

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: RE: RAP Charter Allocation Proposal See attached - Public Comment

Dear City Councilmembers,

I am writing as a concerned Angeleno to urge you to reconsider and advance the proposal to double the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP)'s Charter allocation from 0.033% to 0.065% of assessed property value.

LA has dropped from 49th to **90th** in the **Trust for Public Land's national [ParkScore ranking](#)**. RAP's Charter allocation has been frozen since 1937, yet today 40% of its budget (\$145M) is diverted to cover indirect costs never included in the original formula. Between FY 2009–2023, RAP's budget grew at half the rate of the rest of the City.

The ***Parks Needs Assessment*** — developed with input from over 100,000 Angelenos — makes clear that our parks are underfunded and underserved. Doubling the Charter allocation is a necessary step to restore decades of cuts and ensure safe, clean, accessible parks for all Angelenos.

Please include this proposal in your final recommendations.

For Reference:

[Los Angeles ranks the lowest among Southern California 2025 ParkScore list | Los Angeles County](#)

Thank you,

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