
FW: Public Comment for 13-Aug-2026 PACS Meeting

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Dear City Clerk, Chair Brown, and Vice Chair Wright,

I apologize I cannot attend in person tonight. I have a family obligation that I am attending. Please share my public comment with the rest of the PACS commissioners.

Thank you,
Mat

Dear, Chair Brown, Vice Chair Wright, and Commissioners. My name is Mat Garcia and I am the 2026 HSS president and a resident of Costa Mesa.

The public and our representatives deserve timely and complete information about decisions shaping a public park.

My first question concerns a report prepared by Hamilton Biological, dated May 13, 2025, (last year) titled "CEQA Analysis, HSS Flying Field Relocation Project." HSS was not aware of this project, we did not speak with its authors, and we were not asked to participate.

The report evaluated in detail a specific east side location and described a 300-foot runway, pilot areas, storage, power, access, and new barriers.

The report existed months before the draft Master Plan was released, but it was not included in materials provided to the Fairview Park Steering Committee, the Parks Commission, or the City Council before their 2025 meetings. It was not released to HSS or the public either.

The City later acknowledged that the study itself "was not released," while saying its findings had been discussed. If so, where and when? What public materials included its location, maps, assumptions, and recommendations? Why were the Parks Commission and City Council asked to make recommendations without the document?

In July 2026, just last month, the City recirculated its environmental review to add this report and relocation site details. If the report was important enough for recirculation, why was it not shown to decision makers and the public in 2025?

My second question is: Why does staff continue to call the proposed draft master plan an "update?" It does not simply add information to the 2008 Master Plan. It changes the plan's structure, priorities, public access, trails, and longstanding recreational uses. It appears to be a complete rewrite.

Measure AA specifically defines the Fairview Park Master Plan as the November 2008 Master Plan. Does calling this document an “update” affect how staff believes Measure AA applies?

I respectfully ask the Commission to request staff to promptly answer these questions and provide the answers to the public.

Thank you,
Mat Garcia
HSS President and Costa Mesa resident

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