



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

Date: July 15, 2026

Mayor Gloria:

The Mission Bay Park Committee (MBPC) would like to voice a concern regarding the decision by City Hall to close some of the comfort stations (public restrooms) within Mission Bay Park.

While the Committee understands and appreciates the budgeting and financial challenges facing the City of San Diego, the decision to limit availability to comfort stations within the park is causing unintended problems of public safety and blight on the park.

Some of the park's comfort stations may be closed but those areas are still in use by the public. The result of these closures are public urination, lack of sanitation and negative impact to disabled, elderly and young children that cannot easily travel the additional distance to access comfort stations that remain open to the public.

Additionally, the closures of several comfort stations within Mission Bay Park negatively impact tourism by causing a negative user experience in the park where said tourists may not be aware of the reasons or fiscal challenges facing the City.

The Mission Bay Park Committee respectfully requests re-opening of all comfort stations within Mission Bay Park and that fiscal savings be realized via other adjustments that do not negatively impact public safety and sanitation.

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
Patrick Hadley, Deputy Director - Mission Bay/Shoreline Parks