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**Whereas**, for the first time since 2009, the City of Los Angeles is conducting a Park Needs Assessment, in which the city gathers input from the local community on the need for improvement of parks.

**Therefore, it is resolved that the** Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends the following recommendations for the Park Needs Assessment:

***Staffing and Programs:***

Currently, within the boundaries of our Neighborhood Council, there is only one recreational park—Leland Park—which lacks staffing and programs. At present, it is under the purview of Peck Park’s programs and classes. As we approach the summer, the new school year, and upcoming sports seasons for our youth, the need for a fully functioning recreational park that serves our community is essential, especially for parents who depend on summer camps and after-school programs for their children. Stakeholders should not have to rely on parks in adjacent communities to access these types of services.

***Public Safety:***

Our parks must feel welcoming and secure for all residents. Installing security cameras, better lighting, enhancing visibility through open sight lines, and establishing clear, consistent park patrols in partnership with LAPD and community safety groups would address many of the ongoing concerns about after-hours safety and encampments.

***Homelessness and Support Services:***

In alignment with broader city efforts, designated outreach areas near parks — connecting unsheltered individuals to services without criminalizing homelessness — would help balance compassion with public use needs.

***Sustainability:***

Tree planting initiatives should prioritize drought-resistant native species to create shade, support biodiversity, reduce maintenance costs and avoid the use of artificial turf and black asphalt. In particular, expanding natural green spaces that blend sustainability with recreation (e.g., nature play zones, pollinator gardens) should be prioritized.

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