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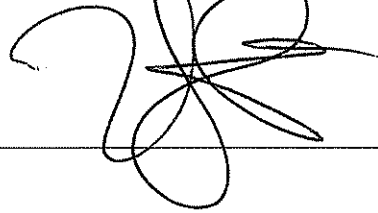
The City of Los Angeles Park Rangers and Park Patrol Officers provide emergency services in the open space parks in the City of Los Angeles. The Ranger Division employs Peace Officer Park Rangers, Civilian Park Rangers and Park Patrol Officers. The Ranger Division provides interpretive programs, emergency medical aid, wild land firefighting, law enforcement and many other services as called upon. Overall, Park Rangers create a safe environment and a safe work place for all recreation and parks employees, patrons, and visiting dignitaries in a manner guided by a commitment to responsiveness, quality results, employee safety, and professionalism.

Park Rangers are currently headquartered in Griffith Park, and they patrol Griffith Park, Hansen Dam, Sepulveda Basin, O'Melveny Park, Venice Beach, Point Fermin, Harbor Regional Park, Cabrillo Beach, Elysian Park, Debs Park, Verdugo Mountain Park and other facilities as needed. Park Patrol Officers assist Rangers with many of their duties.

The last fiscal year has severely challenged the Park Ranger program and it is imperative that the City of Los Angeles protects this program from the budgetary constraints.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be requested to study and to report to the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River committee on the current challenges facing the Los Angeles Park Ranger program.

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