



City of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Office of Boards and Commissions
Mission Bay Park Committee

Date: November 4, 2025

Mayor Gloria:

The Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee (MBPIFOC) would like to voice a concern regarding a long standing trend of improvement project selection by City Staff for projects within Mission Bay Park and funded by the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund.

San Diego City Charter; Article V, Section 55.2 (c)(1)(A-E) specifies a prioritized list of project types that can be funded by the MBPIF for improvement projects within Mission Bay Park. That list, in order of priority, is; Restoration of Navigable Waters, Wetland expansion and water quality improvement, Restoration of shoreline treatments, Expansion of endangered or threatened species preserves and lastly Deferred maintenance projects that are also Capital Improvements.

It is the opinion of the committee that for several years nearly all improvement projects selected by City Staff have been Deferred Maintenance/Capital Improvement, the lowest priority project type defined in the City Charter.

The committee understands the complex and long processes required to bring any improvement project into build and completion. The committee would like to know if it is possible to allocate annual lease revenues on a basis more closely aligned with the City Charter's project type priorities, and if a priority project is not shovel ready, reserve or sequester the funds for use when a higher priority project is ready to start.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,

Jeff Johnson
Chairman, Mission Bay Park Committee
On behalf of Mission Bay Park Committee

Cc: Council President Joe LaCava and Councilmembers
Andy Field, Director - Parks and Recreation

