

The Sepulveda Basin, located in the heart of the San Fernando Valley, is an all-too-rare region of open space remaining in our urban concretized city. The 2,000-acre Recreation Area is a flood control basin managed by the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks, and includes two parks, an 80-acre sports field, an archery range, three 18-hole golf courses, Balboa Lake with boat rentals and fishing, the Balboa Park and Sports Center, playgrounds, a velodrome, bike paths, hiking trails, tennis courts, a Japanese garden, an off-leash dog park, a premiere wildlife preserve, and the only currently unpaved stretch of the Los Angeles River.

It has been reported that there have been discussions with the Los Angeles Rams and the LA28 Olympic Committee for possible use of the Sepulveda Basin. As with other major protected open spaces, like Griffith Park, the Sepulveda Basin is a citywide multi-use facility whose future should be very carefully considered.

With public distrust of the City Government at a high point, it is essential to daylight backroom deals that may adversely affect any public property, particularly affecting wildlife preserves or other similarly designated areas, and to provide a venue for a public hearing with public comment and full disclosure of any such plans far in advance of making any corporate deals.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct/request the Department of Recreation and Parks, the City Attorney, and all other relevant departments, bureaus or agencies with pertinent information, to report back in 30 days on any and all pending deals with the Los Angeles Rams or any other corporate or other entities for the future use of any portion of the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area and any possible negative environmental impacts associated with those plans.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Olympic Committee be requested to report back in 30 days to the Ad Hoc Olympics Committee on the specific plans LA28 has in the Sepulveda Basin and the necessary CEQA clearances involved, to ensure that LA28 continues to meet its "no build" mantra.

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