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## APHAR Cmte Meeting 2/10/14, agenda item number 7, Council File 12-0899-S1 YES TO OPTIMUM INVESTMENT FOR OUR RANGERS

1 message

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David Pierce <davidpierce49@hotmail.com>

Mon, Feb 10, 2014 at 2:56 PM

To: "Maria.Espinoza@lacity.org" <maria.espinoza@lacity.org>

Council People:

The wealthy have Beverly Hills. The teens and young adults have Santa Monica and the beaches. But for almost all working class -- middle class -- families in Los Angeles, it is our wonderful parks that are the go-to destination -- allowing parents to get themselves and children out of the house and claustrophobic apartments for family celebrations, games, picnics, hikes and walks . The Rangers not only make these areas safe for families, they also keep vigilance on the legacy of our parks by dealing with the animals, flora, and the dangers of fire. If we are are going to have parks, let's protect them . To *not* do so is like having a beautiful house and not keeping it protected.

As a city, we invest millions of tax dollars in theaters for people who can pay \$100 a ticket to see events there. It seems only fair to provide something affordable and safe for beleaguered working parents in this city -- those who clean our streets, work our restaurants, put in our cable, work at McDonald's etc. As a city we can at least give hardworking parents a place to take their families for some respite...for moms to take their children to learn about wildlife and trains, and to feel safe doing so. If we care about family values, about our environment, about keeping our city beautiful -- which means keeping parks and outdoor areas protected and safe....we must approve the OPTIMUM INVESTMENT OPTION for our Rangers.

As peace officers, fire fighters, wildlife managers, naturalists and environmental managers, our Park Rangers are a bargain. Give our families a break. Give them safe parks. Give us all pride in our city. The results in payback for our city is huge.

David Pierce

2146 north beachwood drive, Los angeles, CA 90068

I strongly support this. thank you, David



Maria Espinoza <maria.espinoza@lacity.org>

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## Re: Park Ranger

2 messages

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Wesly Hernandez <wesly.hernandez@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 10, 2014 at 12:31 PM

To: Josie Zarate <josieza@gmail.com>

Cc: Ruben Zaragoza <ruben.zaragoza@lacity.org>, Asatur Hovhannisyan <asatur.hovhannisyan@lacity.org>, Maria Espinoza <maria.espinoza@lacity.org>

Josie,

Good afternoon, hope all is well. Please submit this comment to Maria Espinoza, legislative assistant for this committee. She can add this letter to the public comment. I have cc'd her on this email so that she is aware that you will send her the comments. Please write the council file on the subject line of the email as well.

Thank you

Thank you

On Mon, Feb 10, 2014 at 12:22 PM, Josie Zarate <josieza@gmail.com> wrote:

Wesly,

I am not going to be able to attend the hearing, can you file this letter in my behalf? Love Josie

**Josephine Zarate**

11367 Goleta St. Lake View Terrace, Calif. 91342

Telephone: 818-448-2791 josieza@gmail.com

Via e-mail to Wesly Hernandez

**Re: Council File 12-0899-S1 - Los Angeles Park Rangers**

I Josephine Zarate requests the City of Los Angeles to choose the Optimum Investment Option for the Los Angeles City Park Rangers.

As the home of Hansen Dam Park and the Hansen Dam Park Ranger Station, we know the importance of the LA Park Ranger program. We benefit from the various necessary services and functions the Park Rangers perform. They patrol Hansen Dam as peace officers, fire fighters, wildlife managers, naturalists, and environmental managers.

We need a fully staffed and maintained Ranger Station and the best way to ensure this is to optimally fund the Los Angeles Park Rangers.

Currently, the Hansen Dam Park Ranger Station is not fully staffed nor maintained due to a lack of sufficient funding. By choosing the Optimum Investment Option for the Los Angeles City Park Rangers the Hansen Dam Park Ranger station can operate as intended.

Hansen Dam Park is a regional recreation area with visitors from all over the world. Let's help it be the best it can be by fully funding those entrusted to care for it. Please choose the Optimum Investment Option for the Los Angeles City Park Rangers.

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Wesly Hernandez  
Area Director  
Office of Councilmember Felipe Fuentes  
7747 Foothill Boulevard, Tujunga, CA 91042  
Office: (818) 352-3287 Fax: (818)353-6417

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**Josie Zarate** <josieza@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 11, 2014 at 10:41 PM

To: Wesly Hernandez <wesly.hernandez@lacity.org>

Cc: Ruben Zaragoza <ruben.zaragoza@lacity.org>, Asatur Hovhannisyan <asatur.hovhannisyan@lacity.org>, Maria Espinoza <maria.espinoza@lacity.org>

Hi Wesly,

I will, thanks

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Maria Espinoza <maria.espinoza@lacity.org>

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## Letter re Rangers to APHAR Committee 2-10-14

1 message

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Fran Reichenbach <beachwoodcanyon@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Feb 10, 2014 at 12:16 PM

Reply-To: Fran Reichenbach <beachwoodcanyon@sbcglobal.net>

To: "maria.espinoza@lacity.org" <maria.espinoza@lacity.org>, Daniel Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>

Cc: Tracy James <tracy.james@lacity.org>

Please see attached

I am pasting in the text of the letter here. George will bring hard copies to the meeting today:

February 10, 2014

TO: City Council's Arts Parks Health Aging and River Committee (APHAR)

RE: File #12-0899-S1 Park Rangers for Western Griffith Park

ATT: Maria Espinosa

Dear Committee Members,

The Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association has long advocated for the return of enough Park Rangers to cause Griffith Park to be safe and a great place for people to hike, visit, tour, and enjoy.

We are asking that you consider the optimum investment option when deciding to fund Rangers for our area.

Beachwood Canyon and Lake Hollywood are surrounded by Griffith Park open space and people come from all over the world to enjoy this wonderful parkland. With such a large and ever growing number of people flooding this area drawn by both the parkland and the Hollywood Sign, the only way to make the situation safe for all is to provide a great number of Park Rangers to all areas around Beachwood Canyon and Lake Hollywood.

Please restore funds to the budget for this critical need and restore the Rangers to the area. We ask this in an effort to contain and manage a situation that has now become overwhelming for any of our local law enforcement, traffic control and emergency response units to manage.

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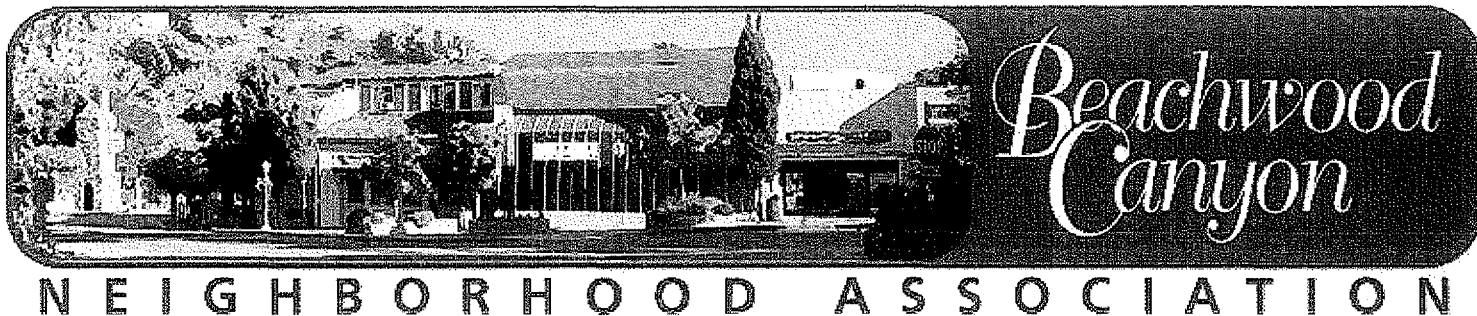
Respectfully,

Fran Reichenbach, director and founder of Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association

cc via email: Daniel Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>; Tracy James  
<tracy.james@lacity.org>



**Rangers File 12-0899-S1.pdf**  
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Respectfully,

Fran Reichenbach, director and founder of Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association

cc via email: Daniel Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>; Tracy James <tracy.james@lacity.org>



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## "Optimum Investment" Park Ranger Option

1 message

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Sue Wilschke <swilschke@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 10, 2014 at 10:15 AM

To: Maria.Espinoza@lacity.org

I'm writing this in support of the "Optimum Investment" Park Ranger option in reference to two different files: 1.

**APHAR Committee meeting 2/10/14 - Agenda Item 7, and**

**2. Council File 12-0899-S1**

I live right next the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area. I walk to Beilenson Park / Lake Balboa four times a week, and have done so for years. I am also now visiting the Sepulveda Basin Off Leash Dog Park. A commonality between these parks is the lack of supervision and security, an authoritative presence, protection of public property and park facilities, and a go-to for questions and information.

We have beautiful parks that need to be respected and properly serviced. There is no on-site patrolling. The park rules that are meant to protect the people and pets that visit and use the park, and the wildlife and the parkland itself, are routinely ignored.

The job description of Park Rangers, and the tasks they perform are exactly what are needed in our Parks. No one other profession can do so much for our parks for such a relatively low cost, as compared to multiple employees to perform all the tasks that Park Rangers do, including:

- Law Enforcement
- Public Assistance
- Naturalist and Interpretive
- Fire and Rescue
- Communications
- Special Tasks and Teams
- Mounted Unit
- City Emergencies
- Homeless Encampments
- Part-Time Security Officers
- Observatory

All this and Public Outreach too! The "Optimum Investment" Park Ranger option seems to be the obvious, "no brainer" solution to what is and has been, an on-going problem. I beg you to please act in favor of the "Optimum

Investment" Park Ranger option!

Thank you for your support!

Sue Wilschke

Encino Village Resident





Maria Espinoza <maria.espinoza@lacity.org>

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## Optimum Ranger Funding

1 message

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**Jackie Hunsicker** <thejax@me.com>

Mon, Feb 10, 2014 at 8:18 AM

To: Maria.Espinoza@lacity.org

Dear Debra George:

I would like you to know that I support Optimum Ranger Funding. Our parks need to be protected, for us, for wildlife and for future generations.

Woodley Park needs our help. Please help us keep our parks free of illegal fishing.

Jackie Hunsicker



Maria Espinoza <maria.espinoza@lacity.org>

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## Park ranger needs

1 message

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**buffalo262** <buffalo262@verizon.net>

Mon, Feb 10, 2014 at 8:09 AM

To: Maria.Espinoza@lacity.org

I am the FTDNC NC rep for San Fernando Valley.

Optimum plan for Park Rangers-8 needed to cover Hansen Dam area is an absolute requirement.

I am part of LAPD Community Calvary mounted unit, performing at command post and on horseback.

I know of no finer Park Ranger whose dedicated beyond the point of perfection, and no recreation area with larger numbers or higher crime rates with excessive negative criminal activities and public safety issues which spill over into many of its surrounding neighborhoods than Hansen Dam.

Park Ranger Torres deserves a staff of 8 and Hansen Dam should be given number one preference in the City of Los Angeles.

Our Mayor needs to spend an event day with LAPD on horseback or on the ATV. He is obviously unaware.

I also served with Foothill Mounted patrol and Arcadia Police mounted units for years. Take what I say seriously. This won't be the last you hear about this from FTDNC or me.

We need those 8 desperately.

I would be at City Hall, but I am working a security assignment at our Academy Awards event until 2nd week of March.

Ms. Donna Lauber  
FTDNC  
Community Interest Representative

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone



Maria Espinoza <maria.espinoza@lacity.org>

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## Park Rangers CF #12-0899-S1

1 message

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**Marian Dodge** <president@hillsidefederation.org>

Mon, Feb 10, 2014 at 8:08 AM

To: Maria.Espinoza@lacity.org

Cc: Mitch O'Farrell <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, Tom LaBonge <tom.labonge@lacity.org>, "Curren Price, Jr." <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, Joe Buscaino <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>

Dear Maria,

Please distribute to the Arts, Parks Committee today.

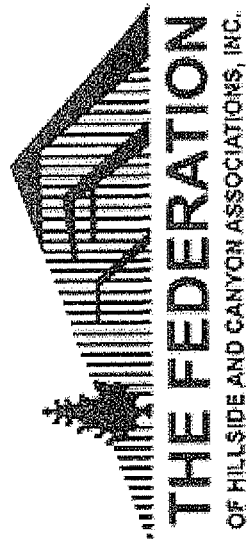
Marian Dodge, President  
Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations  
[www.hillsidefederation.org](http://www.hillsidefederation.org)

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### 2 attachments

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 **Park Ranger Support 20914.pdf**  
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Arts Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee  
Attn. Maria Espinoza, Legislative Assistant  
City Hall, Room 350  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

February 9, 2014

Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood  
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners  
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners  
Bel Air Ridge Association  
Benedict Canyon Association  
Brentwood Hills Homeowners  
Brentwood Residents Coalition  
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners  
Canyon Back Alliance  
Crests Neighborhood Assn.  
Franklin Ave./Hollywood Bl. West  
Franklin Hills Residents Assn.  
Highlands Owners Assn.  
Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.  
Hollywood Heights Assn.  
Hollywoodland Homeowners  
Holmby Hills Homeowners Assn.  
Kagel Canyon Civic Assn.  
Lake Hollywood HOA  
Laurel Canyon Assn.  
Lookout Mountain Alliance  
Los Feliz Improvement Assn.  
Mt. Olympus Property Owners  
Mt. Washington Homeowners All.  
Nichols Canyon Assn.  
N. Beverly Dr./Franklin Canyon  
Oak Forest Canyon Assn.  
Oaks Homeowners Assn.  
Outpost Estates Homeowners  
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn.  
Residents of Beverly Glen  
Roscomare Valley Assn.  
Shadow Hills Property Owners  
Sherman Oaks HO Assn.  
Studio City Residents Assn.  
Sunset Hills Homeowners Assn.  
Tarzana Property Owners Assn.  
Torreyson Flynn Assn.  
Upper Mandeville Canyon  
Upper Nichols Canyon NA  
Upper Riviera Homeowners Assn.  
Whitley Heights Civic Assn.

Re: CF #12-0899-S1 Park Rangers

Honorable Committee Members

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, representing 42 associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, strongly supports increased presence of Park Rangers in the city's regional parks. Park Rangers have traditionally had a broad range of duties from putting out fires to finding lost children. Their intimate knowledge of the parks' terrain and issues has made them ideally suited to protect both parks and park visitors. The Federation strongly supports CF #12-0899-S1 at the optimal level of staffing and service.

Park Rangers are the best investment in the entire city budget. They perform a multiplicity of tasks. Depending on the situation they play the role of LAFD, LAPD, Animal Services, teacher, tour guide, biologist.

Without the insightful supervision provided by Park Rangers, our regional parks will rapidly deteriorate. Instead of being a peaceful place where people can escape from the stress of the city, they will become a place where the criminal element can operate undisturbed. Instead of a beautiful place to learn about and enjoy nature, they will become a place full of litter and graffiti. This is not what anyone wants to see in our parks. We urge you to support our Park Rangers to the fullest extent.

Sincerely,

*Marian Dodge*

Marian Dodge

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## Public comment re: APHAR Committee meeting and Council File 12-0899-S1

1 message

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Allan Reyes <allanreyes714@hotmail.com>

Mon, Feb 10, 2014 at 6:05 AM

To: "Maria.Espinoza@lacity.org" <maria.espinoza@lacity.org>

Greetings Ms. Espinoza,

Thank you for taking the time to read this note. This letter is in support of the Optimum Investment Option for Park Ranger funding being discussed at the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee today. I believe that this is the best option for the city's parks, especially ones that need extra staffing due to their large size or special nature (such as the new Hansen Dam station). The city's parks help us recharge both physically and mentally from the urban stresses we accrue and a fully invested staff would keep our parks in order along with making sure they are safe.

This letter is also in support of Council File 12-0899-S1, which deals with the Hansen Dam station and the surrounding Park Ranger territories. I fully support this Council File initiative to drive more of the city's funds towards staffing an area that is large, prone to unlawful squatting, and needs work towards making it safe and welcome to the public.

Thank you again for taking the time to read this note and adding it to the others; I'm sure there are many folks that want to see the parks around their areas clean and well-maintained, giving us a nice, restful escape from the city.

Warmest and best regards,

Allan Roman Reyes