

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jons S

**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2026 09:51 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0489

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in support of the following reforms to the Charter, to ensure that the Controller can fulfill their role as the City's independent watchdog: Give the Controller an independent budget of no less than 0.42% of the City's General Fund Clarify the Controller's audit authority includes performance audits of ALL City programs that are sourced from or use City tax dollars (including those under elected offices) Allow the Controller to hire outside counsel when necessary Enshrine the Controller's Fraud, Waste, and Abuse function (recommended by the Charter Reform Commission) Require minimum qualifications for the Controller Designate the Controller as the City's Chief Financial Officer By increasing the authority of the City Controller, it becomes much more powerful. When you look at other cities like New York City, they have much more power and a much higher budget. I don't expect this office to tackle every fraud and abuse case with only nine people - the charter must enshrine this unit within the Controller's office. The budget, with the amount of responsibilities that the Controller is assigned to, is such a small amount. By increasing the Controller's budget, it allows the Controller to do a much more effective job, more audits, more responsibility and accountability to the City of Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chatsworth Neighborhood Council

**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2026 09:09 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0489

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Chatsworth Neighborhood Council supports the charter reform measures concerning the budget allocated for Recreation and Parks. We stand aligned with other Neighborhood Councils in agreeing with the increase from .0325% to .065% for Charter Section 593. We encourage you to add this amendment to the November ballot. The current state of our parks in Chatsworth is dismal. The Chatsworth Neighborhood Council dedicates one weekend per month to clean Chatsworth Park North, the Santa Susana Mountains trails, and Stoney Point Park graffiti and trash. There are no personnel who are available for graffiti removal on the highest peaks of Chatsworth. There are no personnel available to perform the simple task of locking the gate to Chatsworth Park North, that would ensure the safety of the surrounding community. And our one equestrian facility, Stoney Point Ranch, is in poor condition; it is so bad that not one bidder has come forward for the current RFP for the property. Please allow the people to decide and add this reform to the November ballot.

## Community Impact Statement — CF 26-0489

**Council File:** #26-0489 **Position:** FOR **Neighborhood Council:** Chatsworth

**Date of Committee Vote:** 5-13-2026 **Vote Count:** Yea( ) Nay([ ) Abstain([ )

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The Chatsworth Neighborhood Council's Outreach Committee supports the Charter Reform Commission's recommendation to amend Charter Section 593 to double the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) charter allocation from 0.0325% to 0.065% of assessed property value, and urges the City Council to place this amendment on the November 2026 ballot.

The Parks Needs Assessment identified \$14.76 billion in one-time costs to reach peer-city service levels and over \$2 billion in deferred maintenance. More than 1.5 million Angelenos — one in three residents — lack a park within a 10-minute walk of home.

The LA Parks Needs Assessment documents the root cause: chronic underfunding. RAP's charter allocation has been frozen since 1937, yet today 40% of RAP's budget (\$145M) is diverted to the General Fund for indirect costs the City historically covered. The result is LA invests just \$92 per capita on parks versus peer cities' \$283 average. RAP has lost 28% of its full-time staff since 2008.

In our neighborhood, we see the impacts of this lack of funding firsthand. Stoney Point Park is covered in graffiti and is not maintained; we recently used six five-gallon buckets of paint to cover the graffiti and picked up 40 bags of trash along the wash, the road, and the park. There is no ranger to keep the park safe. The same is true at Chatsworth Park North. We have tried for a YEAR to consistently have the gate locked at 10pm to block those who are destroying public property, doing drugs, drinking alcohol under-age, and are involved in prostitution within the park.

Parks suffer from deferred maintenance, reduced programming hours, and insufficient staffing that affects safety and cleanliness. We also see firsthand the role parks and recreation centers play as critical infrastructure. So many famous rock-climbers got their start at Stoney Point, and we treat it as a low priority. The local Indian tribes have 10,000 years of history in the Stoney Point and Chatsworth Park areas, and it is so special to stumble upon a petroglyph or a mortar while on a hike.

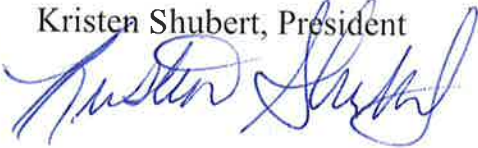
After our Rocktober clean-up event at Stoney Point Park, families and concerned individuals were able to enjoy the CLEAN park for a hike or gather together for a climb to the top for a few months until the trash and graffiti returned. Our April Day of the Horse event highlighted how much work there is to do at Stoney Point Ranch, and it is the only place remaining in the valley for the low-cost boarding of large animals. Currently, it is in great disrepair and cannot attract a worthy bid.

We urge the City Council to place this amendment on the November 2026 ballot and let voters decide.

Chatsworth Neighborhood Council,

Outreach Committee,

Kristen Shubert, President



Jett Dunlap, Chairperson



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jonathan Sanchez

**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2026 10:34 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Recreation and Parks is a city department that is a vital part of the city. With Play LA we have seen our numbers grow due to programming being 10 dollars. Without this money our programming will go back to normal prices which is going to hurt our programming. Safe parks and a safe place for families to go is much needed in the city of Angels. Please send this measure to the ballots in November.