

January 15, 2026

From the Parks & Recreation Board

To the Honorable Mayor Gloria and Councilmember Elo-Rivera

The responsibilities and duties of the Parks & Recreation Board are to “advise the City Council through the City of San Diego Mayor on public policy matters relating to the acquisition, development, maintenance and operation of parks, beaches and recreational property...”. Having heard the presentation and request by the residents of Talmadge, the Board voted to recommend initiating the process to acquire the land currently for sale at 4481 Estrella Avenue for future development of a park and possibly a recreation or community center.

The Kensington-Talmadge planning area as a whole is 92% deficient in Park Points which puts this area among the top three most park deficient in the city. Talmadge by itself is 100% deficient. Additionally, the location of this parcel is within an environmental justice census tract.

Since there is currently no staff in the Parks & Recreation Department focused on land acquisition, the CD9 representative on the Board was advised to encourage both of you to initiate the process.

We hope that their case will be strengthened with this letter of support.