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Pesticides are a commonplace method of managing pest problems in our parks and public spaces. However, decades of scientific studies have linked pesticides to a wide range of human health problems, which can range from short-term ailments such as headaches and skin irritation, to serious long-term issues such as hormone imbalances and reproductive harm. The children who play in our public spaces are especially vulnerable to the toxic chemicals found in pesticides.

The Cities of Irvine and San Juan Capistrano have taken action to protect their park-goers from the dangers presented by pesticides by adopting organic landscaping policies, which eschew toxic chemicals in favor of preventative and non-chemical approaches to pest management.

Park-goers in the City of Los Angeles, especially children and chemically-sensitive people, deserve this same level of protection. Through the use of readily-available, non-toxic alternatives to pesticides, the City can ensure that its parks remain safe, healthy spaces for the entire community to enjoy.


I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be requested to report with recommendations for establishing organic landscaping pilot programs in three City parks.

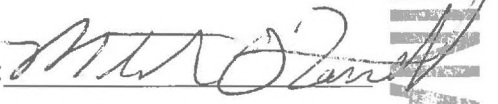

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks also be requested to report with recommendations for adding warnings signs in all City parks where pesticides and herbicides are currently used, so that sensitive persons are warned before using the parks.



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