

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in March of 2015 initiated a Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment. The effort was designed to document existing parks and recreation facilities in cities and unincorporated areas, and to understand the scope and scale of the need for recreation and open space. Parks in LA County are funded by Proposition A, the Safe Neighborhoods Park tax which is about to expire in 2019. This Needs Assessment will help County Supervisors and planners address, through the passage of a new parcel tax, continued funding of parks and open spaces.

The Needs Assessment report demonstrates that innovation will be key to most economically address areas with high park need and limited vacant land. A solution to consider, if future funding like Proposition A is identified, is joint use and reuse with schools through creative partnerships to expand park access to recreation for our high need areas. The City Council should investigate the possibility of building a collaboration with the Los Angeles Unified School District to access their school sites for park access. The City Council should request the Department of Recreation and Parks and the City Administrative Officer to prepare a feasibility report demonstrating how future parcel tax funding, like Proposition A, could be set aside to support a citywide joint use agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council request the Department of Recreation and Parks and the City Administrative Officer to report on how future parcel tax funding, such as the next version of Proposition A, can be set aside to support a citywide joint use agreement with Los Angeles Unified School District.

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