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Re: Opposition to Tiny Homes in Willow Springs Park

Dear City Council Members,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposal to develop tiny homes within Willow Springs Park, on behalf of the residents of the impacted districts. This proposal raises several critical concerns that must be addressed before any decision is made.

First and foremost, Willow Springs Park is not an environmentally sound site for any kind of housing. The proposed parcel of land hosts an active oil jack, and numerous other pumps within the park contribute to significant environmental degradation in the area. Exposing residents to such environmental hazards is inhumane and unjust, especially considering the potential long-term health effects.

Furthermore, the proposed site is isolated and lacks easy access to essential amenities such as food and daily living supplies. Additionally, it lacks proximity to any major east-west bus line, making transportation challenging for prospective residents.

It is important to note that Willow Springs Park was approved as park/open space by various bodies, including the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation, City Council, and the Globemaster Specific Plan. This parcel of land was intended to address the severe east-west side inequity in access to green spaces. The citywide goal of 8 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents is already drastically unmet on the central side, with only about 1 acre per 1,000 residents compared to 16.7 acres per 1,000 on the east side. This inequity will only worsen due to heavy residential development near the A (Blue) Line.

Our Mission: The Wrigley Association is a 501 C4 non-profit organization, (CA State ID # 1673284) whose mission is to promote the common interest, instill pride, establish and encourage the highest standards in Wrigley. To foster an active understanding of citizenship and civic responsibility. To oppose and discourage discrimination and to create a sense of belonging. To promote higher business standards and encourage uniformity and cooperation among merchants, property owners and residents. To eliminate crime, promote community pride, and develop wholesome, enjoyable, cultural, social, and physical activities.

Moreover, Willow Springs Park represents our last chance for additional open/park space, as major commercial and residential projects have already been approved at other undeveloped properties nearby. If a level, city-owned parcel of land is all that is required for this project, we respectfully request that other suitable locations like Hartwell and/or El Dorado Parks be considered.

In conclusion, we urge you to reconsider the proposal to develop tiny homes within Willow Springs Park. Not only does it pose environmental risks and lack essential amenities, but it also goes against the original intention of the land use as park/open space to address inequity in green space access. We implore you as representatives of all residents of the City of Long Beach to prioritize the well-being and equity of current and future residents by preserving Willow Springs Park as intended.

Thank you for considering our concerns, and we look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

Wrigley Association