



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

April 26, 2011

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
City Administration Building  
202 C Street  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mayor Sanders and Members of the City Council:

Ms. LoMedico, Park and Recreation Director, presented the Park and Recreation Department Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget to the Park and Recreation Board (Board) on April 21, 2011. The Board Members (Members) discussed reducing staff support to recreation centers/councils; related library and recreation center hour reductions, the impacts to our youth, use of non-profit organizations to operate programs, and donation opportunities. Members expressed concern for the loss of investments and noted it appears the budget is being balanced "on the backs" of seniors and children. After listening to the presentation, public comments, and discussing Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Budget the following motion was made:

*Commend the Director, and her staff in the Park and Recreation Department and volunteers who have helped to support the Park and Recreation Department for many years for the work they have done by doing more with less. For the Director and her staff for coming up with a budget that attempts to be as fair and balanced as it can be given the financial situation. We, as a Board who have dealt with this for a number of years and have watched the effects on the Department with diminishing results on our community are concerned about the long-term effects of these cuts; therefore, we do not act to approve the budget proposed by Mayor.*

The above motion is not recommending against any cuts. The motion is speaking to the fact that the impacts proposed are very dangerous to the City. As an advisory group, the Board realizes their vote does not count, but makes a statement that something needs to be done.

The Board voted six to three (6-3) not to approve the Mayor's Proposed Park and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2012 Budget. (*Note: The Board has not formally approved the meeting minutes of April 21, 2011.*)

Respectively submitted,

Wilbur Smith, Chair  
Park and Recreation Board

cc: Jay M. Goldstone, Chief Operating Officer  
Stacey LoMedico, Park and Recreation Department Director  
Park and Recreation Board Members  
Park and Recreation Department, Management Team

