MOTION

Access to safe parks and recreation programs contribute to the health and wellness of communities. Park rangers play an important role in the safety of parks as they are responsible for the safety of park users and preservation of all City parks so that future generations may enjoy them.

The Park Ranger Division provides service to all parks in the City when called upon and are able to assist. However, park rangers currently only provide patrols in the Griffith Park, Elysian Park, Hansen Dam and the Sepulveda Basin. In July 2022, a shooting at Peck Park left two men dead and seven other people injured. In order to ensure the safety of communities at the 22 City parks in Council District 15, it is necessary to reevaluate park ranger staffing needs for the Pacific Region.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Department of Recreation and Parks to reevaluate and report on staffing needs for the Pacific Region, the resources needed to increase park patrolling by park rangers, and the process in which incidents at parks are being tracked.

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