

Good Evening,

The board of the Monrovia Parks, Wilderness, and Recreation Foundation (MPWR) is proud to stand in support of our public parks and open spaces, particularly as our esteemed city council looks at supporting Recreation Park.

Our history dates back to 2000 when the community was ready to rally behind the Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve. In 2020, we realized now was the time to provide support again. So we revised and expanded our mission to support all recreation and community programs, parks, facilities, and open spaces in Monrovia. We know the incredible value and amazing benefits we all receive from spending time in our parks, learning new skills or participating in a sport.

We greatly appreciate the partnership we have had with the City and it has been great working with the Community Services Department and all of the staff. Their dedication to our community is stellar.

We take our partnership with the City of Monrovia seriously. We have launched our annual ornament/keepsake featuring wood from that burned in the Bobcat Fire. We hosted our first volunteer event with the City last year to remove invasive weeds in Hillside Wilderness Preserve. Last year we started our Youth Scholarship program to ensure all youth in Monrovia could participate in City programs and youth sports for free.

Since December 2020 we have raised over \$125,000 for our Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces. These funds will be used to bring shade to our playgrounds at Library Park and Station Square, rebuild our amenities and exhibits at Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve, and provide scholarships for youth to participate in recreational programs.

We are really excited about the opportunities of seeing improvements to Recreation Park. This park is well loved and utilized by our community on a regular basis. We are excited to partner with the City on this exciting project and help seek additional funds for future enhancements. Thank you for giving Recreation Park the attention it deserves and we look forward to working with City Council and staff as key stakeholders and partners.

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