays of force against unhoused constituents and he has targeted Black men in his policing of the park. Placing weapons in the hands of park rangers would not make our communities safer, it would lead to more racism and violent acts against the unhoused

Communication from Public

Name: Christine Faris

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 05:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose providing firearms to park rangers. This seems completely unnecessary and will only result in more violence with the most marginalized and vulnerable among us, our houseless communities, being the likely targets of this violence. I hope the council is considering more long-term sustainable solutions for addressing issues that park rangers would face that would make them think they need to carry guns in the first place.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 05:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Rangers should be armed. They put themselves in harms way when dealing with unhoused that are drug addicted or have mental illness & living in our parks.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 06:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Arming Rangers is inappropriate and dangerous. We need fewer weapons for safe streets, not more. Consider the safety and well-being of your constituents and stop this ineffective and dangerous motion in its tracks.

Communication from Public

Name: Heather

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 07:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I mean if you like when the lapd kills someone and then the city pays out a huge settlement, I can see why arming park rangers would be an appealing idea.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 07:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the motion for park rangers to carry guns in public parks. This can create distrust and harm to the existing communities. There is no public relationship with communities and further escalates the harm caused by public workers and can lead to wrongful deaths.

Communication from Public

Name: Naomi

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 07:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the motion to arm park rangers. The regular cops can barely do their job right without killing anyone, I do not understand the need to arm park rangers who have no business carrying firearms.

Communication from Public

Name: Jen

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 07:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park rangers should not carry guns. We should be working to disarm city officials—not arm them.

Communication from Public

Name: Min

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park Rangers should NOT be armed. The continued unnecessary militarization of public spaces follows a dangerous president that our community is already too familiar with.

Communication from Public

Name: Amruta

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: There is NO reasonable justification to arm Rangers. I do NOT agree, nor does my family, nor my neighbors, or neighborhood. Arming rangers will only make everyone unsafe.

Communication from Public

Name: K Russell

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose providing firearms to rangers. As a resident of Los Angeles, I would feel significantly less safe knowing rangers were carrying guns. Guns are an unnecessary form of escalation that further widen the gap between residents and safety officers in ways that always bring more danger and stigma on marginalized people and the unhoused.

Communication from Public

Name: Amruta

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: There is NO reasonable justification to arm Rangers. I do NOT agree, nor does my family, nor my neighbors, or neighborhood. Arming rangers will only make everyone unsafe.

Communication from Public

Name: asif

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Given the LAPD's enormous presence in our neighborhoods already, particularly those neighborhoods that house historically marginalized people, I find it absolutely unnecessary to arm Park Rangers. In a nation tragically impacted by deadly gun violence at the hands of law enforcement unlike any other nation in the world, arming the Rangers would be a dangerous and inevitably harmful decision that would only serve to make the parks feel unsafe. I urge the council to vote against this motion, for the wellbeing and peace of mind of your constituents. It is disappointing to see this beautiful city make every attempt possible to govern its residents by using fear.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Eden

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: We absolutely do not need park rangers to be armed. This is an ignorant and wholly unnecessary motion that will perpetuate violence not prevent it. There is no evidence to support the idea that more people with weapons creates more safety. Also, they're park rangers, what the hell is wrong with y'all?

Communication from Public

Name: Astrid

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park rangers should not be armed. If anything the money that would help militarize the park rangers should help aid them to provide services to our unhoused neighbors finding refuge in the parks. Arming park rangers is dangerous and wrong. Children and adults alike should not be subjected to be surrounded by armed rangers. This is absolutely unnecessary.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: We need FEWER city employees with guns in Los Angeles, not more. Arming park rangers will lead to more deaths of innocent people.

Communication from Public

Name: David Hunter

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park rangers should not carry guns. That is the exact opposite of what the people of Los Angeles are asking of you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park rangers should not be armed. What evidence is their to show that this will Be helpful to anyone. The money should be used to help instead of scare or incite violence in a public park. Please stop and help our unhoused neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:19 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Do NOT arm Rangers! This will only lead to more deaths.

Communication from Public

Name: Megan

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:21 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Arming park rangers is unnecessary and will lead to greater violence against - and quite possibly the death of - Angelenos experiencing homelessness, as well as other park-goers.

Communication from Public

Name: Derrick

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: More armed officers in any capacity will only result in the deaths of civilians. They should not be armed.

Communication from Public

Name: Tieira Ryder

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 07:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park Rangers should NOT be armed! Law enforcement agencies in LA County are taking the majority of public spending. Over 8 BILLION dollars is spent on law enforcement in LA County yet we aren't any safer bc of it! We are living in a violent police state that is criminalizing state-created poverty! Poverty has increased in Los Angeles City by over 50% since Joe Buscanio has been on city council. We need elected officials that care about the well-being of all residents but especially our unhoused veterans, our unhoused students, our unhoused senior citizens, our unhoused essential workers, our unhoused residents living with disabilities, and so many other housing insecure residents!
<https://htwws.org/santamonicaairport/>

Communication from Public

Name: Oscar Vazquez

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 07:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Arming Park rangers is a step in the wrong direction. This only creates a much more tense and hostile atmosphere in what should otherwise be a calm and safe space for ALL members of our community - house or unhoused. More guns are NOT the solution. This is not a radical nor complex thought.

Communication from Public

Name: Akio Katano

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 07:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE the pointless and dangerous arming of park rangers. This is useless fearmongering that will lead to violence and which will interfere with the park rangers' ability to usefully interact with the community. Buscaino is, as usual, trying to seed distrust for political points.

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas Booth

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 07:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: This motion is the epitome of over-policing. Bringing more firearms into our public recreational spaces make no sense. And what are the additional costs, both known and unknown? What are the costs for buying the firearms and the ongoing additional firearm training, adding potential lawsuits for related to firearms and law enforcement? And, at the end of the day, the public safety is actually decreased esp. for people of color who are more to be victim of law enforcement shootings. As a tax payer, I say save our tax dollars and keep our parks free from firearms.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal is so reckless and dangerous as to be sociopathic.
Park rangers do not need to be armed.

Communication from Public

Name: Griffin Rowell

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Arming park rangers would be an unnecessary use of taxpayer dollars, threatens lives of citizens that otherwise would not be in danger, would create a sense of unease among most who come into contact with said rangers, and is generally a poor use of energy and resources better spent on things that actually keep us safe, like investing in social services. We are better and smarter than this idea, and must forcefully reject it.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Strugar

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: The only thing that could make LA's sad public park system worse is rangers with guns. Please don't pass this.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Goldberg
Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:33 PM
Council File No: 20-0190
Comments for Public Posting: Absolutely not

Communication from Public

Name: Sophia

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Los Angeles and I strongly oppose park rangers being armed. It is extremely unnecessary and will lead to a hostile, distrustful environment. Additionally, my tax dollars will undoubtedly be spent on wrongful death lawsuits if rangers are armed.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremy Rosen

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I am very concerned about the motion to arm park rangers. I visit a lot of parks in the LA area and one of my favorite things to do is watch the dogs play and pet the friendly ones. Law enforcement in the US has such a habit of shooting and killing dogs that our own Department of Justice called it an "Epidemic" (source: <https://qz.com/870601/police-killing-dogs-is-an-epidemic-according-to-the-justice-department/amp/>). By arming the park rangers you are adding a new danger to every person and especially every dog that uses one of our parks. This motion is completely senseless and terribly dangerous. This isn't just an idle worry, recently LAPD officers were caught on their own body cameras calling a residents dog to come forward and then shooting it (source: <https://twitter.com/chadloder/status/1457234547402178561>). Why are we thinking of allowing more law enforcement with guns to interact with our citizens and pets?

Communication from Public

Name: Lara

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: As a citizen, I am vehemently opposed to and terrified by the thought of park rangers being armed. This will not make our city safer — in fact quite the opposite, and may leave our most vulnerable citizens in even more danger. Please do not allow this to happen.

Communication from Public

Name: Nina Mohan

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the motion to arm park rangers. We do not need more LA county employees with guns. We have had far too many deaths and injuries stemming from the LAPD, we don't need to add to those statistics by also arming park rangers. More guns will not solve any issues the park rangers are required to deal with. Guns are not self-defense devices - they are murder weapons. The LA park rangers sometimes have to interact with our unhoused neighbors. They have a history of needlessly escalating those interactions into violent situations. Adding guns to those scenarios would undoubtedly lead to more murders of innocent unhoused people, and we cannot have that.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacob Woocher

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT ARM PARK RANGERS. What is wrong with you people. This will just result in more violence against the most vulnerable people in our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 08:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I believe arming park rangers will do more harm than good

Communication from Public

Name: Lane McFaddin
Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:01 PM
Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose this motion. In the wake of last year's uprisings against police brutality and with a national reckoning on the use of deadly force by police, it is far past time for us to rethink armed law enforcement. There is no reason to add more armed officers into a city where the police department is already the most murderous in the country. We should be focusing on de-escalation training and alternative response programs, not adding more opportunities for police murders. This motion is a shallow attempt at politicking from a Councilmember running for mayor. It will not make us any safer and will cost this city more money on top of the exorbitant amount we already spend on policing. Vote no. Plain and simple.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Byrne

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I am an echo park resident and frequently make use of echo park. I've seen the park Rangers there frequently since the park reopened. I have yet to see nor can I imagine a situation where a park ranger being armed could possibly increase public safety. Also the conduct of many of the park Rangers that I have seen lead me to believe that many do not have the temperament to handle having a firearm in public facing situations. I would feel far safer in the park with unarmed rangers.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Kim

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Koreatown and strongly oppose this proposal. Arming park rangers will endanger community members and vulnerable groups. Funds should be allocated to other social services over arming park rangers.

Communication from Public

Name: Phillip Kim

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: The origins of today's park rangers is directly linked to the genocide of indigenous peoples. The stolen lands of indigenous peoples, their home for many millennia, that were colonized and deemed "parks" were done solely for white supremacists' profit, plunder, or recreational use. There is a long history of murder and criminalization to keep it that way. Arming park rangers is not only a highly ignorant take on public safety but deeply rooted in racism and classism. This motion is disgusting. Parks are not a private resource for the sole use of a protected class. This isn't medieval England. Do not continue down this tragic and shameful path. Instead of furthering a fascist police state why not fund park science and education to create healthier more resilient parks that all people can cherish and enjoy? Vote no.

Communication from Public

Name: Sabrina Johnson
Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:31 PM
Council File No: 20-0190
Comments for Public Posting: To the Councilmembers of the Los Angeles City Council: I am a constituent of CD 10 and a California DOJ/Bureau of Firearms certified safety instructor. I oppose the motion to allow Park Rangers to carry firearms while on duty. Affording untrained individuals the discretion to use lethal force is at best irresponsible, and in my view, plainly reckless. Please reconsider. Feel free to contact me with questions. Sabrina Johnson

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT ARM PARK RANGERS. Guns are not going to solve homelessness and poverty. Guns are not going to solve littering. Use that money to fund resources that actually help people

Communication from Public

Name: Los Feliz Resident

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Hi Council, Thank you for your service and I fully support this motion! With the severe increase in violent crimes, gangs, drugs, assaults, stabbings, robberies and illegal activity in Griffith Park, which I live right below in Los Feliz, I fully support this measure, in order to provide park rangers with appropriate protection, relative to the dangerous environment that has been allowed to permeate within our community. With the high level of violent criminals roaming our streets in Los Feliz/Griffith, I'm asking you to help restore public safety and please pass this motion. Sadly, the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council does not listen to the community and the statement they submitted, only reflects the 80% of board members, who are DSA-LA, a very far left radical group. Since LFNC does not do any public outreach, the community is constantly unaware of these motions being passed and they DO NOT represent my neighbors and I or the 40,000 people they claim to represent. Thank you and I fully support the park rangers need to be armed in these highly unusual and dangerous times. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Ruemenapp

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 09:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Arming Los Angeles city park rangers is dangerous and will lead to deaths. There is no need for park rangers to have the power to end human lives, especially given the documented racial bias and high number of officer-involved shootings in LA County. Please allow people of all races and statuses to enjoy LA's parks.

Communication from Public

Name: Casey Martin

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 10:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a strong no on arming park rangers. The solution to every problem isn't giving people a gun. Parks are not about weaponry. Plus what problem are we even trying to solve by handing out more guns. I know this is America and we think a gun is the solution to every problem, but we're wrong. We're just plain wrong. A gun is violence. Handing out guns is handing out violence. Please don't do it. Thank you for your time, Casey

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 10:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Unfortunately this motion does not go far enough. The fact is, the police and sheriff are either unwilling or unable to shoot enough people so that bad things stop happening. They really need help. In order to shoot more people to prevent bad things from happening we need to also arm our librarians and custodians, our animal control officers and bus drivers and accountants. I want my build permit to be issued by a clerk who's carrying! No one is safe until everyone is paid to shoot!

Communication from Public

Name: Madison

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 10:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I am a Los Angeles resident and I strongly oppose arming park rangers. It is unnecessary and dangerous. Park rangers with guns will do nothing to improve public safety. It will, in fact, make it more unsafe and uncomfortable for Angelenos to enjoy public spaces. Do not arm park rangers with deadly weapons.

Communication from Public

Name: Patrick Sharma

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 10:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: This is an ill-conceived measure that will harm rather than improve public safety. I am a Los Angeles homeowner with young children. Arming park rangers will discourage our family from using the city's parks. Please show some sense.

Communication from Public

Name: Tyler Samples

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 10:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Arming park rangers is needlessly creating additional cases of excessive and accidental gun violence that the city will have to pay for in settlements. There is no evidence that being armed would provide them or citizens any additional protection. It's an embarrassingly ignorant solution, and you all know better. Train park rangers in de-escalation techniques instead.

Communication from Public

Name: Chrysan S.

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 11:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Los Angeles and I strongly oppose park rangers being armed. This would not assure residents of Los Angeles that they are safe. Rather it would heighten fear and mistrust in many communities because of the violence it will inevitably cause. This is an extreme danger especially to our unhoused neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2021 11:32 PM

Council File No: 20-0190

Comments for Public Posting: Park rangers should absolutely not, under any circumstance, be armed. They should not be carrying guns. This is a dangerous, violent, harmful, and extremely unnecessary. Guns do not keep communities safer.